

Year 3 – Graphic Novels & Easier Reads

Focus: Progressing Readers (2-3) / Upper Elementary – Middle School

Levels Decoded

IL – illustrated books (young readers booklist)

1 – beginning readers (I can read books)

2 – intermediate readers (bigger print, more pictures, shorter length than level 3)

3 – advanced readers (suitable for upper grammar & dialectical)

4 – mature readers (suitable for rhetorical, due to length or content)

*Books are ordered according to quarters. When considering if a graphic novel is the right level for your student, look to the length of the book. Also be sure to consider the content – these titles contain nothing I would deem inappropriate but Shakespeare and Dickens have some mature content. Generally, these books are great for independent readers in elementary and middle school, especially those who want an older looking book but are still emerging readers, loving and reading series like Magic Treehouse and the harder I-Can-Read books while beginning to move into true chapter books. Graphic novels are grouped first and longer novels are marked with *.*

Who are we kidding? The middle school reader and many rhetoric students would love these too. 😊

Quarter 1

Graphic Shakespeare by Kathy McEvoy

Macbeth (Usborne Graphic Shakespeare) by Russell Punter

Hamlet (Usborne Graphic Shakespeare) by Russell Punter

Teresa of Avila, God's Troublemaker* by Yoon Song-i

The Three Musketeers (Usborne Graphic Classics) by Russell Punter

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Who was Leonardo da Vinci? by Roberta Edwards (2)

St. Ignatius of Loyola: For the Greater Glory of God by Donna Giaimo (2)

Illustrated Stories from Shakespeare by Usborne (2)

Can You Escape from the Tower of London? by Blake Hoena(2) *You-Choose adventure*

Quarter 2

Moby Dick (Kid Classics)* by Margaret Novak, Herman Melville et. al

Isaac Newton and the Laws of Motion (Inventions & Discovery) by Andrea Gianopoulos

The Saints Chronicles, Collection 5 (features Vincent de Paul) by Sophia Press

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Who was Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart? by Yona Zeldis McDonough (2)

Who was Isaac Newton? by Janet Pascale (2)

The Adventures of Don Quixote by Argentina Palacios (2)

St. Martin de Porres: Humble Servant by Elizabeth DeDomenico (2)

Moonlight on the Magic Flute by Maria Pope Osborne (2)

Quarter 3

Blades of Freedom (Hazardous Tales) by Nathan Hale

Samuel Morse and the Telegraph (Inventions & Discovery) by David Seidman

Great Expectations (Quick Text)* by Jen Green, Charles Dickens, et. al

Oliver Twist (Graphic Classics) by Charles Dickens

A Christmas Carol (Original Text)* by Sean Wilson

A Christmas Carol by Dono Sanchez Almara

St. Bernadette of Lourdes: The Girl Who Saw Mary* by Daughters of St. Paul

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Germ Hunter: A Story about Louis Pasteur by Elaine Alphin (2)

Illustrated Stories from Dickens by Usborne (2)

Quarter 4

The Sinking of the Titanic by Matt Doeden

Treaties, Trenches, Mud, and Blood (Hazardous Tales) by Nathan Hale

Raid of No Return (Hazardous Tales) by Nathan Hale

Maximilian Kolbe: The Saint of Auschwitz by Jean-Francoise Vivier

The Shadow of His Wings: Graphic Biography of Fr. Gereon Goldman* by Max Temesou

Anne Frank* by Sid Jacobsen

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Sherlock Holmes Re-told for Children by Mark Williams (2) *available on Audible*

Tonight on the Titanic (Magic Treehouse) by Mary Pope Osborne (2)

The Titanic by Bob Temple (2) *You-Choose adventure*

At Battle in World War I by Allison Lassieur (2) *You-Choose adventure*

Who was Albert Einstein? By Jess Brallier (2)

St. Maximilian Kolbe: Mary's Knight by Patricia Jablonski (2)

World War II by Elizabeth Raun (2) *You-Choose adventure*

World War II Spies by Michael Burgan (2) *You-Choose adventure*

Franklin & Winston: A Christmas That Changed the World by Douglas Wood (2) *WWII*

The Little Riders by Margaretha Shemin (2) *WWII – girl befriends & saves landmark*

Twenty and Ten by Claire Huchet Bishop (2) *WWII – saving Jewish children*

Apollo 11 Moon Landing by Thomas Adamson (2) *You-Choose adventure*

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta by Mary Kathleen Glavich (2)