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For help identifying or locating characters appearing in graphic novels, you might try these books. (Books located in our Reference Section cannot be checked out of the library.)


Encyclopedia of Comic Books & Graphic Novels published by Greenwood Press R 741.403 ENCY

The DC Comics Encyclopedia by Phil Jimenez 741.5 JIME

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There are many websites devoted to graphic novels and comics.

www.noflyingnotights.com
Reviews of graphic novels with separate pages for children, teens and adults.

http://comicsworthreading.com
Reviews of all genres of comic books.

www.comics.org
50,000 comic book records

www.readaboutcomics.com
Keep updated on all types of comics.

www.graphicnovelreporter.com
Best seller lists, plus a lot more!

www.comicbookresources.com
A premiere comics-related website.

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Jimmy Corrigan: The Smartest Kid on Earth
by Chris Ware
1934 WARE
A lonely and shy 36-year-old man is offered the opportunity to meet his father for the first time. Multiple storylines chronicle four generations of Corrigan men, from 1893 ot 1983. Winner: Eisner Best Graphic Award, Guardian First Book Award, and Harvey Best Graphic Award.

Watchmen
by Alan Moore
J 741.65 MOOR
In an alternate future where the existence of superheroes is common knowledge, a group of disillusioned superheroes emerge from retirement to investigate a former colleague’s murder. Critically acclaimed Hugo Award winner.

The Complete Maus
by Art Spiegelman
J 741.5 SPIE
The only graphic novel to have ever won the Pulitzer Prize. Spiegelman tells the story of his parents’ deportation to Auschwitz, where the Jews are symbolically portrayed as mice and the Nazis as cats.

Ant Colony
by Michael DeForge
J 741.5 DEFO
Follows the bizarre adventures of a group of black ants in an unspecified future. Winner: Guardian First Book Award, Guardian Best Graphic Award, and Harvey Best Graphic Award.

Wizzywig: Portrait of a Serial Hacker
by Ed Piskor
J 741.5 PISK
Kevin “Boingthump” Phenicle goes from a geeky child scammer to a federal fugitive and legend in the world of phone phreaks, hackers, and scammers.

The Undertaking of Lily Chen
by Danica Novgorodoff
J 741.5 NOVG
Magical realist story set in the world of the black market for brides in China, except the brides need to be corpses and the one that is selected happens to still be alive.

The 47 Ronin: A Graphic Novel
by Sean Michael Wilson
J 741.5 WILS
Chronicles the legendary event from Japanese history in which forty-seven samurai avenged the death of their master before committing ritual suicide.

The Bojeffries Saga
by Alan Moore
741.5 MOOR
Jobremus strives to muddle through, contending with his dullard son, Reth, and brutally clueless daughter, Ginda; an uncle who is a werewolf and another who’s a vegetarian vampire; a thermonuclear baby in the basement; and a grandfather who’s a giant Cthuloid blob.

We Are On Our Own
by Miriam Katin
J 741.51 KATI
An escape on foot from a Nazi invasion of Budapest a mother and child faked their deaths, abandoned their belongings and loved ones, and fled in disguise with German troops close behind.

Pride of Baghdad
by Brian K. Vaughan
741.5 VAUG
Examination of life on the streets of war-torn Iraq, raising questions about the meaning of liberation through the experiences of four lions who escaped from the Baghdad Zoo during a raid.

Can’t We Talk About Something More Pleasant?
by Roz Chast
B CHAS
A funny yet heart-breaking memoir of the struggles of being the caregiver to aging parents.

Relish: My Life In the Kitchen
by Lucy Knisley
B KNIS
Key episodes in the author’s life thus far, framed by what she was eating at the time and lessons learned about food, cooking, and life. Each chapter has an illustrated recipe.

The Hammer and the Anvil: Frederick Douglass, Abraham Lincoln, and the End of Slavery in America
by Dwight Jon Zimmerman
973.7092 ZIMM

Stitches: A Memoir
by David Small
B SMAL
A troubled child with a radiologist father who subjected him to repeated x-rays and a tormented mother, David fled this environment at the age of sixteen in the hopes of becoming an artist.

Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic
by Alison Bechdel
J 741.5 BECH
Darkly funny family portraits by Bechdel, a cult favorite comic artist.

Radioactive: Marie and Pierre Curie: A Tale of Love and Fallout
by Lauren Redniss
B CURI
The bio of Marie and Pierre Curie; their personal struggles, the advancements they made in the world of science, and the issue of radiation in modern society.

Tamara Drewe
by Posy Simmonds
J 741.5 SIMM
After plastic surgery lends her a new-found confidence, a newspaper columnist has an affair with a married man. Meanwhile, two teens are aware of her activities and stalk her from her own computer, with unexpected and dark consequences.

Stieg Larsson’s The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo
Books 1 & 2 adapted by Denise Mina
J 741.5 MINA
Swedish journalist Mikael Blomkvist and freelance hacker Lisbeth Salander form an unlikely team to investigate a 40-year-old disappearance.

The Walking Dead
by Robert Kirkman
J 741.5 KIRK
The Walking Dead is a comic book series created by Robert Kirkman, a writer from Lexington, KY. The first issue was released in 2004, and to date there have been 22 installments. The story follows a group of people trying to survive after the zombie apocalypse. The main characters are Rick Grimes, a small-town police officer from Circytana, his family, and a number of other survivors. They must all unite to withstand the zombies. The series won the 2010 Eisner Award for Best Continuing Series at San Diego Comic-Con International. A television series premiered in 2010 on AMC. The BCPL has seasons 4-4 on DVD and/or BLU.