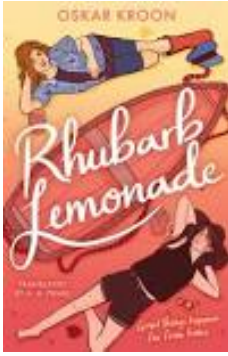


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Kroon, Oscar

Rhubarb Lemonade

Vinga dreams of the sea. At home, back in the city, Mum is sad and Dad has left for good. But here with Granddad on the island, all her problems feel far away. But things are different now too. The heat vibrates during the day, and a girl with a black hat has started appearing. Her name is Ruth. The only thing they seem to have in common is their age and that they are both on the island for the summer. But spending time together, their friendship soon turns out to be something much more. Rhubarb Lemonade is story filled with empathy and heart about an unusual summer when childhood comes to an end.



Jaigirdar, Adiba

Hani and Ishu's guide to Fake Dating

Everyone likes Hani Khan - she's easy going and one of the most popular girls at school. But when she comes out to her friends as bisexual, they don't believe her. Panicked, Hani blurts out that she's in a relationship... with a girl her friends can't stand - Ishu Dey. Ishu is the polar opposite of Hani. An academic overachiever. Her only problem? Becoming head girl is a popularity contest and Ishu is hardly popular. Pretending to date Hani is the only way she'll stand a chance of being elected.



Grehan, Meg

The Space Between

It's New Year's Eve, and Beth plans to spend a whole year alone, in her snug, safe house. But she has reckoned without floppy-eared, tail-wagging Mouse, who comes nosing to her window. Followed shortly by his owner, Alice. As Beth's year of solitude rolls out, Alice gently steals her way first into Beth's house and later into her heart. And by the time New Year's Eve comes round again – who knows?



McCaughrain, Kelly

Flying Tips for Flightless Birds

Twins Finch and Birdie Franconi are stars of the flying trapeze. But when Birdie suffers a terrifying accident, Finch must team up with the geeky new kid, Hector Hazzard, to form an all-boys double act and save the family circus school.

Together they learn to walk the high-wire of teen life and juggle the demands of friends, family, first love and facing up to who they are - all served up with a dash of circus-showbiz magic.



Oseman, Alice

Heartstopper

Charlie and Nick are at the same school, but they've never met, until one day when they're made to sit together. They quickly become friends, and soon Charlie is falling hard for Nick, even though he doesn't think he has a chance. But love works in surprising ways, and Nick is more interested in Charlie than either of them realised.

Heartstopper is about love, friendship, loyalty and mental illness. It encompasses all the small stories of Nick and Charlie's lives that together make up something larger, which speaks to all of us.



Knox Ostertag, Mallory

The Girl from the Sea

Morgan has a secret: She can't wait to escape the perfect little island where she lives. She's desperate to finish high school and escape her mother, her brother, and worst of all, her great group of friends who don't understand her at all. Morgan's biggest secret is that she has a lot of secrets, including the one about wanting to kiss another girl. Then one night, Morgan is saved from drowning by a mysterious girl named Keltie. The two become friends and suddenly life on the island doesn't seem so stifling anymore. But Keltie has some secrets of her own. And as the girls start to fall in love, everything they're each trying to hide will find its way to the surface - whether Morgan is ready or not.



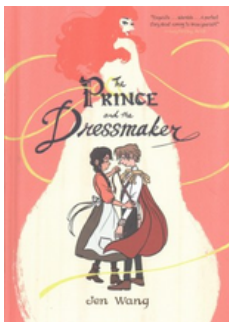
Walden, Tillie

Spinning

For ten years, figure skating was Tillie Walden's life. She woke before dawn for morning lessons, went straight to group practice after school, and spent weekends competing in glitter and tights. It was a central piece of her identity, her safe haven from the stress of school, bullies and family.

But over time, as she switched schools, got into art and fell in love with her first girlfriend, she began to question how the closed-minded world of figure skating fit in with the rest of her life.

Poignant and captivating, award-winning comics artist Tillie Walden's powerful graphic memoir captures what it's like to come of age, come out and come to terms with leaving behind everything you used to know.



Wang, Jen

The Prince and the Dressmaker

Sebastian's secret weapon is his brilliant dressmaker, Frances—his best friend and one of only two people who know the truth: sometimes this boy wears dresses. But Frances dreams of greatness, and being someone's secret weapon means being a secret. Forever. How long can Frances defer her dreams to protect her friend?



Walker, Suzanne & Xu, Wendy

Mooncakes

Nova is a young witch who reconnects with her nonbinary werewolf childhood friend Tam. Together they have to develop their magical powers as they protect their hometown from mysterious forces and fall in love.

