

# Graphic Novels

## What's it all about...

Graphic Novels are books written and illustrated in the style of a comic book through the use of sequential art and dialogue captions. The term graphic novel encompasses both fiction and non-fiction works, which range across a number of genres.

Graphic Novels can cover almost any genre in fiction or non-fiction subject and can be written for reading levels from juvenile to adult. Despite the variety of content, Graphic Novels broadly share an outsider's perspective and an understanding of popular culture.

## The classic works:

- *A Contract with God and other Tenement Stories* (1978) by Will Eisner
- *Maus: a Survivor's Tale* (1991) by Art Spiegelman
- *Ghost World* (1997) by Daniel Clowes
- *American Born Chinese* (2006) by Gene Luen Yang

## Resources to find the best in Graphic Novels:

- **Comicsalliance.com:** comprehensive website for all things comic with author interviews and industry news
- **Graphicnovelreporter.com:** specific to graphic novels with news and bibliographies
- **Graphic Novels: a Genre Guide to Comic Books, Manga, and More:** Genreflecting Advisory series edition
- **Read On: Graphic Novels:** provides broad coverage with annotated reading lists

## Your list of recent titles:

- *Kill My Mother: a Graphic Novel* (2014) by Jules Feiffer



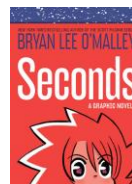
The lives of five women from two different families are forever linked and altered by a drunk private eye during the Depression in this first noir graphic novel from the award-winning author and illustrator.

- *Probably Nothing* (2014) by Matilda Tristram



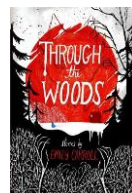
At 7 months pregnant Matilda was diagnosed with cancer. This touching graphic memoir, never morose or self-pitying, starts when Matilda was diagnosed and ends when her chemotherapy finishes.

- *Seconds* (2014) by Bryan Lee O'Malley



After her life hits some snags, Katie meets a mysterious girl who provides her with a magical do-over. She then finds herself with a chance to get things right--and with an irresistible urge to keep resetting the clock until her life is not just good, but perfect!

- *Through the Woods* (2014) by Emily Carroll



Discover a terrifying world in the woods in this collection of five hauntingly beautiful graphic stories that includes the online webcomic sensation "His Face All Red," in print for the first time.

- *The Shadow Hero* (2014) by Gene Luen Yang and Sonny Liew



During the comics boom of the 1940s, a legend was born: the Green Turtle. He solved crimes and fought injustice just like the other comic heroes. But this mysterious masked crusader was hiding something more than your run-of-the-mill secret identity... The Green Turtle was the first Asian American super hero!

# Enjoy!