

YA DEL

Pyongyang: A Journey in North Korea by Guy Delisle

In early 2001 cartoonist Guy Delisle became one of the few Westerners to be allowed access to the fortress-like country. While living in the nation's capital for two months on a work visa for a French film animation company, Delisle observed what he was allowed to see of the culture and lives of the few North Koreans he encountered.

YA GAI

The Sandman by Neil Gaiman

This was the most acclaimed comic book title of the 1990s. A rich blend of modern myth and dark fantasy in which contemporary fiction, historical drama and legend are seamlessly interwoven. The Sandman is also widely considered one of the most original and artistically ambitious series of the modern age. By the time it concluded in 1996, it had made significant contributions to the artistic maturity of comic books and become a pop culture phenomenon in its own right.

YA GIA

A Jew in Communist Prague by Vittorio Giardino

The tale of a Jewish boy growing up under the weight of the godless and oppressive Soviet regime in the 1950s.

YA HOS

Clan Apis by Jay Hosler

Here is a brilliantly executed graphic novel format presentation of life in the beehive. Accurate, informative and totally engaging, the biology and life cycle of the

bee is laid out with an anthropomorphic storytelling that is as fun as it is educational.

YA HOS

The Sandwalk Adventures by Jay Hosler

An unlikely account of Charles Darwin and two mites who reside in his eyebrow throughout which, Darwin offers his views on evolution, God and science. As with many graphic novels, this presents a seemingly dry and dull topic in a new and unique manner resulting in an engaging, entertaining and educational book.

YA KES

Meridian: Flying Solo by Barbara Kesel

Sephie, a sheltered young girl is the beloved only child of the Minister of Meridian. Then her father dies, and she inherits a Sigil imbued with the power to create. Her wicked Uncle Ilahn, is infused with a Sigil, except that his powers are bent on destruction and domination. Suddenly Sephie finds herself at the center of a power struggle and learns that there is more than love in the world.

YA LAT

Kampung Boy by Lat

Relates, in graphic novel format, the life experiences of a boy growing up on a rubber plantation in rural Malaysia from birth to beginning boarding school.

YA-LEW

The Lone and Level Sands by A. David Lewis

A unique account of the Old Testament story of the Exodus as told from the point of view of the Egyptian pharaoh, Ramses. This is a familiar story with a new twist.

YA MCG

Birth of a Nation: A Comic Novel by Aaron McGruder

The virtually all-black population of East St. Louis, Illinois is disenfranchised en masse in electoral shenanigans that result in a George W. Bush-like Texan governor being elected president. The impoverished city secedes from the U.S. renaming itself "Blackland," and the city becomes a wildly rich money-laundering capital.

YA MIL

300 by Frank Miller

In striking color, the story of the historic battle of Thermopylae when 300 Spartan soldiers, under King Leonidas, held off an army of 100,000 Persian invaders led by Xerxes. Although the Spartans ultimately lost the battle through betrayal, their stand allowed the ancient Greek states enough time to prepare for battle which led to their victory over the invaders.

YA MIL

Batman: Dark Knight by Frank Miller

Where is a hero to save Gotham? It is 10 years since the last recorded sighting of Batman. Things are worse than ever. Bruce Wayne is close to being a broken man but something is keeping him sane, the need to see change and the belief that he can make some of that change. Batman is back.

YA NAI

Courtney Crumin and the Night Thing by Ted Naifeh

Courtney's parents have dragged her out to a high-to-do suburb to live with her creepy Great Uncle Aloysius in his spooky old house. She's not only the new kid in

school, but she also discovers strange things lurking under her bed.

YA NAK

Barefoot Gen: A Cartoon Story of Hiroshima by Keiji Nakazawa

The sobering story of the nightmare of nuclear attack on the Japanese city of Hiroshima as seen through the eyes of a young boy. In addition to the blast itself the strength of the book is the story of the days and months leading up to it when a family opposed to the war, suffers because of their sensitivity.

YA SFA

Vampire Loves by Joann Sfar

Ferdinand is a sweet, charming bloodsucker who considerately sips from his victims with one fang so they will only think it is a mosquito bite and not panic. When not quenching his thirst, he spends much of his time either with his pet cat or flying around town trying to pick up women.

YA SHA

Age of Bronze: A Thousand Ships by Eric Shanower

Daring heroes, breathtaking women, betrayals, love and death—the most spectacular war story ever told, The Trojan War. When a lustful Trojan prince abducts the beautiful Queen Helen of Sparta, Helen's husband vows to recover her no matter the cost. So begins the Trojan War.

YA SPI

Maus: A Survivor's Tale by Art Spiegelman

This is the story of Vladek Spiegelman, a Jewish survivor of Hitler's Europe, and Vladek's son, a cartoonist coming to terms with his father's story. Maus approaches the unspeakable through the diminutive. Its form, the cartoon (the Nazis are cats, the Jews mice), shocks us out of any lingering sense of familiarity and succeeds in "drawing us closer to the bleak heart of the Holocaust."

YA-TAL

The Tale of One Bad Rat by Bryan Talbot

Helen Potter has run away from an abusive father. Her path to recovery takes her from a squat in London to a refuge at an inn in the British countryside. Helen's salvation lies in the magical world of children's author Beatrix Potter and the strength derived from Potter's simple tales.

YA-TEZ

Buddha by Osamu Tezuka

Tezuka, the master of manga, has set off in a new direction with this seven volume story of the life of Buddha. From his birth as a wealthy prince to his dissatisfaction with the life of luxury and on to his Enlightenment and founding of one of the world's great religions, Buddha is portrayed in a uniquely different manner.

YA VAU

Pride of Baghdad by Brian Vaughn

Every war has a host of stories, most of which we never hear. This graphic novel tells a tale from the opening days of the war in Iraq that is both unique and disturbing.

Four lions from the Baghdad zoo find freedom but at what price?

YA VOL

Bluesman by Rob Vollmar and Pablo Callejo

This is a gritty three volume work on the life and travels of an African American musician performing the blues throughout the South in the 1940s. His experiences with racism play a large part of this story though through it all, his uniquely American music demonstrates not only the hardships but the joys of life.

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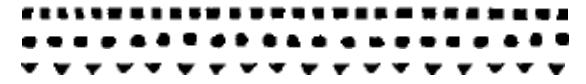
American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang

The author alternates between three interrelated stories about the problems of young Chinese Americans trying to participate in the popular culture. This book was nominated for the National Book Award, the first graphic novel to be so honored.

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Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi

The experiences of Satrapi, a teenager with normal teen interests in fashion, music and boys, illustrate the clash between those interests and country in which she lives. Here is an insider's view of growing up under the harsh rule of the Islamic clergy run government in Iran.



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