

# Graphic Novels for Older Teens

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Comics for the Older Crowd

## Super-Hero

### [Batman: dark victory](#)

by Loeb, Jeph

*Batman battles a number of foes including a cop killer known as the Hangman, and he must do it alone, until he meets an orphaned boy who will help him and thus become the boy wonder known as Robin.*

### [Batman: the Dark Knight strikes again](#)

by Miller, Frank

*Written as a sequel to the groundbreaking "Batman: The Dark Knight Returns," this masterly hardcover takes place three years after Batman's defeat of Superman.*

### [Daredevil visionaries](#)

by Miller, Frank

*All the elements that made Miller's tenure on Daredevil a comic noir classic are here: gritty, street-level action, moody atmosphere, and widescreen adventure told with a cinematic eye. The stories in this volume feature unforgettable characters like the Kingpin, the mammoth king of the New York Underworld; Bullseye, the deranged but deadly assassin; Elektra, the woman Daredevil loves but is forced to oppose; and, of course, Daredevil himself, blind as justice, he is an attorney by day and an urban vigilante by night. Also introduced in this collection is the mysterious ninja brotherhood, The Hand, the group that will ultimately cause Elektra's untimely demise. The stories included in the volume dedicated to Frank Miller's classic work show the continued development of an artistic legend as his skills continued to grow in stature and depth.*

### [Ex machina, the first hundred days](#)

by Vaughan, Brian

*Set in our modern-day real world, Ex Machina tells the story of civil engineer Mitchell Hundred, who becomes America's first living, breathing superhero after a strange accident gives him amazing powers. Eventually tiring of risking his life merely to help maintain the status quo, Mitchell retires from masked crime-fighting and runs for Mayor of New York City, winning by a landslide! But Mayor Hundred has to worry about more than just budget problems and an antagonistic governor, especially when a mysterious hooded figure begins assassinating plow drivers during the worst snowstorm in the city's history!*

### [Identity crisis](#)

by Meltzer, Brad

*The crimefighting community is devastated by the death of one of their own when Sue Dibny, the wife of Elongated Man, is murdered in her home, leading to a search for clues and suspects.*

[Legion of super-heroes: teenage revolution](#)

by Waid, Mark

*In this new incarnation of the 1960s comic strip, a thirty-first century group of teenagers rebel against their parents and their super-utopian society to form the Legion of Super-Heroes and fight crime, in homage to the heroes of the twentieth century.*

[The Death of Superman](#)

**Series Title:** [Superman](#)

by Jurgens, Dan

*Tells the staggering story of Superman's demise has been one of DC's best sellers since its release in January, 1992. The Death of Superman, the opening volume of the saga of Superman's death and rebirth, introduced the unstoppable death dealer known as Doomsday.*

[The league of extraordinary gentlemen](#)

by Moore, Alan

*Take a group of extraordinary literary figures like Allan Quartermain, Captain Nemo, Dr. Jekyll, the Invisible Man and Mina Harker and put them together to save England from its enemies.*

## **Humor**

[A right to be hostile: the Boondocks treasury](#)

by McGruder, Aaron

*Featuring more than 700 strips (more than 400 never collected in book form) and including the much-debated and often-banned post-9/11 strips, this must-have "Boondocks" comics collection will delight hardcore fans.*

[David Boring](#)

by Clowes, Daniel

*From Academy Award nominee Clowes, author of "Ghost World," comes this graphic novel--a fragmented slice of life and surrealistic fantasy about luckless, 19-year-old David Boring. Illustrations throughout, some in color.*

[Ghost world](#)

by Clowes, Daniel

*One of the best-selling and critically-acclaimed graphic novels of all-time telling the story of two supremely ironic, above-it-all teenagers facing the thrilling uncertainty of life after high school. As they attempt to carry their life-long friendship into a new era, the careful dynamics of their inseparable bond are jolted, and what seemed like a future of endless possibilities looks more like an encroaching reality of strip malls, low-paying service jobs and fading memories.*

[Penny arcade: birds are weird](#)

by Holkins, Jerry

*Collects all the comic strips published on the Penny Arcade website during the year 2003, which poke fun at current video games, gamers, the gaming industry and gaming culture in general.*

## **Fantasy/Science Fiction**

[Castle waiting](#)

by Medley, Linda

*Drawing on Sleeping Beauty and The Canterbury Tales for starters, this revisionist, picaresque Harvey Award-and Eisner Award-winning fantasy loads in numerous sly references to other fairy tales and myths. After Sleeping Beauty's prince sweeps her off to his homeland, the kingdom is deserted except for a handful of retainers remaining in the castle...waiting. Later and elsewhere, a young pregnant woman departs under mysterious circumstances for Castle Waiting, by now a legendary sanctuary. The tale follows the lady Jain as she reaches the castle and makes friends with its eccentric residents: the outspoken and warm-hearted cook, the aging ladies in waiting, the stork-headed steward, a taciturn blacksmith, a horse-headed knight, a reclusive scientist in a bird mask, and the bearded nun Sister Peace. Gradually, the story focuses on Peace's unusual and entertaining reminiscences. The charming black-and-white art evokes medieval-style woodcuts but with a much more playful mood. Featuring talking animals, romance, demons, magic, and miracles aplenty, this is a sophisticated and delightful saga for all ages.*

[Fables: legends in exile](#)

by Willingham, Bill

*In Fabletown, where fairy tale legends live alongside regular New Yorkers, everyone wants to know who killed Rose Red, and the community is soon taking sides against one another.*

[Kurt Busiek's Astro City: the tarnished angel](#)

**Series Title:** [Astro City](#)

by Busiek, Kurt

*When recently paroled super-villain Steeljack finds himself back on the streets, he quickly discovers that life outside of prison may be even harder than his life as a prisoner. Trying to make good with his life, he is still unable to find work that won't violate his parole. Desperate, Steeljack takes a more dangerous job: investigating the murders of several super-villains in his own neighborhood. But when Steeljack discovers the plan behind the killings, will the answers he finds cost him his life?*

[Rising Stars: born in fire](#)

**Series Title:** [Rising Stars](#)

by Straczynski, J. Michael

*113 people are born with power beyond mortal man. Like unto gods, they wield life, death, terror, beauty, and what happens in the spaces in-between. Babylon Five's award winning creator, J. Michael Straczynski, brings to life the tale of 113 individuals with one thing in common, each was affected by a comet crashing into Pederson, Illinois before they were born. A comet that gave each extraordinary*

abilities. Raised by a very watchful government, one "Special" as they are called, discovers that the 113 are slowly being murdered, one by one. But who would have the powers or know how to do it, unless the killer comes from within their own group?

[Starman: sins of the father](#)

**Series Title:** [Starman](#)

by Robinson, James

*This collection presents an unforgettable tale of all consuming hatred and cynical heroism. During the Golden Age, Ted Knight, the original Starman, continually found himself in battle with his archnemesis, the Mist. Decades later, this old foe looks to continue this ancient vendetta against the elderly Knight as he returns and takes the life of the hero's oldest son. Now Ted's rebellious younger son Jack is forced into a role that he does not want and has spent a lifetime denying. Wielding his father's power staff, the reluctant youth takes on the guise of a new Starman as he looks to avenge his brother and end the threat of the Mist once and for all.*

[The Sandman: the doll's house](#)

**Series Title:** [The Sandman library](#)

by Gaiman, Neil

*Featuring the popular characters from the award-winning Sandman series by Neil Caiman, "The Sandman: Endless Nights" reveals the legend of the Endless, a family of magical and mythical beings. In this highly imaginative book that boasts diverse styles of breathtaking full-color art, seven peculiar and powerful siblings each reveal more about their true beings as they star in their own tales.*

[Y: the last man, Unmanned](#)

by Vaughan, Brian

*When a plague of unknown origin instantly kills every mammal with a Y chromosome, unemployed and unmotivated slacker Yorick Brown suddenly discovers that he is the only male left in a world inhabited solely by women. Accompanied by his mischievous monkey and the mysterious Agent 355, Yorick embarks on a transcontinental journey to find his girlfriend and discover why he is the last man on Earth. But with a gang of feminist extremists and the leader of the Israel Defense Forces hunting him, Yorick's future, as well as that of the human race, may be short-lived.*

## Teen Themes

[Demo](#)

by Wood, Brian

*Twelve stories of young people standing at the crossroads, each faced with a life-altering decision in a world where merely living is hard enough*

[Paul has a summer job](#)

by Rabagliati, Michel

*Canadian high-school dropout Paul stumbles onto a job at a summer camp for disadvantaged children and discovers a way to move forward with his life.*

[Scott Pilgrim's precious little life](#)

by O'Malley, Bryan Lee

*Scott Pilgrim's life is fantastic. He's 23 years old, in a rock band, between jobs, and dating a cute high school girl. Everything's awesome until a seriously mind-blowing delivery girl named Ramona Flowers enters his life.*

[The Devil Does Exist](#)

**Series Title:** [Volume 1, The Devil Does Exist](#)

by Mitsuba, Takanashi

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*Shy high school girl Kayano is teased by the school's most notorious student, Edogawa Takeru, the devilishly handsome son of the principal. Things go from bad to worse when Kayano learns that her mother is engaged to the school principal.*

[The plain Janes](#)

by Castellucci, Cecil

*When Jane moves to the suburbs, she thinks her life is over, but she meets three friends who form a club P.L.A.I.N.E., but can art really save a group of misfits from high school?*