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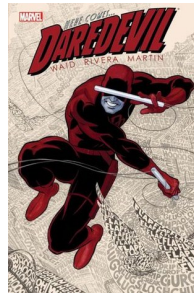
As the nineteenth century wound down, a public inspired by the novel *Around the World in Eighty Days* clamored for intrepid adventure. Three hardy spirits stayed the course: In 1884, former miner Thomas Stevens made the journey on a bicycle. In 1889, pioneer reporter Nellie Bly embarked on a global race against time that assumed the heights of spectacle, ushering in the age of the American celebrity. And in 1895, retired sea captain Joshua Slocum quietly set sail on a thirty-six-foot sloop, braving pirates and treacherous seas to become the first person to sail around the world alone.

**Jim Henson's Tale of Sand by Jim Henson, Jerry Juhl & Ramon K. Perez**

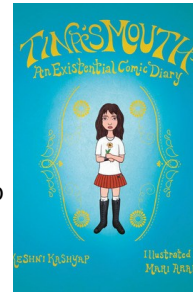
Tale of Sand follows scruffy everyman, Mac, who wakes up in an unfamiliar town, and is chased across the desert of the American Southwest by all manners of man and beast of unimaginable proportions.

**Star Wars Omnibus: A Long Time Ago... Vol. 4 by Mary Jo Duffy**

Luke Skywalker and his rebel friends battle the oppressive Empire in stories set shortly before and after the galaxy's restoration to a New Republic in Return of the Jedi.



**Daredevil**  
by Mark Waid



**Tina's Mouth**  
by Keshni Kashyap

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THE DEVIL IS REBORN. RENEWED. RESURRECTED. With new enemies, new friends ... and that same old "grinnin' in the face of hell" attitude, the Man Without Fear is back in action and leading with his face!

**Explorer: the Mystery Boxes by Kazu Kibuishi**  
WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

Find out in these seven clever stories by eight incredible comics creators!

**Axe Cop: Bad Guy Earth by Malachai Nicolle & Ethan Nicolle**

Axe Cop isn't an ordinary cop - in fact, he might not even be a "real" cop, at least according to the authorities. But he's the best crime-fighter the world has ever known, thanks to his amazing team of partners - Dinosaur Soldier, Sockarang, and his pet T. Rex, Wexter .

**Tina's Mouth: an Existential Comic Diary by Keshni Kashyap & Mari Araki**

Tina M., sophomore, is a wry observer of the cliques and mores of Yarborough Academy, and of the foibles of her Southern California intellectual Indian family. She's on a first-name basis with Jean-Paul Sartre, the result of an English honors class assignment to keep an "existential diary."

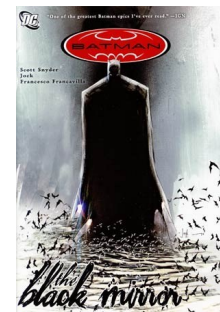


# GRAPHIC RAVE



## BEST BOOKS

## FOR TEENS



**Batman: the Black Mirror**  
by Scott Snyder

**Friends with Boys**  
by Faith Erin Hicks



**Batman: Black Mirror by Scott Snyder**

A series of brutal murders pushes Batman's detective skills to the limit and forces him to confront one of Gotham City's oldest evils. Helpless and trapped in the deadly Mirror House, Batman must fight for his life against one of Gotham City's oldest and most powerful evils!

**Anya's Ghost by Vera Brosgol**

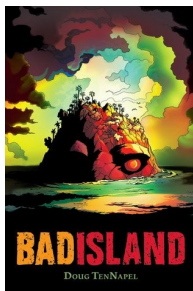
Anya, embarrassed by her family and lacking confidence in her body and her social skills, finally finds a friend after falling down a well, but learns there are drawbacks to having a ghost as a friend.

**Friends with Boys by Faith Erin Hicks**

Maggie McKay hardly knows what to do with herself. After an idyllic childhood of homeschooling and rough-housing, it's time for Maggie to face the outside world, all on her own. But that means facing high school first. And it also means solving the mystery of the melancholy ghost who has silently followed Maggie throughout her entire life. Maybe it even means making a new friend—one who isn't one of her brothers.

**Same Difference by Derek Kirk Kim**

Through a series of sensitive - and often hilarious - short stories, Kim deftly explores the not-so-average twenty-something's quarter-life crisis, romantic neurosis, and a refreshing slice of Korean-American life.



**Bad Island**  
by Doug TenNapel

**A Bride's Story**  
by Kaoru Mori



**Bad Island by Doug TenNapel**

When Reese is forced to go on a boating trip with his family, the last thing he expects is to be shipwrecked on an island-especially one teeming with weird plants and animals. But what starts out as simply a bad vacation turns into a terrible one, as the castaways must find a way to escape while dodging the island's dangerous inhabitants. With few resources and a mysterious entity on the hunt, each secret unlocked could save them . . . or spell their doom. One thing Reese knows for sure: This is one Bad Island

**Page by Paige by Laura Lee Gulledge**

Paige Turner has just moved to New York with her family, and she's having some trouble adjusting to the big city. In the pages of her sketchbook, she tries to make sense of her new life, including trying out her secret identity: artist. As she makes friends and starts to explore the city, she slowly brings her secret identity out into the open, a process that is equal parts terrifying and rewarding.

**A Bride's Story by Kaoru Mori**

Acclaimed creator Kaoru Mori brings the nineteenth-century Silk Road to lavish life, chronicling the story of Amir Halgal, a young woman from a nomadic tribe betrothed to a twelve-year-old boy eight years her junior. Coping with cultural differences, blossoming feelings for her new husband, and expectations from both her adoptive and birth families, Amir strives to find her role as she settles into a new life and a new home in a society quick to define that role for her.



**Witch & Wizard**  
by James Patterson

**Gate 7**  
by CLAMP



**Witch & Wizard: the Manga**  
by James Patterson

Imagine waking up to find that the world around you - life as you know it - has changed in an instant. That's what happens to Whit Allgood and his sister, Wisty. They thought that they were just a couple of normal teenagers, until their rude awakening at the hands of a dozen armed police! Charged with being a wizard and a witch, accused of having incredible powers they never dreamed possible, the siblings find themselves the targets of an upstart political regime, The New Order, which has swept the country and vowed to wipe "their kind" from existence. Now Whit and Wisty must fight for both their freedom and their lives as they unlock the powers burning inside of them!

**Gate 7 by CLAMP**

An innocent sightseeing trip to Kyoto opens up a magical realm to shy high schooler Chikahito Takamoto! Visiting a legendary shrine, Chikahito finds himself in the mystical world of Hana and her comrades--and his immunity to their powers leads them to believe that he's no ordinary, awkward teenager! Protecting our world from violent elemental beasts, Hana and her team welcomes the confused Chikahito--who isn't quite sure that he wants to be caught in the middle of their war! One's thing's certain, though, since he's smitten with aloof, childlike warrior Hana, he's along for the ride, for better or worse