

Finding Graphic Novels

Start with a genre search

While we have a broad genre of **Comics and graphic novels**, we also have specific graphic novel genres to find exactly the right type of book for readers.

For example, try a genre search for **Manga**, **Fantasy comics**, **Mystery comics**, or **Superhero comics**.

TRY IT

Click the **Advanced Search** link below the Basic Search bar.

Enter **fantasy comics** in the first box and select **GN Genre** from the drop-down.

From the **Audience limiter**, select **Teen**.

Click **Search**.

Add appeal terms

Appeals help readers determine why they enjoy a book and whether a particular book will fit their style.

Like a certain style of imagery? Search illustration appeal terms for **detailed** or **lavish art**.

Like a particular tone? Search for graphic novels that are **funny** or **moving**.

Here are a few other appeal terms popular in graphic novels: **Black-and-white**, **Suspenseful**, **Atmospheric**, **Fast-paced**, **Attention-grabbing**, **Action-packed**.

Search by review

Try using the written descriptions in the reviews area to your advantage. The **RV field code** is your secret weapon here:

EXAMPLES

Teen looking for manga with interesting/notable artwork? Search **GN Manga AND RV Art** and limit to **Teen** at the Result List.

Graphic novels for middle-grade readers with starred reviews? Search **GN Manga AND RV Starred** and limit to **Ages 9-12** at the Result List.

Just the right level

You can always use the audience limiter, but you can also try adding or omitting illustration appeal terms to find the imagery that is just right for the reader's level and comfort zone.

Have a teen graphic novel reader who likes action but isn't comfortable with more graphic violence?

TRY IT

At the Basic Search bar, enter **GN Comics and graphic novels AND AP Action-packed NOT AP (Gruesome OR Violent)**.

Click **Search**.

Limit to **Teen** at the Result List.

When to use:



Librarians and Educators: When you need magical girl manga for teen readers.

Readers: When you're looking for well-reviewed nonfiction graphic novels.

Caregivers: When you want to find funny graphic novels for your child's grade level.

Recommended reads

Our Recommended Reads lists are a great starting point for readers who aren't sure what they are looking for. Find the **Recommended Reads Lists** section of the homepage and select an audience level (**Adult**, **Teen**, or **Ages 9-12**). Click the **Graphics Novels** or **Manga** links and select a list.