

Graphic Novels for Adult Literacy

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Graphic novels resemble comic books because they are a combination of illustration and the written word, but they tend to take on more complex topics and are noted for their sophisticated storytelling. Rather than being a replacement for "real" reading, graphic novels are increasingly recognized as valuable resources for readers of all types. This session will present examples of some critically acclaimed graphic novels, review how graphic novels require a different type of reading, and highlight ways that graphic novels might be useful in the adult literacy classroom. Workshop participants will be invited to share their own reading and teaching experiences with graphic novels.

