

Catch the
Summer Reading
BUZZ!



Graphic Novels Book List

Captain Congo and the Crocodile King

Ruth Starke & Greg Holfeld

In this first adventure, Captain Congo and Pug are sent by the Agency to Abyssinia to locate a missing anthropologist who has been searching for the Treasure House of the Queen of Sheba. Spies, scorpions, crocodiles, human sacrifice, heroism . . . this story has it all! Short-listed for the Children's Book Council of Australia Picture Book of the Year 2009.

For Arrow readers. 48 pp.

Bone, Volume 1: Out of Boneville

Jeff Smith

This series centres around the lives of the Bone Family—white, bald cartoon caricatures with large noses. Although essentially a high-fantasy adventure story, it also displays slapstick humour. There are nine volumes in total.

For Arrow readers. 138 pp.

Amulet: The Stonekeeper

Kazu Kibuishi

Emily and Navin are children lost in a mysterious world, struggling to save their mother who has been kidnapped by a tentacled beast. Their hopes for rescuing her lie in a magic amulet, and an assortment of strange characters created by their grandfather.

For Star readers. 192 pp. **Buy Now**

The Hobbit

Chuck Dixon

JRR Tolkien's enchanted prelude to *The Lord of the Rings*, *The Hobbit* is the story of Bilbo Baggins, a quiet and contented hobbit whose life is turned upside down when he joins the wizard Gandalf and thirteen dwarves on their quest to reclaim stolen treasure. This graphic novel adaptation has become a classic in its own right.

For Star readers. 144 pp.

The Mostly True Story of Matthew & Trim

Cassandra Golds & Stephen Axelsen

The storyline follows Matthew Flinders and his cat Trim, and is a graphic novel of adventure and intrigue. It was listed as a notable book in the Children's Book Council of Australia awards in 2006.

For Arrow readers. 48 pp.

Outlaw: The Legend of Robin Hood

Tony Lee & Sam Hart

The sheriff and his men rule Nottingham with a fist of iron. Only one hope for justice remains. The dynamic format and fast-paced storytelling combine perfectly for introducing reluctant readers to the legend of Robin Hood.

For Arrow readers. 144 pp.

The Arrival

Shaun Tan

This wordless graphic novel tells the story of a migrant leaving some unfortunate circumstances in his home country, crossing an ocean to a strange new city, and learning how to live there.

For Star readers. 144 pp.

Coraline: The Graphic Novel

Neil Gaiman & P Craig Russell

A brilliant graphic novel adaptation of Neil Gaiman's critically acclaimed novel for young people. When Coraline moves to a new home, she is fascinated by the fact that the 'house' is really only half a house—it had been divided into flats years before. And it soon becomes clear to Coraline that the other flat is not quite as cosy and safe as her own.

For Arrow readers. 186 pp.

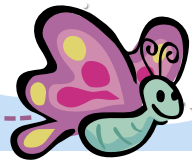
The Boy, the Bear, the Baron, the Bard

Gregory Rogers

What happens when a boy bursts through the curtain of a deserted theatre and onto the world's most famous stage? Midsummer magic—and a chase through the streets of Shakespeare's London! Short-listed for the Children's Book Council of Australia Book of the Year for Younger Readers, 2005.

For Arrow readers. 144 pp.

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Redwall: The Graphic Novel

Brian Jacques

This is a beautifully illustrated black-and-white rendition of the classic story. Mathias, the young and clumsy field mouse, must take the place of Martin the Warrior and save Redwall Abbey from the vicious rats. Led by Cluny the Scourge, the rats prove to be devious and merciless enemies and there will be great battles and much sadness before the end.

For Star readers. 148 pp.

Tintin

Georges Remi Herge

The adventures of Tintin remain great stories, although some may reflect values of an earlier generation. The Tintin series includes 25 titles.

For Arrow readers. 130 pp.

Fungus the Bogeyman

Raymond Briggs

A strip-cartoon book about a miserable bogeyman called Fungus, his wife Mildew, and his son Mould.

For Arrow readers. 42 pp.

Asterix and Caesar's Gift

Rene Goscinny & Albert Uderzo

On being demobilised from the Roman army, Legionary Tremensdelirius gets the title deeds to the village. Soon, he swaps them for a drink in a tavern and the landlord, Orthopaedix, his wife and daughter set off to claim their rights. There are 39 titles in the Asterix series.

For Arrow readers. 48 pp.

Goosebumps: 3 Ghoulish Graphix Tales

R. L. Stine

In this book you get three of R. L. Stine's scary books in one: *The Werewolf of Fever Swamp*, *The Scarecrow Walks at Midnight* and *The Abominable Snowman of Pasadena*. Each story is adapted and illustrated by a different artist: the three are Gabriel Hernandez, Greg Ruth and Scott Morse.

For Star readers. 144 pp.

Vermonia #1: Quest for the Silver Tiger

Words and pictures by YoYo

As an ancient prophecy awakens, four friends must discover their true warrior spirits in an epic battle to save the planet of Vermonia. There are currently two further books in the series: *Call of the Winged Panther* and *Release of the Red Phoenix*.

For Arrow readers. 208 pp. [Buy Now](#)

Skeleton Key: The Graphic Novel

Anthony Horowitz

The original novel has been adapted by Antony Johnston and illustrated by Kanako and Yuzuro, and features stunning, full-colour Manga-style art and all the high-octane, action-packed adventure Alex Rider fans have come to expect.

Two further novels have been adapted in the series so far: *Stormbreaker* and *Point Blanc*.

For Arrow readers. 176 pp.