



# 2017 Maverick Graphic Novel Annotated Reading List



## 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Interest Level

Gardner, Matt, Doucet, Rashad. *Alabaster Shadows*. Oni Press, 2015.

ISBN: 978-1620102640

Carter Normandy moves to a neighborhood where things are...not right. With his new friends, he discovers a world full of terrifying monsters living alongside his own.

Orchard, Eric. *Bera the One-Headed Troll*. First Second, 2016.

ISBN: 9781626721067



Bera lives a solitary life, tending her pumpkin patch. One day her life is turned upside down when she saves a human baby. Now she's on a quest to return the baby home.

Hosoda, Mamoru and Asai, Renji. *The Boy & the Beast Vol. 1* Yen Press, 2016.

ISBN: 978-0316358200

Young Ren is homeless, living on the streets of Tokyo, when he stumbles into a hidden world ruled by intelligent beasts.

Telgemeier, Raina. *Ghosts*. Scholastic/Graphix, 2016.

ISBN: 978-0545540629

Young Maya has cystic fibrosis so she and her family move to Bahia de la Luna because of the better climate. Cat, Maya's older sister, isn't happy with the move but wants what is best for her sister. Bahia de la Luna brings new experiences as Cat and Maya meet new friends and encounter ghosts.

Camper, Cathy and III, Raul. *Lowriders to the Center of the Earth\**. Chronicle, 2016.

ISBN: 9781452123431

Lupe Impala and the gang are back together in this new adventure. They must travel to the center of the Earth to challenge the Aztec god of the Underworld to save their cat who happens to have a few tricks of his own.

## 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Interest Level

Martinetti, Anne; Lebeau, Guillaume and Franc, Alexandre. *Agatha: The Real Life of Agatha Christie*. SelfMadeHero, 2016.

ISBN: 978-1-910593-11-0

This graphic biography reveals an Agatha tormented by the ghost of Hercule Poirot, whom the authors utilize to give voice to her self-doubts and critics, painting the picture of a pioneering 20th century female mystery writer struggling with unfaithful husbands, dividing her time as a mother, and traveling the world with inspiration around every corner.

Lee, Stan; David, Peter and Doran, Colleen. *Amazing, Fantastic, Incredible: A Marvelous Memoir*. Touchstone Books, 2015.

ISBN: 9781501107726

A graphic/illustrated biography of the genius behind most of Marvel's greatest superheroes..

Wade, Mark, and Staples, Fiona. *Archie v. 1: The New Riverdale*. Archie Comics., 2016.

ISBN: 1627388672

Archie is reborn for the 21st century with a new modern twist, while still managing to keep the boy-next-door charm of the original series.

Larson, Hope and Mock, Rebecca. *Compass South*. Farrar Straus & Giroux, 2016.

ISBN: 9780374300432



It's 1860 and twins Alexander and Cleo are on the run from Black Hook Gang. On their way to New Orleans they become separated and attempt to find their way back to each other in San Francisco all while being pursued by pirates who believe they are in possession of a key to a treasure.

Samanci, Ozge. *Dare to Disappoint*. Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers, 2015.

ISBN: 9780374316983

Ozge Samanci comes of age in Turkey during the 1980s and 1990s - as the country is torn between its traditional religious heritage and the brave, new, secular, westernized world. Similarly, Ozge struggles to find herself, floundering between her parents' hopes and dreams and her own definition of happiness.

Cliff, Tony. *Delilah Dirk and the King's Shilling*. First Second, 2016.

ISBN: 9781626721555

A traitorous British soldier threatens Delilah's good reputation; she pursues him, back to England, bent on his downfall. England does not welcome her back, and with redcoats chasing her, she is forced to take refuge with her privileged family.

Merritt, Kory. *The Dreadful Fate of Jonathan York: A Yarn for the Strange at Heart*. Andrews McMeel Publishing, 2015.

ISBN: 9781561639144

Quiet, mild-mannered Jonathan York decides to take a shortcut one afternoon. What follows is a creepy night in the swamp.

Houser, Jody; Portela, Francis and Sauvage, Marguerite. *Faith: Hollywood and Vine*. Valiant, 2016.

ISBN: 9781682151211

Faith is on her own! A 'psiot' recently split from her superhero crew, she is looking to carve a new place for herself. That includes a new job and a new alter-ego.

Larson, Hope and Williams, Brittney. *Goldie Vance*. BOOM! Box, 2016.

ISBN: 978-1608868988

Goldie Vance, hotel detective hopeful, is on the case! When the detective at the hotel her dad manages is stumped, he offers to mentor her for her help in solving a mystery.

Flore, Madeleine and Flynn, Trillian. *Help Us Great Warrior!* BOOM! Box, 2016.

ISBN: 978-1608868025

"When the Demons from Demonside, led by the fearsome Demon King, start pouring through a newly opened dimensional portal, only one warrior is brave, strong, and powerful enough to stop them: Great Warrior! Unfortunately, she already has plans for the day. Can Great Warrior be persuaded by her friends to act in time?" -Erik Knapp

Humphries, Sam and Boyle, Rose. *Jonesy*. BOOM! Box, 2016.

ISBN: 978-1608868834



Jonesy has a secret. She may not look like it, but she has the powers of Cupid. That's right, she can make anyone fall in love with anyone (or anything!). Anyone, that is, but herself.

Wilson, Sean Michael and Morikawa, Michiru. *Lafcadio Hearn's The Faceless Ghost and Other Macabre Tales from Japan*. Shambhala, 2015.

ISBN: 978-1-62672-024-4

A beautifully illustrated collection of traditional tales of Japanese folklore

Lewis, John, Aydin, Andrew and Powell, Nate. *March: Book Three*. Top Shelf Productions, 2016.

ISBN: 1603094024



The groundbreaking graphic novel memoir of a living legend of the civil rights movement

Haggerty, Ben. *Mezolith*. Archaia, 2016.

ISBN: 9781608866991

10,000 years ago, the Kansa tribe lives on the eastern shores Britain. Each season brings new adventures and dangers, each hunt has its risks, and each grim encounter with the neighbouring tribe is fraught with threat. Poika must trust the wisdom of his elders and endure life's rites of passage as he finds his place in the tribe.

Reeder, Andrew; Montclare, Brandon and Bustos, Natacha. *Moon Girl and Devil Dinosaur, Vol. 1: BFF*. Marvel Comics, 2015.

ISBN: 1302900056



Lunella Lafayette is a preteen super genius who wants to change the world-but learned the hard way that it takes more than just big brains. Fearful of the monstrous inhuman genes inside her,

life is turned upside down when a savage, red-scaled tyrant is teleported from prehistoric past to a far-flung future we call today. The pair are many things, and together the most amazing Marvel Team-Up.

Hicks, Faith Erin. *The Nameless City*. First Second, 2016.

ISBN: 9781626721562



The City has been invaded and renamed so many times it is now just The Nameless City to its inhabitants. Kaidu is an outsider, one of the latest invaders. Rat, a Nameless City native. The two become unlikely friends.

Hale, Nathan. *Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales: Alamo All-Stars*. Amulet, 2016.

ISBN: 978-1419719028



Nathan Hale and friends (and executioners) take us through the events leading up to, during and after the battle at the Alamo

Leth, Kate; Cummings, Matt. *Power Up*. BOOM! Box, 2016

ISBN: 9780062278234

Power Up is the story of the most unlikely people (and goldfish) taking on the roles of Magical Girls, whether they want it or not.

Reed, MK and Flood, Joe. *Science Comics: Dinosaurs: Fossils and Feathers*. First Second, 2016

ISBN: 9781626721432

This issue of Science Comics covers the history of Paleontology, covering the 150 years scientists have dedicated to learning about dinosaurs and how our theories about them have changed over the years.

King, Stacy; Tse, Po and Austen, Jane. *Sense and Sensibility*. Udon Entertainment Inc, 2016.

ISBN: 978-1-927925-62-1

A graphic novel adaptation of Jane Austen's novel "Sense and sensibility" in which two sisters of opposing temperaments share the pangs of tragic love. Their mutual suffering brings a closer understanding between the sisters, and true love finally triumphs.

Phelan, Matt. *Snow White*. Candelwick, 2016.

ISBN: 763672335

Set during the 1920s, this graphic novel retelling of Snow White trades magic mirrors for ticker tape and seven dwarfs for seven orphans.

North, Ryan and Henderson, Erica. *The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl Volume 1*. Marvel Comics, 2016.

ISBN: 9780785197027



Doreen Green aka Squirrel Girl is a college freshman with the appearance, speed, and agility of a squirrel. Turns out it's difficult to be both a superhero and a normal college student...

Teer, Samuel, Park, Hyeondo and Fitzpatrick, Kelly. *Veda Assembly Required* Dark Horse, 2015.

ISBN: 9781616554972

Like Mowgli and Bod, orphan girl Veda lives apart from humanity, underneath a factory floor. Raised by robot machinery, she learns she has a wonderful gift, she has learned the language of machines.

## 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Interest Level

Waid, Mark; Kubert, Adam and Asrar, Mahmud. *All-New, All-Different Avengers: The Magnificent Seven* Marvel Comics, 2016.

ISBN: 785199675

The Avengers have disbanded. Iron Man, Captain America, Thor, and Vision have gone solo. They come together again when the people of Earth are threatened by an enemy from beyond the stars. Joining them are Ms. Marvel, Nova, and Spiderman. The new team struggles to find their balance as they take on a very powerful foe.

DeConnick, Kelly Sue; Takara, Marcio and Lopez, David. *Captain Marvel: Stay Fly*. Marvel Comics, 2015.

ISBN: 9780785190141

Volume 2 of Kelly Sue DeConnick's run of Captain Marvel launches Carol Danvers and Rocket Raccoon spaceship first into action. Cats, blackmailers and new romances test Captain Marvel.

Albuquerque, Rafael and Johnson, Mike. *Eight v. 1: Outcast*. Dark Horse Books, 2015.

ISBN: 978-1-61655-637-2

Fast-paced and exciting this tale covers everything from the prehistoric past to a Dystopian future. A fantastic Science-Fiction story.

Maier, Corinne and Simon, Anne. *Einstein*. NO BROW, 2016

ISBN: 203627666

Explores the life of one of the greatest scientists of the twentieth century, Albert Einstein.

Voloj, Julian and Ahlering, Claudia. *Ghetto Brother: Warrior to Peacemaker*. NBM, 2015.

ISBN: 9781561639489

A Biography of Benjy Melendez, a Bronx legend who founded the Ghetto Brothers gang in the 1960s. He managed to turn his neighborhood and gang from one drugs, poverty and violence to a positive place that fostered the emergence of hip-hop.

Allison, John and Leth, Kate. *Giant Days Vol. 1 BOOM! Box*, 2015. Print.

ISBN: 9781608867899

During the first week of college Susan, Esther, and Daisy become close friends.

Riggs, Ransom and Jean, Cassandra. *Hollow City: The Graphic Novel: The Second Novel of Miss Peregrine's Peculiar Children (Miss Peregrine's Peculiar Children: The Graphic Novel)*. Yen Press, 2016.

ISBN: 9780316306799

Jacob Portman and the other students have fled the army of the terrible monsters only to find themselves trapped at sea. Ms. Peregrine could help if she weren't trapped in the form of a bird.

Ottavariani, Jim and Pervis, Leland. *The Imitation Game: Alan Turning Decoded*. Abrams ComicArts, 2016.

ISBN: 978-1419718939

Mathematician, Alan Turing's journey through the invention of the decoding device which helped crack German transmissions during WWII. Which pioneered the invention of the modern day computer.

Gage, Christos and Gage, Ruth Fletcher. *Lion of Rora*. Oni Press, 2015. Print.

ISBN: 9781620102480

The story of Joshua Janavel, the farmer freedom fighter, whose fight inspired the Protestant Reformation and, in turn, the American Revolution.

Hirsh, Ananth and Ota, Yuko. *Lucky Penny*. Oni Press, 2016.

ISBN: 9781620102879

If Penny Brighton can just manage to find a job, a place to live, and a boyfriend, then surely she'll become an actual responsible adult, right?! Unfortunately, this is proving even more difficult than she expected.

Tanaka, Etsuro and Koyama, Keiko. *The Manga Guide to Physiology*. No Starch, 2016.

ISBN: 9781593274405

Readers join Kumiko as she trains for a marathon and learns about the workings of the human body.

Myers, Walter Dean; Sims, Guy and Anyabwile, Dawud. *Monster*. Amistad, 2015.

ISBN: 9780062275004



The award winning novel is done justice by the black and white comic book style panels. Both new readers and fans of the story will love this retelling.

Burandt, Jeffrey; Culver, Dennis and Villalobos, Ramon. *Odd Schnozz and the Odd Squad*. Oni Press, 2015.

ISBN: 1620102447

Liz, Bodey, Maude, and Justine's band, Odd Schnozz and the Odd Squad, are sure to win this year's Battle of the Bands. But when a talking chimp, who claims to be a scientist from the mysterious organization B.L.A.N.K., interrupts their practice session, the band's got a whole new

set of problems. Now B.L.A.N.K. agents are closing in, determined to recapture the escaped chimp before he becomes a liability

Morvan, Jean-David. *Omaha Beach on D-Day*. First Second, 2015.

ISBN: 978-1-62672-283-5

The story of Robert Capa's heroic photojournalism on the beaches of Normandy during the D-Day invasion, the loss of the photos and Capa's life and death in Indochina.

Takano, Ichigo. *Orange Vol. 1*. Seven Seas, 2015.

ISBN: 9781626923027



Takamiya Naho gets a letter from her future self, warning her to avoid certain things she will regret later. All of the things have to do with the new transfer student who has just arrived at her school.

Vaughan, Brian K. *Paper Girls*. Image Comics 2016.

ISBN: 978-1-63215-674-7

Four newspaper girls, in the early morning hours after Halloween 1988, come together against bullies, time-travelers, alien creatures and their own fears in this sci-fi adventure.

Russell, Mark & Caldwell, Ben & Morales, Mark. *Prez: Corndog-in-Chief*. DC, 2016..

ISBN: 9781401259792

Meet Beth Ross, Corndog Girl and the first teenaged President of the United States. In a nation where corporations can run for office, the poor are used as human billboards, and tacos are delivered by drone, does our new President have what it takes to overthrow the real leaders of the United States?

Higashimura, Ahuko. *Princess Jellyfish: Vol. 1*. Kodansha Comics, 2016..

ISBN: 9781401259792

Tsukimi Kurashita has been obsessed with jellyfish since she and her mother envisioned her as a bride with a dress flowing and ruffled like a jellyfish's tentacles. Instead, she now lives with fellow Otaku--non-stylish, antisocial girls with unconventional interests. When they meet a

"stylish", she and her roommates learn that people are more than appearances. Together they become more confident and begin to conquer their fears.

Okushou and Watanabe, Shizumu. *Real Account*. Kodansha Comics, 2016

ISBN: 978-1632362346

When Ataru Kashiwagi finds himself sucked into the social media site that is the only indulgence he allows himself, his life suddenly becomes all too exciting as he must manage to retain at least one follower or it all comes to an end, both on and off-line!

Maberry, Jonathan & Vargas, Tony. *Rot & Ruin: Warrior Smart*. IDW Publishing, 2015.

ISBN: 978-1631401862

Benny, Nix, and the rest of the gang are hunting for a mysterious plane while trying to make their way through the rot and ruin, avoiding zombies and other characters whose motives are less than pure.

Robbie Thompson; Stacey Lee, Tana Ford, and Veronica Fish. *\*Silk Vol. 1: Sinister*. Marvel Comics, 2016.

ISBN: 978785199571

Silk is back and working with bad girl Black Cat? After being bit as the same radioactive spider as Peter Parker Silk must juggle her superhero adventures with her 'normal' life; all while trying to take down the Goblin King and figure out what happened to her brother and parents!

Ikeyamada, Go (Gao). *So Cute It Hurts*. Viz Media, 2015

ISBN: 9781421579856

When twins, Mego and Mitsuru, switch places (and genders) to help each other with some basic teenage crises, hilarity ensues.

Guggenheim, Marc and Greenwood, Justin. *Stringers*. Oni Press, 2016.

ISBN: 9781620102916

Paul and Nick are the guys who shoot the news. Filming car chases, fires, and shootouts in their busted-up rig, they put their (uninsured, unsalaried) lives on the line every night so that the good

citizens of Los Angeles can get their daily update. But when a firefight between the LAPD and the MS-13 goes wrong, Paul and Nick find themselves on the run.

Brown, Box. *Tetris: The Little Game That Took Over the World/The Games People Play*. First Second, 2016.

ISBN: 9781626723153

An intriguing look at the creation and history of the uber-popular game, from its birth behind the Iron Curtain to its journey around the world.

Aaron, Jason. *Thor: Goddess of Thunder v. 1*. Marvel Comics, 2015.

ISBN: 785192387

Something dark has befallen the God of Thunder, leaving him unworthy of Mjolnir! But when Frost Giants invade Earth, the hammer will be lifted by a mysterious woman who is transformed into an all-new version of the mighty Thor! Who is this new Goddess of Thunder? Not even Odin knows, but she may be Earth's only hope.

Panetta, Kevin and Ganucheau, Paulina. *Zodiac Starforce: By the Power of Astra*. Dark Horse Comics, 2016.

ISBN: 9781616559137

A group of teenage girls with magical powers according to their zodiac signs fight monsters, evil, and everyday student life.

## **Adult for YA Interest Level**

Ross, Edward. *Filmish*. SelfMadeHero, 2015.

ISBN: 9781910593035

An entertaining and informative graphic history of all the different aspects of film-making.

Young, Scottie. *I Hate Fairyland*. Image Comics, 2016.

ISBN: 9781632156853

I Hate Fairyland is a hilarious, irreverent romp through Fairyland by main character Gert, who has been stuck there for 27 years and has HAD IT.

Yelin, Barbara. *Irmina*. SelfMadeHero, 2016.

ISBN: 9781910593103

This English translation is a beautiful, poignant graphic novel based on the author's grandmother's diaries and letters. Irmina is a politically inactive German exchange student in London during the rise of Hitler's reign, where she meets an Oxford student from Barbados. For the rest of her life, she is tormented by regret and shame as she returns to Nazi Germany and follows along with her countrymen.

Liu, Marjorie and Takeda, Sana. *Monstress*. Image Comics, 2016.



ISBN: 9781632157096

A young girl fights enemies from all sides as she struggles to contain the monster inside her.

Dorison, Xavier; Dodson, Terry and Dodson, Rachel. *Red One*. Image Comics, 2015.

ISBN: 9781632154002

A Soviet superwoman's latest mission takes her to the decadent west on a psyops mission to combat its popular but fascist vigilantes and bring liberty and justice for all.

Wood, Brian; Zvezelj, Danijel; Stewart, Dave; Wands, Steve. *Starve, Vol. 1*. Image Comics, 2016.

ISBN: 9781632155467

Gavin Cruikshanks, the once famous chef has returned from exile and is dropped right into the frying as a contestant of his former tv show, Starve. But long gone is the tame foodie show he hosted, now it's a gladiatorial event pitting chef against chef to please the 1%.

Rehr, Henrik. *Terrorist: Gavrilo Princip, the Assassin who Ignited World War I*. Graphic Universe, 2015.

ISBN: 9781467772792

Explores the life events and governmental climate that led Gavrilo Princip to become a self-proclaimed "terrorist," setting off World War I by assassinating Franz Ferdinand and his wife.

Unforgettable pencil sketches in this "docudrama" illuminate the confusing circumstances precipitating this turning point in world history.

King, Tom and Walta, Gabriel Hernandez. *The Vision, Vol 1: Little Worse Than A Man*. Marvel Comics, 2016.

ISBN: 785196579

The Vision wants to be human, and what's more human than family? So he heads back to the beginning, to the laboratory where Ultron created him and molded him into a weapon. The place where he first rebelled against his given destiny and imagined that he could be more -that he could be a man. There, he builds them. A wife, Virginia. Two teenage twins, Viv and Vin. They look like him. They have his powers. They share his grandest ambition -or is that obsession? -the unrelenting need to be ordinary. Behold the Visions!

Uruarte, Maximilian. *The White Donkey: Terminal Lance*. Little Brown, 2016.

ISBN: 978031636283-2

Abe enlists in the Marines looking for something--he just doesn't know what. Along the way he befriends Garcia, a down-to-earth guy who joined to keep himself from going down the wrong path. When their tank is hit by an IED in Iraq, Abe descends into PTSD and cannot cope after returning home.

