The Prince and the Dressmaker
by Jen Wang
FIRST SECOND, 2018
ISBN: 9781626723634
Prince Sebastian's parents want him to pick a bride, but no one knows about Sebastian's deepest secret, until he befriends Frances, a dressmaker, who helps him find the courage to become Lady Crystallia.

Princess Decomposia and Count Spatula
by Andi Watson
FIRST SECOND, 2015
ISBN: 9781626721494
The overwhelmed princess of the underworld hires a vampire chef who becomes a close friend in this sweetly gothic, mildly spooky tale.

Princeless, Volume 1: Save Yourself
by Jeremy Whitley, illustrated by M. Goodwin
ACTION LAB ENTERTAINMENT, 2014
ISBN: 9781620102546
Princess Adrienne rejects the stereotypes of being a princess, especially when her parents lock her away in a tower to be rescued by a handsome prince. (FIRST BOOK IN THE SERIES)

Sci-Fu
by Yehudi Mercado
DNY PRESS, 2018
ISBN: 9781620104729
Hip-hop-loving, kung fu-obsessed Wax and company are unwittingly transported from Brooklyn to a funky alien planet. Wax must use his deejay skills to save the day and, oh yeah, impress his crush.

Spill Zone
by Scott Westerfeld, illustrated by Alex Puvilland
FIRST SECOND, 2017
ISBN: 9781626729368
Addison and her sister, Lexa, have been on their own since something strange destroyed their city and killed their parents, and now selling photos of the odd happenings is the only way to survive—but will it also be what destroys Addison?

Swing It, Sunny
by Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm
GRAPHIX, 2017
ISBN: 9780545741705
In the sequel to Sunny Side Up, Sunny faces new challenges in middle school—missing her brother and struggling with changes everywhere. Sunny's positive attitude and a good friend will see her through, because she's determined to stay on top.

The Witch Boy
by Molly Knox Ostertag
GRAPHIX, 2017
ISBN: 9781338089523
Aster was born into a magical family where all boys are expected to become shape-shifters, but Aster discovers he has a talent for witchcraft. Could revealing his secret help save a missing boy's life?

Trickster: Native American Tales
A Graphic Collection
Edited by Matt Dembicki
FULCRUM, 2010
ISBN: 9781555917241
This collaborative effort by more than forty writers and artists presents more than twenty Native American trickster tales in graphic novel format.

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**GRADES 6-8**

- **All’s Faire in Middle School**
  *by Victoria Jamieson*
  *DIAL BOOKS, 2017*
  *ISBN: 9780525429982*
  - A girl starting middle school after being homeschooled by her Renaissance fair parents learns that being herself comes with challenges.

- **All Summer Long**
  *by Hope Larson*
  *FARRAR, Straus AND GIROUX, 2018*
  *ISBN: 9780374304850*
  - This coming-of-age story follows 13-year-old Bina as she navigates her first summer without her best friend, Austin, by her side.

- **Anne Frank’s Diary: The Graphic Adaptation**
  *by Anne Frank, adapted by Ari Folman, and illustrated by David Polonsky*
  *PANTHEON, 2018*
  *ISBN: 9781101871799*
  - In this edition authorized by the Anne Frank Foundation, Polonsky’s evocative illustrations support and enhance Anne’s powerful story for a new generation.

- **Awkward**
  *by Svetlana Chmakova*
  *YEN PRESS, 2015*
  *ISBN: 9780316383077*
  - Peppi Torres is just trying to survive middle school, but an awkward encounter on the first day and a heated art-club-versus-science-club rivalry make her reconsider her rules.

- **Baba Yaga’s Assistant**
  *by Marika McCoola, illustrated by Emily Carroll*
  *CANDLEWICK, 2015*
  *ISBN: 9780763669614*
  - Masha relies on her grandmother’s stories to help her complete a series of tasks for Baba Yaga.

- **Be Prepared**
  *by Vera Brosgol*
  *FIRST SECOND, 2018*
  *ISBN: 9781962672440*
  - Jealous of her friends’ experiences at summer camp, Vera begs her mother to let her go, too.

- **Child Soldier: When Boys and Girls Are Used in War**
  *by Jessica Day Humphrey and Michel Chikwanine, illustrated by Claudia Dávila*
  *KIDS CAN PRESS, 2015*
  *ISBN: 9781771381260*
  - The autobiography of Michel Chikwanine explores his family’s life in the Democratic Republic of Congo, his time as a child soldier, his father’s activism, and Chikwanine’s eventual emigration.

- **The Dumbest Idea Ever!**
  *by Jimmy Gownley*
  *GRAPHIX, 2014*
  *ISBN: 9780545453479*
  - This graphic memoir recalls a time when Gownley, bedridden by chicken pox and pneumonia, overcame these and other preadolescent challenges by rediscovering his love of writing and drawing comics.

- **Estranged**
  *by Ethan M. Aldridge*
  *HARPERCOLLINS, 2018*
  *ISBN: 97800626553871*
  - Neither the changeling from the land below nor the “human child” has felt as though they fit in after having been switched at birth. When they come together to defeat an evil sorcerer, they discover that sometimes family is less about whom you were born to and more about whom you choose.

- **Fantasy Sports**
  *by Sam Bosma*
  *NORROW PRESS, 2015*
  *ISBN: 9781907704802*
  - A magical heroine and former mentor must defeat a mummy in a game of basketball to win a treasure.

- **Friends with Boys**
  *by Faith Erin Hicks*
  *FIRST SECOND, 2012*
  *ISBN: 9781596433568*
  - A young homeschooler transitions to high school, along with the mystery of the ghost who has followed her most of her life.

- **Gaijin: American Child Soldier**
  *by Matt Faulkner*
  *GRAPHIC UNIVERSE, 2015*
  *ISBN: 9781250062932*
  - Michiko Yamada is one of the few kids of color as she navigates her first summer without her best friend, Austin, by her side.

- **Goblin Queen**
  *by Faith Erin Hicks*
  *FIRST SECOND, 2017*
  *ISBN: 9781596436278*
  - This graphic memoir tells the first half of the story about Nobody Owens, who is raised in a graveyard by ghosts after his parents are murdered.

- **Jane, the Fox and Me**
  *by Fanny Britt, illustrated by Isabelle Arsenault*
  *GROUNDWOOD BOOKS, 2013*
  *ISBN: 97815549838605*
  - Hélène delves deep into the world of Jane Eyre to escape the cruelty of her everyday life at school, until she meets a friend in an unlikely location.

- **Jenji: A Rookie Horse-Trainer**
  *by Ethan M. Aldridge*
  *MARVEL, 2014*
  *ISBN: 9780545453479*
  - A rookie horse-trainer challenges the norms of the horse-racing world and refuses to drug her extraordinary horse, standing up for the humane treatment of animals.

- **The Graveyard Book, Volume 1**
  *based on a novel by Neil Gaiman, adapted by P. Craig Russell*
  *HARPERCOLLINS, 2014*
  *ISBN: 9800626759971*
  - This graphic adaptation of the Newbery Medal-winning novel tells the first half of the story about Nobody Owens, who is raised in a graveyard by ghosts after his parents are murdered.

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- **Lumberjanes, Volume 8: Stone Cold**
  *by Shannon Watters and Kat Leyh, illustrated by Carey Pietsch*
  *MARVEL, 2018*
  *ISBN: 9780763669614*
  - Surprised to find their fellow campers have been turned to stone, five best friends at summer camp team up to defeat the strange forces lurking within the surrounding forest.

- **Making Friends**
  *by Kristen Gudsnuk*
  *GRAPHIX, 2018*
  *ISBN: 9781383192128*
  - An inherited magic notebook might be just the thing Danny needs to improve her disappointing seventh-grade experience.

- **Ms. Marvel: No Normal**
  *by G. Willow Wilson, illustrated by Adrian Alphona*
  *MARVEL, 2014*
  *ISBN: 9780785102199*
  - Kamala Khan is an ordinary girl from Jersey City who stumbles upon superpowers and becomes the next Ms. Marvel! Is she ready to handle these huge powers while also staying true to her family, culture, and dreams?

- **New Kid**
  *by Jerry Craft*
  *HARPERCOLLINS, 2019*
  *ISBN: 9780062691200*
  - When they come together as though they fit in after being homeschooled by her Renaissance fair parents learns that being herself comes with challenges.

- **Nimona**
  *by Noelle Stevenson*
  *HARPETTEEN, 2015*
  *ISBN: 9780062278234*
  - Sassy shape-shifter Nimona is a sidekick to Lord Ballister Blackheart, a not-so-evil genius. Together they battle Blackheart’s nemesis, Sir Ambrosius Goldenloin, the champion of the Institution of Law Enforcement and Heroics.

- **The Other Side of the Wall**
  *by Simon Schwartz*
  *GRAPHIC UNIVERSE, 2015*
  *ISBN: 9781467758406*
  - Schwartz’s graphic memoir recounts his family’s life in communist East Berlin, their escape to the West, and his childhood growing up in West Berlin.

- **Pashmina**
  *by Nidhi Chanani*
  *FIRST SECOND, 2017*
  *ISBN: 9781596436278*
  - Priyanka Das discovers a magical pashmina that connects her to her mother’s past and India.

- **Primates: The Fearless Science of Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey, and Birute Galdikas**
  *by Jim Ottaviani, illustrated by Maris Wicks*
  *FIRST SECOND, 2013*
  *ISBN: 9781596436278*
  - The stories of three scientists and their groundbreaking work in the field with chimpanzees, gorillas, and orangutans.