Leisure Reading Suggestions: Graphic Novels

**Features of this genre:** In the past, graphic novels were simply called comic books, but that does not do the genre justice. While it is true that graphic novels typically use sequential art along with text to tell a story, this does not mean that the stories are simple or childish.

A graphic novel is exactly what the name implies. It is a story that uses pictures to present the material. The themes are the same as the typical “all-text” novels covering such areas as humor, drama, adventure, horror, suspense, romance, etc. One of the primary advantages graphic novels possess is the ability to use the art to add to the atmosphere and set the tone of the story.

- Check your local public library too! Public libraries are a great source for popular fiction.
- Picking an "essential" list of graphic novels is a topic of much debate, but there are many such lists on the internet.
- Graphic novels aren’t just about superheroes! Some of the best stories involve people you might find in the "real world."

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- *Watchmen* by Alan Moore
  - PN6727.W3 M66 1987

- *The Sandman* by Neil Gaiman
  - PN6728.S26 G36 2011

- *Maus* by Art Spiegelman
  - DS135.P63 S68 1997

- *The Color of Earth* by Tong-hwa Kim
  - PN6790.K63 K48713

- *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi
  - JUV PN6747.S245 P4713 2003

- *Blankets* by Craig Thompson
  - PN6727.T48 B58

- *Fun Home & Are You My Mother?* by Alison Bechdel
  - PN6727.B3757 Z46

- *Bone* by Jeff Smith
  - PN6727.S546 B66

- *My Friend Dahmer* by Derf Backderf
  - PN6727.D466 M9

- *Pride of Baghdad* by Brian K. Vaughan
  - PN6727.V387 P75

- *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi
  - PN6728.S245 P4713 2003

- *The Sandman* by Neil Gaiman
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