



Adult Graphic Novels for Every Library

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Graphic Novels indicated with * discussed during presentation.

***Black Hole**

Charles Burns

After a strange disease infects and mutates teens who engage in premarital sex, they are forced to seek refuge in the surrounding woods where a series of murders are taking place. (Nudity, Sexual Content, Graphic Images, Higher-leveled critiqueing).

***The Walking Dead** **Robert Kirkman**

Officer Grimes wakes from a coma to find the undead have taken over the world. As he searches for his family, Grimes realizes that zombies aren't the only thing to worry about. (Graphic Images, Language)

***Spawn** **Todd MacFarlane**

Officer Simmons makes a deal with the devil to return to Earth with superpowers. The catch is that he can't remember who he is, what he came back for and each use of his powers brings him closer to eternal damnation. (Violence, Graphic Images)

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***Abandon the Old Tokyo**

Tatsumi

Publication of an old book, now available in America. The book is a collection of short stories created in the 1970s.

***Watchmen**

Alan Moore, Dave Gibbons

DC Comics' Watchmen is the story of what might happen if superheroes actually existed in the real world. Taking place in the late 1980's, this is generally considered to be comics writer Alan Moore's best work. Dave Gibbon's artwork makes Watchmen's look completely original.



***Daredevil: Born Again** **Frank Miller and David Mazzucchelli**

The villainous Kingpin has defeated the classic Marvel Comics character Daredevil by stripping him of everything he holds dear: his alter-ego's law practice, his girlfriend, his secret identity and career as a superhero and his basic human rights. This story of redemption is arguably writer Frank Miller's best work and a story that everyone, superhero fan or not, can relate to. David Mazzucchelli's artwork is starkly realistic and emotive.

***Shooting War**

Anthony Lappe and Dan Goldman

Overnight sensation and videoblogger, Jimmy Burns, head to Iraq to cover the ongoing Iraq war in 2011 and learns that fame comes at a costly price.

***Pride of Baghdad**

Brian K. Vaughan

This fictional story, based on real-life events, recounts the story of four lions that escape from a Baghdad zoo after a 2003 attack by American forces. They experience the city outside the confines of the zoo for the first time and witness the effects of the war on other animals and humans.

***All-Star Superman Vol. I**

Grant Morrison, Frank Quitely

Occurring outside of regular DC universe continuity, this is Grant Morrison and Frank Quitely's distinctively different take on Superman and the cast of characters we've known for more than 75 years. Delightfully entertaining, we see what might happen if Superman reveals his secret identity to Lois Lane and gives her a special gift for her birthday. We also see different versions of favorite Superman universe characters like Jimmy Olson, Lex Luthor, Ma and Pa Kent and Krypto the Superdog.

***One Hundred Demons**

Lynda Barry

In this sometimes fictionalized autobiography, Lynda Barry reflects on her youth with the perspective of someone in her 40s. These bittersweet stories explore Barry's relationships with her friends, family, school, boyfriends and bosses.



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*Safe Area Gorazde

Joe Sacco

Sacco's carefully detailed pictures, combined with first hand interviews of survivors, provide a vivid portrait of the brutality and horror of the Serbian attempt to carve out more territory from a divided Yugoslavia.

*Love and Rockets

Gilbert and Jaime Hernandez

Set in Central America as well as the punk rock and Mexican American communities of Los Angeles, Love and Rockets explores themes of racism and classism while chronicling the lives of Latino women who are strong but vulnerable, beautiful but sporting belly bulges.

*DMZ: On the Ground

Brian Wood, Ricardo Burchelli

America in Civil War, with Manhattan now known as the DMZ. New photo-journalist Matty Roth is committed to revealing the horrors of living in a war zone.

*Criminal and Criminal 2: Lawless Ed Brubaker, Sean Phillips

Leo is a criminal who teams with a crooked cop in a plan to seize contraband millions. Crime noir written by a popular writer and artist team.

*Jack of Fables

Bill Willingham,

Jack is kicked out of the magical realm, imprisoned by power-mad librarians who want to make the human world forget about magic. Jack plans to escape with other fables like Goldilocks.

*Rex Libris vol I:

I, Librarian James Turner

From Middleton Public Library to ancient Egypt, to the farthest reaches of the galaxy, Rex upholds his vow to fight the forces of ignorance and darkness. And search for overdue books.



*Wonder Woman: Love and Murder

Jodi Picoult

The action begins when Wonder Woman, in her disguise as Special Agent Diana Prince of the Department of Metahuman affairs, is assigned to capture Wonder Woman. This is just the start of the Amazon Warrior's problems as Diana must relearn how to exist as a human being while a deadly foe begins to close a net on her.

More suggestions:

Elk's Run

Joshua Hale Fialkov

Garage Band

Gipi

Girls

The Luna Brothers

Blood River

Michael Oeming, Brian Quinn

V for Vendetta

Alan Moore

Will Eisner's The Spirit

Darwyn Cooke with J. Bone and Dave Stewart

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Frank Miller

Stephen King's The Dark Tower

Peter David, Jae Lee

Maus and Maus II

Art Spiegelman

The EC Archives: Tales from the Crypt Vol. I

Al Feldstein, Wally Wood

Marvel Masterworks: Amazing Spider-Man Vol I

Stan Lee, Steve Ditko

The Ticking

Renee French

Salmon Doubts

Adam Sacks

A Strange Day

Damon Hurd

Summer Blonde

Adrian Tomine

Fun Home: Family Tragicomic

Alison Bechdel

New Adventures of Jesus: Second Coming

Frank Stack

Ghost World

Daniel Clowes

MidJersey Comicon- Bordentown, NJ

<http://www.midjerseycomicon.com/>

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