

# 2026 Little Maverick Graphic Novel Reading List



The Little Maverick Graphic Novel Reading List is a recommended reading list designed for children in grades K-5. The purpose of the list is to encourage students to explore a variety of current graphic novels. The Little Maverick Graphic Novel Reading List is intended for recreational reading, not to support a specific curriculum. Due to the diversity of this age range, Texas librarians should purchase titles on this list according to their individual collection policies.

*\* Titles received a unanimous vote from the selection committee*

*+ Title is part of a series*

## Grades K - 2

*+Chip Plays Grown Up* by Maddie Frost (HarperAlley, 2024)

*\*+Dino Poet* by Tom Angleberger (Abrams Fanfare, 2025)

*\*The Fire-Breathing Duckling* by Frank Cammuso (TOON Books, 2025)

*+The Fix-Its: Nail Need Help* by Sarah Lynne Reul (HarperAlley, 2024)

*Froggy: A Pond Full of Pals!* by Paige Walshe (Flying Eye Books, 2025)

*+Pencil and Eraser: We have a Dull-Emma!* by Jenny Alvarado (G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2024)

*\*What if Marty Doesn't Like My Party?* by Katie Arthur (Owlkids, 2025)

## **Grades K – 5**

\*+*Barnacle Bay* by Jana Curll (Greystone Kids, 2025)

\*+*Detective Beans and the Case of the Missing Hat* by Li Chen (Andrews McMeel Publishing, 2024)

+*Junie B Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus: The Graphic Novel* by Barbara Park, adapted by Colleen A. F. Venable, illustrated by Honie Beam (Random House Books for Young Readers, 2025)

+*Max, a Little Axolotl* by Joey Spiotto (Graphix, 2025)

+*Rover and Speck: It's a Gas!* by Jonathan Roth (Kids Can Press, 2024)

+*Saphie the One-Eyed Cat Volume 1* by JOHO (Graphix, 2025)

\*+*Supa Nova* by Chanté Timothy (Nosy Crow, 2025)

## **Grades 3 – 5**

*Almost Sunset* by Wahab Algarmi (HarperAlley, 2025)

*The Cartoonists Club* by Raina Telgemeier and Scott McCloud (Graphix, 2025)

*Chickenpox* by Remy Lai (Henry Holt and Company, 2025)

*Creaky Acres* by Calista Brill, illustrated by Nilah Magruder (Kokila, 2025)

+*Dream On* by Shannon Hale, illustrated by Marcela Cespedes (Roaring Brook Press, 2025)

*North for the Winter* by Bobby Podesta (First Second, 2025)

*Free Piano (Not Haunted)* by Whitney Gardner (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2025)

*How to Talk to Your Succulent* by Zoe Persico (Tundra Books, 2025)

*Mixed Up* by Kami Garcia, illustrated by Brittney Williams (First Second, 2025)

+*Monster Locker* by Jorge Aguirre, illustrated by Andrés Vera Martínez (First Second, 2024)

*Oasis* by Guojing (Godwin Books, 2025)

*Pacheco and the Witch Mountain* by Juan E. Zambrano (Andrews McMeel Publishing, 2025)

+*Paws: Hazel Has Her Hands Full* by Nathan Fairbairn, illustrated by Michele Assarasakorn (G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2025)

+*Speak up, Santiago!: A Hillside Valley Graphic Novel* by Julio Anta, illustrated by Gabi Mendez (Random House Graphic, 2025)

*Speechless* by Aron Nels Steinke (Graphix, 2025)

*Wish I was a Baller* by Amar Shah, illustrated by Rashad Doucet (Graphix, 2025)