

Graphic Rave 2022



Best graphic novels and manga for middle and high school-aged readers, chosen by Oregon's young adult librarians.



Middle Grade

Victoria Elliott

Yummy: a History of Desserts

Food sprite Peri travels the world to explore the history of desserts with facts, legends, and recipes for readers to try at home.

Shin Yin Khor

The Legend of Auntie Po

In a mountain logging camp in 1882, Chinese-American Mei and her father run the camp kitchen and make delicious meals for the workers after their days of laboring. Mei makes the pies and regales the camp's children with stories, including the legend of Po Pan Yin, an elderly Chinese woman who logs the forest with her giant blue ox, a story reminiscent of Paul Bunyon. Mei must navigate an increasingly dangerous world after passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act, as well as her friendship with and growing romantic feelings for Bee, the daughter of the boss.

Hidekichi Matsumoto

With a Dog and a Cat Everything is Fun V.6

Warm belly rubs! They say it's a sign of trust when your pets roll over to expose their bellies. Inu-kun has a firm belly with a prominent belly button, and Neko-sama has a belly that rumbles when you massage it. Hidekichi realizes she'll forever remember their displays of trust in the form of bellies.

Kamome Shirahama

Witch Hat Atelier V.8

After finding success together in their second trials, Coco and her friends return to the warmth of the atelier. Before long, they are approached by Tartah from Kalhn, and he needs their help setting up shop at the thrilling witches' festival, Silver Eve! But to design a contraption to sell there, the young students must consider the power of magic—at once delightful, beneficial, and potentially harmful.

Emma Steinkellner—Okay Witch and the Hungry Shadow

Moth Hush is back! Moth is starting to settle into her heritage and powers, but life at school continues to be rough. Even her best friend, Charlie, doesn't entirely understand what it's like for her to always be the one who gets mocked, and things only get worse when Moth's mom starts dating one of the dorkiest teachers in the school! Then Moth gets hold of a mysterious charm that can unleash another version of herself—one who is confident, cool, and extremely popular. What could possibly go wrong ?

Olivia Stephens

Artie and the Wolf Moon

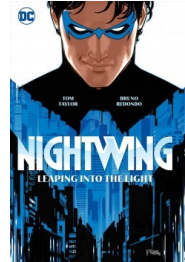
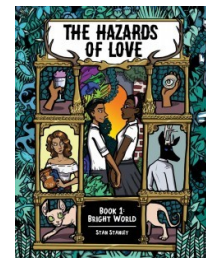
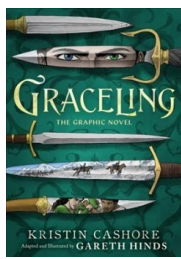
Artie Irvin spots a massive wolf—then watches it don a bathrobe and transform into her mom. Thrilled to discover she comes from a line of werewolves, Artie asks her mom to share everything, including the story of Artie's late father. Her mom relents and introduces family members who can help Artie adapt. Artie thrives in her new community and even develops a crush on her new friend Maya. But as she learns the history of werewolves and her own parents' past, she'll find that wolves aren't the scariest thing in the woods—vampires are.

Note:

Book descriptions come from publisher websites.

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Young Adult

Harmony Becker—*Himawari House*

When Nao returns to Tokyo to reconnect with her Japanese heritage, she books a yearlong stay at the Himawari sharehouse. There she meets Hyejung and Tina, two other girls who came to Japan to freely forge their own paths. The trio live together, share meals, and even attend the same Japanese-language school. They become fast friends. But will they be able to hold one another up as life tests them with everyday challenges of being fish out of water?

Matthew Bogart & Jesse Holden *Incredible Doom*

Unlikely alliances, first love, and minor crime sprees abound in this teen graphic novel debut about making connections while your world is falling apart. Perfectly captures the mystery and wonder of the early days of the internet.

Kristin Cashore & Gareth Hinds *Graceling: The Graphic Novel*

In a world where some people are born with extreme and often-feared skills called Graces, Katsa struggles for redemption from her own horrifying power, the Grace of killing. She teams with another young fighter to save their land from a corrupt king.

Rhea Ewing *Fine: a Comic About Gender*

As Rhea Ewing neared college graduation in 2012, they became consumed by the question: What is gender? This obsession sparked a quest in their quiet Midwest town, where they anxiously approached both friends and strangers for interviews to turn into comics about how people express their genders.

Crystal Frasier & Val Wise *Cheer Up: Love and Pompoms*

Annie is a smart, antisocial lesbian who's under pressure to join the cheerleader squad to make friends and round out her college applications. Her former friend BeeBee is a people-pleaser—a trans girl who must keep her parents happy with her grades and social life to keep their support of her transition. While cheerleading, the two girls rekindle a friendship they thought they'd lost.

Nagisa Furuya—*My Summer of You V.1*

A wistful summer blossoms between two high-school boys finding themselves and each other through a shared love of movies in this moving, dramatic, romance series.

Laura Gao—*Messy Roots: Graphic Memoir of a Wuhanese American*

Seamlessly toggling between past and present, this funny graphic memoir follows a queer Chinese American's immigration to Texas where she just wants to make the basketball team, escape Chinese school, and figure out why she is attracted to girls.

Sophia Glock—*Passport*

Sophia lives with her family in South America where her parents serve as foreign diplomats. As she explores her own boundaries around honesty, she discovers the truth of her parents' work.

Sho Harusono—*Sasaki & Miyano V.5*

Sasaki is...Sasaki is what to me? A heated exchange between the two leads to absolutely nothing. Miyano feels like he's going to explode, because he can't stop thinking about his upperclassman...and taking care of him...What does it mean to like someone anyway?

Haru Hisikawa *Cat Massage Therapy V.1*

Nekoyama, worn out after another long day at the office, stops at a therapeutic massage parlor only to discover that it is run by a cat! Not only that, but the cat actually does the massaging?! As the professional meowssieur digs soft toe beans into Nekoyama's aching muscles, his heart warms and worries melt away.

Varian Johnson & Daniel Isles *Mister Miracle*

Scott Free, a student at the Goodness Academy on the planet Apokolips, wants to escape to Earth but falls in love with the head of the Female Furies—the one person tasked with ensuring he never escapes.

Sara Alfageeh & Nadia Shammas—*Squire*

Aiza has always dreamt of becoming a Knight. It's the highest military honor in the once-great Bayt-Sajji Empire. As a member of the subjugated Ornu people, Knighthood is her only path to full citizenship.

Stan Stanley—*The Hazards of Love*

Follows the story of a queer teen from Queens who makes some mistakes, gets dragged into a fantastical place, and tries to hustle their way back home.

Tom Taylor & Bruno Redondo *Nightwing: Leaping into the Light*

Nightwing is back-and his drive to keep Blüdhaven safe has never been stronger! But his adoptive city has elected a new mayor with the last name Zucco. When Nightwing enlists Batgirl's help in investigating the politician bearing the same name as the man who murdered his parents, she unearths details that will shock and fundamentally change the hero.