

# Great Graphic Novels for Girls



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Bell, Cece, **El Deafo**

The author recounts in graphic novel format her experiences with hearing loss at a young age, including using a bulky hearing aid, learning how to lip read, and determining her "superpower."

Davis, Eleanor, **The Secret Science Alliance and the Copycat Crook**

Eleven-year-old Julian Calendar thought changing schools would mean leaving his "nerdy" persona behind, but instead he forms an alliance with fellow inventors Greta and Ben and works with them to prevent an adult from using one of their gadgets for nefarious purposes.

Deutsch, Barry **Hereville: How Mirka Got Her Sword**

Eleven-year-old Mirka Herschberg dreams of fighting dragons and spends her days honing her skills, even though there are no dragons in her Orthodox Jewish community, but when she accepts a challenge from a mysterious witch, Mirka just might win her dragon-fighting sword after all.

Gaiman, Neil, **Coraline**

Looking for excitement, Coraline ventures through a mysterious door into a world that is similar, yet disturbingly different from her own, where she must challenge a gruesome entity in order to save herself, her parents, and the souls of three others.

Gownley, Jimmy, **Amelia Rules**

A collection of comic stories featuring nine-year-old Amelia, who has moved from Manhattan to a small town in the wake of her parent's divorce, and her fourth-grade friends, the Gathering of Awesome Super Pals, otherwise known as G.A.S.P.

Hale, Shannon, **Rapunzel's Revenge**

Rapunzel is raised in a grand villa surrounded by towering walls. Rapunzel dreams of a different mother than Gothel, the woman she calls Mother. She climbs over the wall and finds out the truth. Her real mother, Kate, is a slave in Gothel's gold mine. In this Old West retelling, Rapunzel uses her hair as a lasso and to take on outlaws—including Gothel.

Hatke, Ben, **Zita the Spacegirl**

When young Zita discovers a device that opens a portal to another place, and her best friend is abducted, she is compelled to set out on a strange journey from star to star in order to get back home.

Hicks, Erin Faith **Friends with Boys**

Maggie has been homeschooled her entire life, interacting mainly with her three older brothers, and now she's starting public high school. Shy and overwhelmed, Maggie has difficulty fitting in and making friends. She also has to deal with a silent ghost who won't leave her alone.

Jolley, Dan, **The Girl Who Owned a City**

When a plague sweeps over the earth killing everyone except children under twelve, ten-year-old Lisa organizes a group to rebuild a new way of life.

Krosoczka, Jarrett, **Lunch Lady and the League of Librarians**

The school lunch lady, a secret crime fighter, sets out to stop a group of librarians bent on destroying a shipment of video games, while a group of students known as the Breakfast Bunch provides back-up.

L'Engle, Madeleine (adapted by Larson, Hope) **A Wrinkle in Time**

A graphic novel adaptation of the classic tale in which Meg Murry and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.

Naifeh, Ted **Polly and the Pirates**

Polly is caught between the prim-and-proper boarding school set she's grown-up with and the legendary legacy of the Pirate Queen that she never knew she was a part of! But which is the cruel, cold world and which is the care-free paradise?

Naifeh, Ted, **Courtney Crumrin and the Night Things**

Courtney Crumrin and her family move into the Victorian mansion of their rich uncle, Professor Aloysius Crumrin, and almost immediately she encounters strange creatures in dark corners that her uncle refers to as "Night Things."

De Liz, Renae, **Womanthology: Heroic**

Womanthology is a large-scale anthology showcasing the works of women in comics. It is created entirely by over 140 women of all experience levels, from young girls who love to create comics all the way up to top industry professionals. All of the short stories center around the theme for this volume - Heroic.

Roman, Dave **Astronaut Academy**

Hakata Soy looks to make a new start at Astronaut Academy, but his past as the leader of a futuristic superhero team catches up to him when a robot doppelganger is sent to kill him.

Telgemeier, Raina, **Smile**

Raina knocks out her front teeth in middle school. This follows many years of pain and surgery and figuring out who her real friends are.