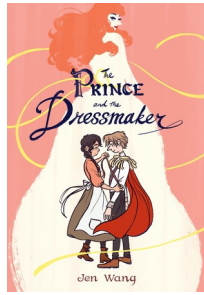




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***I Am Alfonso Jones*
by Tony Medina, Stacey Robinson and John Jennings**

Alfonso Jones can't wait to play the role of Hamlet in his school's hip-hop rendition of the play. But as he is buying his first suit, an off-duty police officer mistakes a clothes hanger for a gun, and he shoots Alfonso. When Alfonso wakes up in the afterlife, he's on a ghost train guided by well-known victims of police shootings, who teach him what he needs to know about this subterranean spiritual world.

***The Prince and the Dressmaker*
by Jen Wang**

Prince Sebastian hides from his parents his secret life of dressing up as the hottest fashion icon in Paris, the fabulous Lady Crystallia, while his friend Frances the dressmaker strives to keep her friend's secret.

***Spinning*
by Tillie Walden**

For ten years, figure skating was Tillie Walden's life. But as she switched schools, got into art, and fell in love with her first girlfriend, she began to question how the close-minded world of figure skating fit in with the rest of her life, and whether all the work was worth it.

***Real Friends*
by Shannon Hale and LeUyen Pham**

Shannon and Adrienne have always been best friends. But one day, Adrienne starts hanging out with Jen, the most popular girl in class. Everyone wants to be Jen's #1, and some girls would do anything to stay on top, even if it means bullying others. Now every day is like a roller coaster for Shannon. Will she and Adrienne stay friends? Can she stand up for herself? And is she in or out?



Spill Zone

Mighty Jack and the Goblin King



***Spill Zone*
by Scott Westerfeld and Alex Puvilland**

Three years ago an event destroyed the city of Poughkeepsie. Uncanny manifestations and lethal dangers now await anyone who enters the Spill Zone. When a collector makes a million-dollar offer, Addison breaks her own rules of survival and ventures farther than she has ever dared. Within the Spill Zone, Hell awaits-- and it seems to be calling Addison's name.

***Mighty Jack and the Goblin King*
by Ben Hatke**

Jack's little sister Maddy is gone, carried into another realm by an ogre. When Jack and Lilly follow Maddy's captor through the portal, they are ready for anything, except what they find waiting for them in the floating crossroads between worlds. Even the power of their magic plants may not be enough to get them back to Earth alive.

***As the Crow Flies*
by Melanie Gillman**

Charlie Lamonte is thirteen years old, queer, black, and questioning what was once a firm belief in God. So naturally, she's spending a week stuck at an all-white Christian youth camp. As the journey wears on and the rhetoric wears thin, she can't help but poke holes in the pious obliviousness of this storied sanctuary with little regard for people like herself or her fellow camper, Sydney.

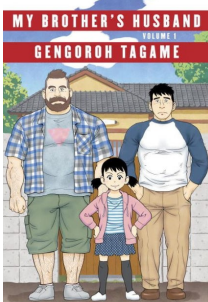
***Brave*
by Svetlana Chmakova**
In his daydreams, Jensen is the biggest hero that ever was, saving the world and his friends on a daily basis. But his middle school reality is VERY different; math is hard, getting along with friends is hard. Even finding a partner for the class project is a huge problem when you always get picked last.

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My Brother's Husband, Volume 1

Monstress, Volume 2: The Blood

My Brother's Husband, Volume 1 by Gengoroh Tagame and Anne Ishii

Yaichi is a work-at-home suburban dad in contemporary Tokyo; formerly married to Natsuki, father to their young daughter, Kana. Their lives suddenly change with the arrival at their doorstep of a hulking, affable Canadian named Mike Flanagan, who declares himself the widower of Yaichi's estranged gay twin, Ryoji. Mike is on a quest to explore Ryoji's past, and the family reluctantly but dutifully takes him in.

Monstress, Volume 2: The Blood by Marjorie Liu and Sana Takeda

Maika Halfwolf is on the run from a coalition of forces determined to control or destroy the powerful Monstrum that lives beneath her skin. But Maika still has a mission of her own: to discover the secrets of her late mother, Moriko.

Speak: The Graphic Novel by Laurie Halse Anderson and Emily Carroll

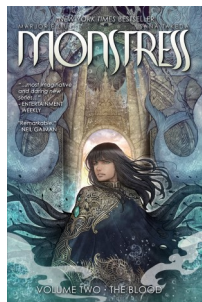
Melinda, a ninth grader, becomes a social pariah when she calls the police to bust a summer bash and spends the year coming to terms with the secret fact that she was raped during the party.

Hawkeye: Kate Bishop, Volume 1: Anchor Points by Kelly Thompson and Leonardo Romero

Remember Hawkeye? No, not that Hawkeye - your favorite Hawkeye, the former Young Avenger, the butt-kicking hero who had to save that other Hawkguy all the time and basically keep his life in some semblance of order. Yup, you know her, it's the dazzling Kate Bishop - making her solo comics debut! Kate is heading back out west and returning to Los Angeles, with her bow and arrow and P.I. badge in tow.

Lighter Than My Shadow by Katie Green

A graphic memoir of eating disorders, abuse and recovery. Lighter Than My Shadow is a hand-drawn story of struggle and recovery, a trip into the black heart of a taboo illness; an exposure of those who are so weak as to prey on the weak, and an inspiration to anybody who believes in the human power to endure towards happiness.



your name., Volume 1

Rise of the Dungeon Master: Gary Gyax and the Creation of D&D

your name., Volume 1 by Makoto Shinkai and Ranmaru Kotone

Mitsuha, a high school girl from a town deep in the mountains, dreams of an unfamiliar life in Tokyo. Taki, a high school boy from Tokyo, dreams that he is a girl living in the mountains. As the two begin swapping lives, a miraculous story is set in motion.

Rise of the Dungeon Master: Gary Gyax and the Creation of D&D by David Kushner and Koren Shadmi

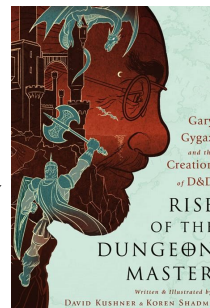
Rise of the Dungeon Master tells, in graphic form, the story of Gary Gyax, co-creator of Dungeons & Dragons, one of the most influential games ever made. Like the game itself, the narrative casts the reader into the adventure from a first person point of view, taking on the roles of the different characters in the story.

Wires and Nerve 2: Gone Rogue by Marissa Meyer and Stephen Gilpin

Iko—an audacious android and best friend to the Lunar Queen Cinder—has been tasked with hunting down Alpha Lysander Steele, the leader of a rogue band of bioengineered wolf-soldiers who threaten to undo the tenuous peace agreement between Earth and Luna. Unless Cinder can reverse the mutations that were forced on them years before, Steele and his soldiers plan to satisfy their monstrous appetites with a massacre of the innocent people of Earth.

Ms. Marvel, Volume 8: Mecca by G. Willow Wilson and Takeshi Miyazawa

An enemy from Ms. Marvel's past resurfaces and begins targeting those closest to Kamala. As the world around her is spinning out of control, it becomes clear that this time there's something more sinister at work...Kamala's no stranger to fighting for what's right, but in facing down this challenge, everything she is will be called into question. Not just as a super hero, but as a human being.



My Hero Academia, Volume 12

Bingo Love, Volume 1

My Hero Academia, Volume 12 by Kohei Horikoshi

What would the world be like if 80 percent of the population manifested superpowers called "Quirks"? Heroes and villains would be battling it out everywhere! Being a hero would mean learning to use your power, but where would you go to study? The Hero Academy of course! But what would you do if you were one of the 20 percent who were born Quirkless?

Bingo Love, Volume 1 by Tee Franklin and Jenn St. Onge

When Hazel Johnson and Mari McCray met at church bingo in 1963, it was love at first sight. Forced apart by their families and society, Hazel and Mari both married young men and had families. Decades later, now in their mid-'60s, Hazel and Mari reunite again at a church bingo hall. Realizing their love for each other is still alive, what these grandmothers do next takes absolute strength and courage.

Bad Machinery, Volume 7: The Case of the Forked Road by John Allison

Time is a fickle creature, especially when there's a wormhole in the science cupboard. When a strange boy who seems far too entranced by cell phones appears, it's up to Lottie, Shauna, and Mildred to figure out his strange purposes. What is their science teacher hiding? Who is the mysterious Calvin, why is he dressed like it's 1960, and why is he obsessed with Communists? And another thing: just what is going on with Jack, Sonny, and Linton?

Batman, Volume 4: The War of Jokes and Riddles by Tom King and Mikel Janin

Early in Batman's career, the Joker and the Riddler would seemingly be allies. But each man determined that he alone must be the one to kill the Bat, and either would sooner burn down Gotham than be beaten to the punch line. One of the darkest chapters in Batman's history sees all of Gotham's villains choosing sides in a battle of wits that soon turns into a war. In the War of Jokes and Riddles, only one side can claim victory, but the scars it leaves will shape Batman's future.

