

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 Cull (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)