

Graphic Literature: "Comic" Books with Adult Appeal



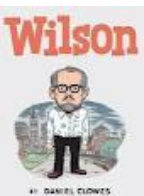
THE ALCOHOLIC | Jonathan Ames and Dean Haspiel

FIC
A humorous and heartfelt telling of a writer's fall into alcoholism. This is a first person narrative that lays everything out for you and tells a story that manages to shock, appall, and amuse at the same time. Nothing is held back and the beautiful illustrations truly provide an authentic emotional experience.



WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE | Jim Butcher and Ardian Syaf

FIC
This graphic prequel to Butcher's Dresden Files fantasy fiction series tells an early story in the crime-fighting life of professional wizard Harry Dresden. While investigating a death at Lincoln Park Zoo, he finds out that he's next in line for death by supernatural creature.



WILSON | Daniel Clowes

FIC
A unique series of single-page vignettes that tell the story of the sad, lonely man named Wilson who is desperately trying to climb out of his little pit of pessimism to no avail. An intriguing and darkly humorous slice of life story that makes you want to laugh and cry at the same time.



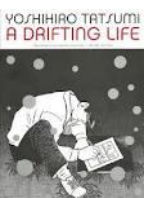
THE HUNTER: A GRAPHIC NOVEL | Darwyn Cooke and Richard Stark

FIC
An outstanding graphic novel adaptation! Based on Donald Westlake's Parker series, this graphic novel retells the early story of the tough-as-nails outlaw who will kill anyone who stands in his way with style.



GREAT EXPECTATIONS | Joe Suttiff Sanders and John Stokes

FIC
Want to enjoy the classics but just can't get into them? This graphic adaptation of the Dickens classic helps set the mood with a fast-paced format and truly expressive artwork. This is a great retelling of the story that truly retains Dickens' original tone and intention.



A DRIFTING LIFE | Yoshihiro Tatsumi and Adrian Tomine

FIC
A graphic memoir of Tatsumi's own life in the world of manga, this book tells the story of young Hiroshi Katsumi from his abandonment as a ten year old after World War II and his rise to fame and recognition as a manga author/illustrator. This book is also a great telling of the history of the manga genre!



CELL BLOCK Z | Shauna Garr and Chris Walker

FIC
Cole Dennis is a respected boxer and a symbol of hope for a city in despair until he is framed for a crime he didn't commit. Locked in an experimental super prison, Dennis decides to reinvent himself as the hero Ghostface Killah and begin the battle for safety of everyone.

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THE SAGA OF THE BLOODY BENDERS | Rick Geary

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Love true crime stories? This graphic retelling of the murderous Bender clan will enthrall you. The Benders came to Kansas in the late 1800's to set up a store for provisions and rest on the prairie. When travelers start disappearing, the quiet Bender family starts to look very suspicious.



INCOGNEGRO | Mat Johnson and Warren Pleece

FIC
Set in the 1930's, Zane Pinchback is an African-American journalist who uses his ability to "pass" for white to shed light on lynchings in the South. Just as he is about to give up his beat, his brother becomes entangled in a murder case and Zane ends up undercover one last time. Beautifully illustrated but also graphic.



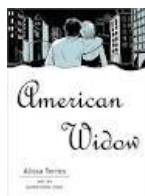
ASTERIOS POLYP | David Mazzucchelli

FIC
Asterios Polyp is an award-winning architect (despite never having actually built anything) who needs to find new structure in his life. A charming piece of satire that hits on tough topics like spirituality and aesthetics but manages to use the graphic medium to convey its message. Definitely worth seeing!



WATCHMEN | Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons

YA
No graphic novel list is complete without it! Originally issued in comic book format, this is the entire series in one book. Someone is killing off or discrediting the former Crimebusters superheroes. Those left come together to discover who. The character development is unparalleled!



AMERICAN WIDOW | Alissa Torres and Sungyoon Choi

B
Alissa Torres' husband began working at the World Trade Center on September 10th, 2001. The next day, she became a widow. This is a raw and heartfelt retelling of how Torres met her husband and her life as it drastically changed without him.



DMZ VOL. 1: ON THE GROUND | Brian Wood and Riccardo Burchielli

FIC
Set in the near future, middle America has risen up and overthrown the government. Manhattan is ground zero, a demilitarized zone between the Free armies and what remains of the United states. Photojournalist Matty Roth is assigned to accompany a veteran reporter into the DMZ. When everything goes horribly wrong, Matty needs to survive on his own in this military wasteland.

