

Graphic Novels for Teens

Usagi Yojimbo: Book 1: The Ronin

by Stan Sakai

The saga of Usagi Yojimbo takes place in turn-of-the-17th-century Japan. The age of civil wars has barely ended and the Shogun has just established power. The samurai is the ruling class throughout the land, following a warrior's code of honor known as Bushido. It is a time of settling unrest and political intrigue.

[Location: Teen Graphic](#)

Skim

by Mariko Tamaki

"Skim" (Kimberly Keiko Cameron) is a not-slim would-be Wiccan goth who goes to a private girls' school. When her classmate Katie is dumped by her boyfriend, who then kills himself, the entire school goes into mourning overdrive. The popular clique starts a club to boost school spirit, but Skim sinks into an ever-deepening depression.

[Location: Teen Graphic](#)

Maxwell Strangewell

by Matt & Sean Fillbach

Photographer Anna Gilmour discovers a ten-foot-tall being immediately after his fall to Earth. He can't speak, but communicates through telepathic empathy, and Anna introduces him to her father as "Max." Their home is soon beset by a sea of beatific Tibetan monks, alien assassins in disguise, and heavy weapon fire! Max might not know who he is, but a lot of others sure as heck seem to.

[Location: Teen Graphic](#)

Life Sucks

by Jessica Abel

Life sucks for Dave Marshall. The girl he's in love with doesn't know he exists, he hates his job, and ever since his boss turned him into a vampire, he can't go out in daylight without starting to charbroil. Undead life in its least cool incarnation yet is on display in this cinematic, supernatural drama told with gallons of humor and hemoglobin. In striking, colorful, B-movie style artwork and light-hearted, intelligent writing by Jessica Abel, Gabe Soria, and Warren Pleece, Dave Marshall's story comes alive – in a vampiric kind of way.

Location: Adult Graphic

Japan Ai: A Tall Girl's Adventure in Japan

by Aimee Major Steinberger

An animator and author on dolls and Japanese popular culture describes her trip to Japan to visit the place where her favorite dolls are made and to see Kyoto and Tokyo, dress up in costumes, eat at theme restaurants, and shop.

Location: Teen Graphic

Rapunzel's Revenge

by Shannon Hale

Rapunzel is raised in a grand villa surrounded by towering walls. Rapunzel dreams of a different mother than Gothel, the woman she calls Mother. She climbs over the wall and finds out the truth. Her real mother, Kate, is a slave in Gothel's gold mine. In this Old West retelling, Rapunzel uses her hair as a lasso and to take on outlaws--including Gothel.

Location: Teen Graphic

March on Earth

by Mikase Hayashi

When the parents of Tsubaki and Yuzu Takamiya passed away, Tsubaki became responsible for her younger sister. After Tsubaki had a child of her own, the task became even more difficult for the young, unwed mother. But tragedy deepened when Tsubaki died in a fatal car accident. With the identity of the baby's father unknown, it's now up to Yuzu to repay her debt to her sister and care for her nephew by herself.

Location: Teen Graphic

Naruto

by Masashi Kishimoto

"In another world, ninja are the ultimate power--and in the village of Konohagakure live the stealthiest ninja in the world. But twelve years ago Konohagakure was attacked by a fearsome threat--a nine-tailed fox demon which claimed the life of the Hokage, the village champion. Today, peace has returned, and a troublemaking orphan named Uzumaki Naruto is struggling to graduate from the ninja Academy. His goal: to become the next Hokage. But unknown to Naruto and his classmates, within him is a terrifying force ..."

Location: Youth Graphic

The United States Constitution: A Graphic Adaptation

by Hill & Wang

The United States Constitution: A Graphic Adaptation uses the art of illustrated storytelling to breathe life into our nation's cornerstone principles. Simply put, it is the most enjoyable and groundbreaking way to read the governing document of the United States. Spirited and visually witty, it roves article by article, amendment by amendment, to get at the meaning, background, and enduring relevance of the law of the land. *The United States Constitution* answers all of these questions. Sure to surprise, challenge, and provoke, it is hands down the most memorable introduction to America's founding document.

Location: Teen Graphic

Hikaru No Go v. 1

by Yumi Hotta

Hiraku Shindo is like any sixth-grader in Japan: a pretty normal school boy with a two-tone head of hair and a penchant for antics. One day, he finds an old bloodstained Go board in his grandfather's attic-- and that's when things get really interesting. Trapped inside the Go board is Fujiwara-no-Sai, the ghost of an ancient Go master who taught the strategically complex board game to the Emperor of Japan many centuries ago.

Location: Youth Graphic

Fruits Basket v.1

by Natsuki

Tohru Honda was an orphan when one day fate kicked her out of the house and on to land belonging to the mysterious Sohma family. Everything goes well until she discovers the Sohma family's secret, when hugged by members of the opposite sex; they turn into their Chinese Zodiac animal!

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