

Readers' Advisory for Adult Graphic Novels

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Resources

Publishers

Dark Horse

IDW

Image

- The third through fifth biggest comic book publishers in America (after **Marvel** and **DC**)
- Major sources of genre (science fiction, etc.) graphic novels
- Publish many media adaptations
- Dark Horse also publish manga

Drawn & Quarterly

- Canadian literary/artistic publisher
- Publish manga/international work

Fantagraphics

- "Alternative" comics publisher

Oni Press

- Small, well-respected popular fiction publisher

Dynamite

- Publish many adaptations of existing books and movies

Vertigo

- DC's "mature readers" imprint

Viz Media

- Leading manga publisher

Awards American Awards

Eisner Awards

- Most extensive awards
- Many different categories
- www.comic-con.org/awards/eisners-current-info

Harvey Awards

- Voted on by comic book industry professionals
- www.harveyawards.org

Ignatz Awards

- Generally focus on "indie" comics and creators
- Small press creators or creator-owned projects published by larger publishers

Canadian Awards

Doug Wright Awards

- Awarded to "alternative" comics and creators
- Best Book Award
- Best Emerging Talent

Joe Shuster Awards

- More "mainstream" comics (ie. superhero)
- Awards for best writer, artist, cartoonist, etc.

Best Seller Lists

Comixology

- Website where users (not librarians) can buy access to comics
- Lists what's currently selling well digitally
- www.comixology.com/comics-best-sellers

Diamond Comics

- The biggest comic book and graphic novel distributor in North America
- They release monthly lists on their website of the top selling graphic novels, manga, and comic books
- Reports sales to comic book shops
- www.diamondcomics.com (click on Industry Statistics in the sidebar).

The New York Times

- Features weekly lists
- Reports sales through bookstores and websites
- Paperback: www.nytimes.com/best-sellers-books/paperback-graphic-books/list.html
- Hardback: www.nytimes.com/best-sellers-books/2010-07-11/hardcover-graphic-books/list.html

Reviews, News, and Info

Comics Alliance

comicsalliance.com

Comics Beat

comicsbeat.com

The Comics Journal

www.tcj.com

Diamond Bookshelf

www.diamondbookshelf.com

Graphic Novel Reporter

www.graphicnovelreporter.com

Publishers Weekly

www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/industry-news/comics/

Previews

Comixology

- Features free digital previews and sample issues
- www.comixology.com

Net Galley

- Offers digital galley proofs of upcoming graphic novels
- www.netgalley.com

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Recomendations

Adaptations

From comics to film:

Old Boy

- Written by Garon Tsuchiya
- Illustrated by Nobuaki Minegishi
- Published by Dark Horse Comics

Scott Pilgrim

- Written and illustrated by Bryan Lee O'Malley
- Published by Oni Press

From other sources to comics:

A Game of Thrones

- Adapted by Daniel Abraham
- Illustrated by Tommy Patterson
- Published by Dynamite Entertainment

Girl with the Dragon Tattoo

- Adapted by Denise Mina
- Illustrated by Andrea Mutti and Leonardo Manco
- Published by DC/Vertigo

Extensions

Buffy: The Vampire Slayer

Firefly/Serenity

Star Wars

- New stories continuing after the shows/movies
- Published by Dark Horse Comics

Superhero

All-Star Superman

- Written by Grant Morrison
- Illustrated by Frank Quitely
- Published by DC Comics

Top 10

- Written by Alan Moore
- Illustrated by Gene Ha and Zander Cannon
- Published by DC/Wildstorm

Umbrella Academy

- Written by Gerrard Way
- Illustrated by Gabriel Bá
- Published by Dark Horse Comics

Crime

Criminal

- Written by Ed Brubaker
- Illustrated by Sean Phillips
- Published by Marvel/Icon

From Hell

- Written by Alan Moore
- Illustrated by Eddie Campbell
- Published by Top Shelf Productions

Scalped

- Written by Jason Aaron
- Illustrated by R. M. Guéra and others
- Published by DC/Vertigo

Fantasy/Science Fiction

Fables

- Written by Bill Willingham
- Illustrated by Mark Buckingham and others
- Published by DC/Vertigo
- 35 volumes (including spin-offs)

Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind

- Written and illustrated by Hayao Miyazaki
- Published by Viz Media

Saga

- Written by Brian K. Vaughan
- Illustrated by Fiona Staples
- Published by Image Comics

Horror

Hellboy/BPRD

- Written by Mike Mignola
- Illustrated by Various
- Published by Dark Horse Comics

Locke & Key

- Written by Joe Hill
- Illustrated by Gabriel Rodriguez
- Published by IDW Publishing

Uzumaki

- Written and illustrated by Junji Ito
- Published by Viz Media

Fiction

Asterios Polyp

- Written and illustrated by David Mazzucchelli
- Published by Pantheon Books

Aya: Life in Yop City

- Written by Marguerite Abouet
- Illustrated by Clément Oubrerie
- Published by Drawn and Quarterly

The Tale of One Bad Rat

- Written and illustrated by Bryan Talbot
- Published by Dark Horse Comics

Memoirs and Non-Fiction

Disappearance Diary

- Written and illustrated by Hideo Azuma
- Published by Fanfare/Ponent Mon

Epileptic

- Written and illustrated by David B.
- Published by Pantheon Books

Psychiatric Tales

- Written and illustrated by Darryl Cunningham
- Published by Bloomsbury USA

Safe Area Goražde

- Written and illustrated by Joe Sacco
- Published by Fantagraphics