



GRAPHIC RAVE 2025

Award Winners

Samuel Teer and Mar Julia **Printz Award**
Brownstone

A vivid, sweeping, ultimately hopeful story about navigating your heritage even when you feel like you don't quite fit in.

Sumiko Arai
The Guy She Was Interested In Wasn't a Guy at All Vol. 1

Aya loves listening to rock, but no one else seems to share her interest...until she meets a cool, stylish employee at a CD shop. He has this air of mystery about him, and Aya falls hard for him—not knowing her crush is actually her female classmate Mitsuki!

Manga Style

Katsura Ise and Takuma Yokota
Destroy All Humans. They Can't Be Regenerated

It's the nineties at Tokiwagi Middle School. And for gamers like Hajime Kano, after the release of Magic: The Gathering, nothing will ever be the same again!

Chugong and Dubu
Solo Leveling Vol. 10

Known as the Weakest Hunter of All Mankind, E-rank hunter Jinwoo Sung's contribution to raids amount to trying not to get killed. Unfortunately, between his mother's hospital bills, his sister's tuition, and his own lack of job prospects, he has no choice but to continue to put his life on the line.

Adaptations

Rainbow Rowell and Gabi Nam
Fangirl the Manga Vol. 4
Cath is a Simon Snow fan. Okay, everybody is a Simon Snow fan, but for Cath, being a fan is her life. Cath's sister has mostly grown away from fandom, but Cath just can't let go...

Tamora Pierce, Becca Farrow and Devin Grayson
First Test

In a world not quite ready for her ambition, a determined girl seeks knighthood and finds herself on a mission to prove it.

David F. Walker and Marcus Kwame Anderson

Big Jim and the White Boy
With compelling artwork and riveting storytelling, the boundaries of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* are pushed in this incredible graphic novel, exploring the triumphs and tribulations of Jim and his family.

Ursula K. Le Guin and Fred Fordham
A Wizard of Earthsea

Ged was the greatest sorcerer in Earthsea, but in his youth he was the reckless Sparrowhawk. In his hunger for power and knowledge, he tampered with long-held secrets and unleashed a terrible shadow.

Best graphic novels and manga for middle and high school-aged readers, chosen by Oregon's young adult librarians



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Note:

Book descriptions are adapted from publisher websites.



Survival

Molly Knox Ostertag

The Deep Dark

High school senior Magdalena Herrera has adult responsibilities and a deadly secret hidden in the dark of the basement, one that drains her of energy and leaves her bleeding—until the return of her childhood friend Nessa forces her to face her secrets.

Jen Wang

Ash's Cabin

The only person who ever seemed to get Ash was their Grandpa. Before he died, he used to talk about building a secret cabin. Did he ever build it? What if it's still there, waiting for him to come back...or for Ash to find it? To Ash, that cabin is starting to feel like the perfect escape from the miserable feeling of alienation that haunts their daily life.

Maria van Lieshout

Song of a Blackbird

This timely graphic novel weaves together two timelines to reveal how art, in the face of political upheaval and nearly insurmountable adversity, can become our greatest lifeline.

Horror-Comedy

Jordan Morris and Bowen McCurdy

Youth Group

When cynical, gothy Kay lets her mom talk her into joining the youth group at their church, she isn't prepared to walk in on the clean-cut youth group leaders, Meg and Cortland, in the middle of a real-deal exorcism.

Superhero Spotlight

Tom Taylor, Adriano Lucas, and Bruno Redondo

Nightwing Vol. 7 Fallen Grayson

Dick Grayson's life is crumbling around him thanks to Heartless, a villain who seems to want nothing more than to sabotage Nightwing's existence! Forced out of his home, Dick must re-learn exactly what makes him who he is.

Justin Reynolds, Pablo Leon, Roseanne Brown, Penelope Gaylord and Maca Gil

Around the Spider-Verse

Take a trip around the Spider-Verse:

- The tour guide on his field trip has Miles Morales's Spidey Sense tingling.
- Gwen Stacy's punk band's concert is interrupted by the Jackal.
- Anya Corazón must save her father from a trap laid by Kraven the Hunter at the Zoo.

Julio Anta and Jacoby Salcedo

This Land is Our Land:

A Blue Beetle Story

As high school student Jaime Reyes begins to realize he and his border community in El Paso, Texas, are being used as pawns in the immigration debate, he finds an odd bug-like artifact and begins feeling different.



Nonfiction

Kiara Valdez, Jay Jay Patton, Antoine Patton and Markai Jenai

Dear Dad

This powerful coming-of-age graphic novel memoir tells of Jay Jay Patton's life growing up with a dad in -- and out of -- prison.

Love & Friendship

Victoria Evans

The History of Everything

A tender graphic novel that delves into the heart of a best friendship and explores what it means to grow up without growing apart.

Purpah

Suitor Armor

Secrets hide behind every corner of the castle walls in this exciting graphic novel that follows the budding romance between a lady-in-waiting and an enchanted suit of armor.

Hari Conner

I Shall Never Fall in Love

A historically inspired, joyfully queer, stunningly romantic graphic novel where two friends discover their feelings for each other and find a space in their world for their love and identity.

Middle Grade

K. O'Neill

A Song for You and I

While their flying horse recovers from injury, a novice ranger travels by foot on a journey of self-discovery and gender exploration alongside a companion who shares their growing affections.

Vera Brosgol

Plain Jane and the Mermaid

Jane is incredibly plain. Everyone says so. Determined to get some semblance of independence, Jane prepares to propose to Peter, who might just say yes to get away from his father. It's would've been a good plan, if he wasn't kidnapped by a mermaid.