

Graphic Novels

Legend: The Graphic Novel, by Marie Lu. Adapted by Leigh Dragoon, Illustrated by Kaari. 2015.

The first in the series, "Legend" is a dystopian novel set in the future United States, now divided into the republic and the colonies. Day is the republic's most wanted criminal. June is a military prodigy born into an elite family. When June finds out that Day killed her brother, she is out for blood, but the teens soon discover information that changes everything.



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The Giver: Graphic Novel, by Lois Lowry, Adapted/Illustrated by P. Craig Russell. 2019.

Jonas lives in an ideal world without pain or suffering. But it's also a world without love, emotion, or even colour. Everything changes for Jonas when he is chosen to become the receiver, the one who holds all the memories of the world. Jonas is shown the past, which includes love, pain, and emotion. Armed with this new knowledge, Jonas must make a choice that could change the world forever.



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The Handmaid's Tale: Graphic Novel, by Margaret Atwood, Adapted/Illustrated by Renée Nault. 2019.

Offred lives in the republic of Gilead, formerly known as the United States. Women aren't allowed to read, speak, or even leave the house without permission. There is a drastically declining population, so all the fertile women are taken and trained to be handmaids. Their sole purpose is to bear children. They are responsible for preserving humanity. Offred can remember her old life before all of this happened. Is there any way to get back to that life?



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Ask the Experts:

What is a Dystopia?

"Dystopias are societies in cataclysmic decline, with characters who battle environmental ruin, technological control, and government oppression"

-Margaret Atwood

What is post-apocalyptic?

"Apocalyptic and post-apocalyptic fiction are subgenres of science fiction that are set in a time period where the earth as we know it is coming to an end"

-David Mamet

DYSTOPIAN & POST- APOCALYPTIC STORIES

**Books and Movies
for grades 9-12**

Books

They Both Die at the End, by Adam Silvera. 2017.

Humanity has figured out how to predict death dates with accuracy, and everyone receives an alert when they reach their last day of life. Mateo and Rufus are two teenage boys who both receive notice of their impending deaths on the same day. They meet up on a website designed to connect people during their final hours. The boys may only have one day left to live, but a lot can happen in a single day.



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Sanctuary, by Paola Mendoza and Abby Sher. 2020.

In the year 2032, America has built a wall along its border with Mexico and every U.S. citizen is implanted with an ID chip in order to weed out undocumented immigrants. 16-year-old Valentina and her family are from Columbia. They illegally escaped into the United States a few years before the ID chips were implemented. Now they must race find to safety in California, the one state that has withdrawn from the U.S. and now provides Sanctuary to immigrants. If they get caught on the way, they could be deported, or even killed.



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Cinderella is Dead, by Kalynn Bayron. 2020.

It's 200 years after Cinderella found her prince, and not much has changed. The palace still holds balls every year where couples meet up. But there is a dark twist to it all. The women have no choice. They are forced into arranged marriages. 16-year-old Sophia is sick of the system and decides to fight back, uncovering deep secrets of the kingdom along the way.



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Movies

Ready Player One, produced by Steven Spielberg, Kristie Macosko Krieger, Dan Farah, Donald De Line. Directed by Steven Spielberg. 2018.

It's the year 2045. The world has gotten so bad that people use virtual reality to escape into a utopia. The creator of the virtual reality has died, and his fortune is left to whoever can solve the puzzles he has hidden within it. It's a competitive and dangerous fight that an average teen named Wade stumbles into. To survive, he must win the game.



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The Midnight Sky, produced by Anonymous Content. Directed by George Clooney. 2020.

In the year 2049, catastrophic disaster wipes out almost everything on earth and makes the planet uninhabitable. Augustine, an astronomer stationed in the Arctic, believes he is the lone survivor of the disaster. He must race to get in contact with the only other humans alive, a group of scientists on a spacecraft who are searching for a habitable planet.



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The Circle, produced by Tom Hanks, James Ponsoldt, Gary Goetzman, Anthony Bregman. Directed by James Ponsoldt. 2017.

Mae Holland lands her dream job at a giant tech and social media company called The Circle. As she rises in the ranks, she is given the opportunity to test a new surveillance project. It involves surrendering more and more of her personal privacy to the company, and the deeper she gets, the more she realizes that there is power in information, as well as serious implications.



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Goddess in the Machine, by Lora Beth Johnson. 2020.

Andrea and her family went into a deep sleep for inter-galactic travel to a new planet. However, Andrea overslept by about 1000 years and wakes up in 3102. The planet is in ruin and the people there think she is a goddess. She knows it's not true, but she must play along if she is going to figure out if or how to get back home.



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Wilder Girls, by Rory Power. 2019.

Tox is a terrible sickness that kills and distorts the bodies of its victims. It has killed off all the adults at the Raxter school for girls, and the surviving students are in quarantine while they wait for the cure to arrive. When 16-year-old Hetty's best friend goes missing, she is willing to break quarantine and brave the horrible outside world to find her. But what she finds out there is much more than what she was looking for.



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The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes, by Suzanne Collins. 2020.

In this prequel to The Hunger Games trilogy, 18-year-old Coriolanus Snow is given the chance to mentor a tribute for the 10th annual Hunger games. The once elite Snow family has fallen out of favor in the capitol. Coriolanus hopes that if he can secure a hunger games victory, he can bring back the glory to his family name. Winning won't be easy though, as he is given the female tribute from District 12, as his mentee. The odds are stacked against him.



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