

BOSCO'S YOUNG TEEN READERS LIST (12 thru 16)

SUPER-HERO

ARANA VOL 1 HEART OF SPIDER DIGEST TP

NOV041830D

\$ 7.99

A scrappy teen from Brooklyn by day, Anya will become the butt-kicking Hunter of the ancient and mystical Spider Society by night. But first, she must survive her initiation and prove herself on her first mission – all while going to high school and hiding everything from her dad! Arana is a magical fantasy starring Marvel's first Latina hero – as featured on the WB, Fox News, CNN and Telemundo.

review by Marvel Entertainment

BATMAN DARK KNIGHT RETURNS TP

DEC058055D

\$ 14.95

Sinister, fierce, and burning with power, reacting against the new laws prohibiting superheroes from walking the streets, the Dark Knight returns to his crime fighting ways after a ten year absence. Frank Miller made comic history in the 80s with this reinvention of Batman -- and deservedly so. This collection remains one of the most powerful examples of just what a superhero tale can be.

review by [robin www.noflyingnotights.com](http://robin.www.noflyingnotights.com)

BATMAN NO MANS LAND VOL 1 TP

OCT058015D

\$ 17.99

After a massive earthquake devastates Gotham City, the only people left in the city after the evacuation are the poor, the insane, and the criminals. When the government writes off the city, making it illegal to enter it, rival gangs fight for territory and the limited resources available. While a conflicted Batman seems to have forsaken Gotham City, he finally returns; and the war between good and evil begins once again. Volume 1 of a series.

review by Sue O'Brien, Downers Grove Public Library

ELECTRIC GIRL VOL 1 TP

STAR12452F

\$ 9.95

Electric Girl, a.k.a. Virginia, is not a butt-kicking, witty, whip-smart female superhero, as her name might suggest. No. Instead, Virginia is a witty, whip-smart, not so butt-kicking teenage girl who just happens to be the best natural conductor of electricity since copper. Michael Brennan's delightful book shows Virginia's life and adventures with a logical eye toward what it would really be like. Keep an eye out for the short sequences of silent, image-only stories they show the amazing strength of an image to tell a complex (and funny) story.

review by [robin www.noflyingnotights.com](http://robin.www.noflyingnotights.com)

INVINCIBLE VOL 1 FAMILY MATTERS TP

STAR19375D

\$ 12.95

In this era of violent superhero tales, in which we're led to question the nature and heroics of superheroes themselves, I every once in a while long for a story where the good guys are good (though still human) and the heroism is clear, without mixed motives or shady dealings. **Invincible** is just such a breath of fresh air. Not a terribly new idea -- the son of a superhero begins learning his own powers and place in the world -- the whole book is nonetheless wonderfully refreshing. It answers some of those long-standing questions about the pedestrian aspect of superheroes. There are some charming, light moments throughout the book, from Mark's first flight with his dad to conversations with a certain pretty member of Mark's new team, but the awareness of danger and consequence within the heroes' roles keeps the book from being fluff or saccharine. Cory Walker and Bill Crabtree's work on the art is equally lovely and uncluttered, filled with eloquent expressions and light, energetic tones.

review by [robin www.noflyingnotights.com](http://robin.www.noflyingnotights.com)

RUNAWAYS VOL 1 PRIDE AND JOY DIGEST TP

FEB041621D

\$ 7.99

Each year a group of teenagers is brought together while their parents meet as a charitable foundation. This year, however, the teens witness a murder and make a horrible discovery-their parents are really supervillains! In fear for their own lives, they run away and vow to stop their parents' evil plans-and in the process discover some fantastic powers of their own. Book 1 of a series. Audience: Young Adults, Adults

review by Debbie Darwine, LaGrange Public Library



SIDEKICKS TRANSFER STUDENT TP DIGEST EDITION

STAR19776E

\$ 11.95

Terry Highland's dad was once a superhero sidekick, and Terry has powers of her own. So how do kids with super-powers learn to use them? By enrolling in Shuster Academy, a state-of-the-art high school that trains future heroes. Life at Shuster isn't all costumes and kicking butt, though; use your powers between classes and you'll have to deal with the strict Ms. Sternin. As Terry adjusts to her new environment, she has to deal with exams, demerits, and cliques like any other high school student. Her greatest challenge, however, will be overcoming her own fears. J. Torres, who also writes **Alison Dare**, knows exactly what high school is like and Takeshi Miyazawa draws teens who really look like teens!

review by [Jen www.noflyingnotights.com](http://www.noflyingnotights.com)

SUPERMAN FOR ALL SEASONS TP

FEB068194D

\$ 17.99

Before the legend of Superman there was Clark Kent, a young man growing up in rural Kansas with powers he is learning to get used to. How Clark leaves Smallville for Metropolis, and how he deals with his new identity as Superman, shows why Superman is still the iconic superhero. A must-read for all ages.

review by Nancy Bent, LaGrange Public Library

TEEN TITANS VOL 1 A KIDS GAME TP

MAY058168D

\$ 9.99

THUNDERBOLTS JUSTICE LIKE LIGHTNING TP

STAR14718D

\$ 19.95

TOM STRONG BOOK ONE TP

STAR17610D

\$ 17.95

Alan Moore's America's Best Comics line -- distillations of classic comic books, their essences are intact while the poor storytelling, horrible art and years of conflicting history are stripped away. The resulting brew is a joyous blend adventure, excitement and fun. □ Tom Strong is Alan Moore's take on Batman, blended with Superman and a touch of Tarzan. Tom Strong has no superpowers, uses advanced technology, but was reared in a jungle.

review by Lance Anderson, Hinsdale Public Library

ULTIMATE SPIDER-MAN VOL 1 POWER & RES TP

STAR13283D

\$ 14.95

What would you do if you could suddenly wallop the bullies who tease you? If you could literally climb the walls? Come on, I bet even the best of us would be up the side of a building in about two seconds flat dropping water balloons. Peter Parker learns the hard way that superpowers provide many temptations and that in order to be a true hero, he has to temper his abilities with a careful mind and b heart.

review by [Robin www.noflyingnotights.com](http://www.noflyingnotights.com)

WIZARD SPIDER-MAN MASTERPIECE EDITION DLX HC

AUG042291E

\$ 29.99

WIZARD WOLVERINE MASTERPIECE EDITION DLX HC

JUN042059E

\$ 29.99

WIZARD X-MEN MASTERPIECE EDITION DLX HC

STAR20195E

\$ 29.99

Wizard Masterpiece Editions collect 10 of the most classic, popular and pivotal issues into a great hardcover edition and then load it full of history and information on your favorite characters.

review by Eric Helmick, BOSCO'S

FANTASY/SCIENCE FICTION**BOOKS OF MAGIC TP**

STAR00415D

\$ 19.95

What would you do if four creepy guys in trench coats emerged from a dark alley and asked if you believed in magic? You'd probably do what Timothy Hunter, the young hero of **The Books of Magic**, does: you'd run. 12-year-old Tim is no fool, and he's naturally suspicious when four mysterious men appear one day to offer him experiences beyond his imagination. Tim, it transpires, has the potential to become the greatest wizard of his age--a potential he may fulfill for good or for evil.

review by [jen www.noflyingnotights.com](http://www.noflyingnotights.com)



COURTNEY CRUMRIN VOL 1 NIGHT THINGS TP

STAR19412E

\$ 11.95

When her parents become caretakers for an elder uncle, Courtney is lost without friends at her new school. Feeling trapped in her uncle's creepy house, she discovers his library and there is more to the dark than she could imagine. Goths and other dark loners may find Courtney appealing.

review by Lance Anderson, Hinsdale Public Library

ELFQUEST THE GRAND QUEST VOL 1 TP

NOV030254D

\$ 9.95

An American Library Association reviewer called it "one of the most important works in American fantasy."

GIRL GENIUS VOL 1 TP

STAR16193F

\$ 10.00

In a time when the Industrial Revolution has become an all-out war, Mad Science rules the World... with mixed success. At Transylvania Polygnostic University, Agatha Clay is a student with trouble concentrating and rotten luck. Dedicated to her studies but unable to build anything that actually works, she seems destined for a lackluster career as a minor lab assistant. But when the University is overthrown, a strange "clank" stalks the streets and it begins to look like Agatha might carry a spark of mad Science after all.

review by Airship Entertainment

INU YASHA VOL 1 2ND ED TP

STAR18267E

\$ 8.95

Schoolgirl Kagome falls into a well inside a mini-shrine and finds herself in an unfamiliar land of legends trying to recover the Jewel of Four Souls, a jewel that gives great powers to demons that possess it. When the jewel shatters, Kagome and the demon Inu-Yasha must work together to locate the pieces of the jewel to restore it and protect it from falling into the wrong hands.

Volume 1 of a series.

review by Sue O'Brien, Downers Grove Public Library

NARUTO VOL 1 TP

STAR19164E

\$ 7.95

In another world, ninja are the ultimate power – and in the Village Hidden in the Leaves live the stealthiest ninjas of all. Twelve years prior, the village was attacked by a fearsome threat – a Nine-Tailed Fox Spirit that claimed the life of the Fourth Hokage, the village champion. Amongst the ranks of ninja-in-training is a parentless young troublemaker named Naruto Uzumaki. Naruto has a secret link to that fateful day a dozen years back. That link has made him a social outcast, but also strengthened his resolve – to become the next Hokage! *review by* VIZ Media

NEON GENESIS EVANGELION VOL 1 2ND ED TP

JAN042824E

\$ 9.95

Shinji has always wished to know his long absent father, and when he's suddenly summoned to his father's side, he's both ecstatic and nervous -- what will his father want? The world is under attack by massive alien machines, nicknames angels. Shinji's father is responsible for creating humanity's defense. Little does Shinji know, but his father has far more in mind than a family reunion.

review by [robin](http://www.noflyingnotights.com) www.noflyingnotights.com

OH MY GODDESS VOL 1 AUTHENTIC ED TP

JUL050053V

\$ 10.95

This Japanese comic is about three sisters, all goddesses, who range in age from 10 to 25. Queen Sayoko, volume 14 in the series, deals mainly with Sayoko, former queen of the college campus, and her quest to regain her title from the goddess Belldandy, the middle sister. It becomes clear eventually that this is all just a plot put forth by the demon Mara, enemy of the goddess sisters.

Humorous action unfolds as readers race to find out if Belldandy can save the day.

review by Jennifer Lowe, Tinley Park Public Library

STAR WARS TALES VOL 1 TP

STAR15089V

\$ 19.95



HUMOR

ALISON DARE LITTLE MISS ADVENTURES VOL 1 TP

STAR15495E

\$ 8.95

If this book were a movie pitch, I'd have to say that Alison Dare's story is the recent reincarnation of **The Mummy** crossed with Indiana Jones if Indiana Jones were a twelve-year old girl. In slick black and white, J. Torres and J. Jones introduce us to the intelligent, adventure-obsessed Alison Dare, daughter of an archeologist mother and a librarian/superhero father. Despite her parents' attempt to keep Alison reined in a bit by sending her to a boarding school, she and her two buddies still manage to get into their fair share of trouble. These infectious tales of adventure and romance revel in the traditions of classic serial adventures. Despite appearances, however, all is not fabulous in Alison's life-- her parents are divorced and the instances that remind her of this painful reality are subtle and feeling. *review by [robin](#) www.noflyingnotights.com*

ANY ARCHIE TITLE

All-American teenager Archie Andrews was introduced in 1941 (in the pages of a comic book called *Pep*), and his adventures have been published regularly ever since, making him one of the longest-running characters in comics. His gang includes his slacker pal Jughead, his shifty rival Reggie, and Betty and Veronica, the two rivals for Archie's affections whom he can never choose between. Several books reprint stories from the extensive Archie Comics line (which has included titles such as *Everything's Archie*, *Archie's Pals & Gals*, *Archie's TV Laugh-Out*, etc. etc.), many spoofing trends, fads, and heroes of the decade in question (Elvis and sock hops in the '50s, the Beatles and hippies in the '60s, and so on). Good clean fun. *review by Steve Raiteri*

FRUMPY THE CLOWN I FREAKING OUT THE NEIGHBORS TP

STAR12600E

\$ 15.95

Frumpy the Clown is extremely funny and irreverent. One of my personal favorites. If you have kids of your own or just enjoy laughing at those that do, this book is for you. *review by Eric Helmick, BOSCO'S*

REALISTIC

300 (Hard Cover)

STAR10465V

\$ 30.00

Frank Miller is one of today's most prolific graphic artists and here he has created a beautifully drawn account of one of antiquity's great stories, the Spartan 300. This book tells the story of the Battle of Thermopylae when the Spartan army held off the Persians led by King Xerxes for three days. They were hopelessly outnumbered but determined to fight the Persians. While they were ultimately defeated, the battle gave the rest of Greece time to gather its forces and ultimately defeat the Persian army. While not everything in this story is historically accurate it should hold the interest of anyone interested in this period. The graphics are all in color and are drawn beautifully. The story is violent and much of the work is bloody. *review by Lisa Morrison Korajczyk, Richton Park Public Library*

AGE OF BRONZE VOL 1 A THOUSAND SHIPS TP

STAR13458D

\$ 19.95

Eric Shanower has decided to tackle the story of the Trojan War in his Eisner Award-winning book, *A Thousand Ships*. Everyone knows the story of the Trojan War but Shanower brings it to life with his drawings and his stories about Paris, Achilles and Odysseus. The book contains a glossary, genealogical tables, and archeological facts as well as explanations from the author. I highly recommend this book and look forward to reading the second volume, *The Sacrifice*. *review by Lisa Morrison Korajczyk, Richton Park Public Library*

AUSCHWITZ HC

MAR042129F

\$ 16.95

This book begins the story in 1993 in the former Yugoslavia with a husband and a wife in a cell arguing over why they remained silent all their lives about what happened to them in the Nazi death camp, and then we are taken into the husband's recollections of that terrible time. We see how he, his wife, and daughter were separated at the trains and how the brutality of the situation was so inhuman. We see people executed for no reason. We are taken inside the gas chambers and what lengths people will go to survive.. The book ends with the police entering the cell where the couple is being held and they are executed. The drawings in the book are extremely dark but beautifully drawn. The subject matter is heavy and not the easiest to read, but definitely a must read for anyone interested in the Holocaust. *review by Lisa Morrison Korajczyk, Richton Park Public Library*



CARTOON GUIDE TO CHEMISTRY TP JUN053437H \$ 16.95

CARTOON GUIDE TO THE ENVIRONMENT TP DEC053513H \$ 16.95

Using Easter Island as an example of a destroyed environment, the authors cover environmental systems and issues from the hydrologic cycle to population growth to acid rain to diversity in this concise, easy-to-understand primer illustrated with black and white drawings. A cautionary tale of what can happen to the Earth if we're not more careful. Includes a bibliography and an index.

review by Sue O' Brien, Downers Grove Public Library

CARTOON HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSE I TP STAR17921H \$ 21.95

History -- blech. The way history is portrayed in textbooks with those musty, tedious recitations of dates and places, you can easily forget just how dynamic history can be. There were people, just like you, wrapped up in that event! They were excited, scared, happy, or defeated. Larry Gonick's **Cartoon History of the World Parts I and II** bring back the humor and the pathos to telling the story of past events, from the evolution of the planet to Greek fashion statements. While making you laugh, he also manages to teach the reader a great deal about the course of human events -- who knew history was this much fun?

review by [robin](http://www.noflyingnotights.com) www.noflyingnotights.com

CARTOON HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSE II TP DEC058124H \$ 22.95

CARTOON HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSE III TP STAR17812I \$ 21.95

IN THE SHADOW OF NO TOWERS GN JUL043088H \$ 19.95

Spiegelman recounts his experiences on 9/11, as he and his wife rush to rescue their daughter from a school near the World Trade Center. In beautiful color graphics, he processes his responses to the tragedy and to the current cowboy government. Thought provoking and humorous (as in the frame where his wife warns the writer that he will get news poisoning.)

review by Colleen Dearborn, Alsip-Merionette Park Public Library District

MAUS SURVIVORS TALE I TP STAR00161F \$ 14.00

MAUS SURVIVORS TALE II TP STAR02887F \$ 14.00

MAUS SURVIVORS TALE COMPLETE HC STAR03145F \$ 35.00

The author's Jewish father, Vladek Spiegelman, tells of agonizing experiences in World War II Poland. Intertwined are the struggles of the son to relate to his tortured father. Unforgettable pictures show the Jews as mice and the Nazis as cats. *Maus* won the Pulitzer Prize in 1992, the only graphic novel to do so.

review by Colleen Dearborn, Alsip-Merionette Park Public Library District

