
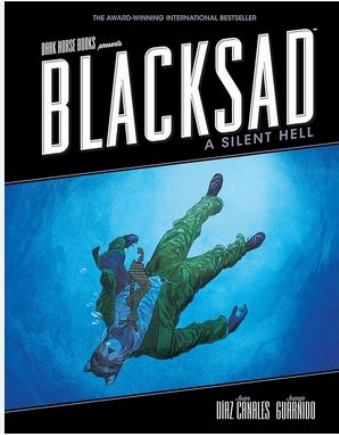



1Graphic Novels, Comics, and More! Fall 2024 Syllabus

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Date	Topic	Readings
Sept 12	Introduction	Meet and Greet Review of this semester's books and events Comic Con Review: Using Graphic novels in medicine
Sept 26	Graphic Novel: Mystery 	Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie, adapted and illustrated by Bob Al-Greene Just after midnight, the famous Orient Express is stopped in its tracks by a snowdrift. By morning, the millionaire Samuel Edward Ratchett lies dead in his compartment, stabbed a dozen times, his door locked from the inside. One of his fellow passengers must be the murderer, but who? Isolated by the storm, Detective Hercule Poirot must sort through the clues and the mysterious passengers to find the killer!
Oct 10	Graphic Novel: Mystery 	Blacksad: A Silent Hell by Juan Canales (Author) and Juanjo Guarnido (Illustrator) Set in New Orleans in the 1950's, Detective John Blacksad finds himself in the midst of Mardi Gras hot jazz, political intrigue, and cold-blooded murder. Hired to discover the fate of a celebrated pianist, Blacksad weaves his way through the treacherous underground of drugs and voodoo to find the killer and bring peace to his widow. Don't miss the last half of the book from the 2013 Eisner Award winning artist who provides us with an extensive review of his sketches, watercolor studies, and perspectives used to bring this beautiful book to life! We will discuss this as well. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2011 Eisner and Harvey Award-winner
Oct 24	Graphic Novel: Horror 	A Guest in the House by E. M. Carroll Just in time for Halloween is a story guaranteed to give you the "willies"! This tale involves a woman who has married a recent widower who is a little distant and aloof. His pre-teen daughter loves to draw, but she is also quiet. Alone with her thoughts, the woman explores her new neighborhood, and begins learns troubling and mysterious facts about her husband's late wife, causing her to question the circumstances of her death. Accident? Suicide? Or Murder? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New York Times' Notable Book of 2023. • Winner of the 2024 LA Times Book Prize. • 2024 Doug Wright Award for Best Comic Book.

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Graphic Novel: Science Fiction



The Private Eye

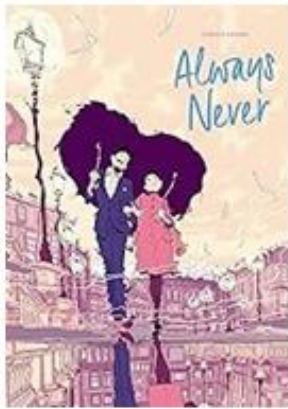
by Brian K Vaughn, Author, Marcos Martin and Muntsa Vicente, illustrators

As our country participates in a momentous election, we will consider a dystopian tale of a possible future. It is 2076, somewhere in the United States, where no one reveals their true identity. Decades earlier, Internet security was breached, and everyone’s private information was shared with the world, ruining lives and destroying trust. As a result, the Word Wide Web was abolished, and privacy is society’s paramount concern, with most wearing masks or costumes in public. An unlicensed Private Eye stumbles onto the most important case of his life!

2015 Eisner Award for Best Digital/Web Comic.
2015 Harvey Award for Best Online Comics Work.

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Graphic Novel: Romance



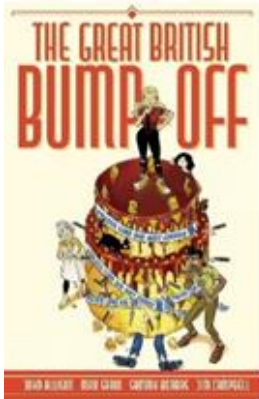
Always Never

by Jordi Lafebvre (Author, Illustrator), Clémence Sapin (Illustrator)

After forty years of being madly in love, Ana and Zeno are finally retiring and giving their romance a chance to bloom while they both still have time left. A unique but relatable love story told in reverse, with each chapter stepping further back through the decades of touch-and-go courting, showing both the heartbreaking moments that kept the two lovers apart, and the beautiful moments that kept their flame alive. This is a beautiful celebration of the complexities of family, responsibility, destiny, and how love persists across time.

Dec 12

Graphic Novel: Mystery



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The Great British Bump Off

by John Allison (Author), Max Sarin (Illustrator)

Just in time for winter’s best baking show ever is this enjoyable Agatha Christie-style mystery that will keep you guessing! When she enters her country's most beloved baking competition, The Great British Baking Show, Shauna Wickle's goal is to delight the judges, charm the nation, and make a few friends along the way. But when a fellow contestant is poisoned, it falls to her to apprehend the culprit while avoiding premature elimination from the competition and being the poisoner's next victim!

- Ringo Award for the Best Humor Comic

English graduate Ben Cook is searching for a job related to his passion for reading and writing. But after weeks of unsuccessful interviews, Ben applies to be a chef and is hired on a temporary basis. When he falls for one of the chefs, his career path starts to become much less clear. Original recipes included!

- 2023 Alex Award Winner.
- 2023 Eisner Award Nominee.
- 2023 GLAAD Award Nominee.
- 2023 YALSA Great Graphic Novel for Teens.
- 2022 New York Public Library Best Book.

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Graphic Novel:
Biography/Fantasy



The Thrilling Adventures of Babbage and Lovelace
by Sydney Padua

Meet Victorian London's most dynamic duo. First, there is Charles Babbage, an English mathematician and prolific inventor, who proposed proto-computers called the Difference and Analytical Engines, although he was never able to build them. Second, is his extraordinary accomplice, Ada, Countess of Lovelace, daughter of Lord Byron, a mathematician and writer, who met Charles in 1833 when she was only 17, and became entranced with his work. This unlikely pair collaborated on practical and thought experiments, including Ada's invention of punch cards to guide calculation in the Difference Engine. In 1843, Ada not only interpreted and publicized Babbage's work, but she expanded on it as well. Both are considered the forerunners of modern computer programming.

But this book does not end there! What if they DID build the engines? What then? Padua takes us on a rollicking fantastic adventure featuring two finicky geniuses, at times working miracles, and at others, fighting battles with words most eloquent.

This book is heavily researched, and Padua adds detailed and usually hilarious footnotes to each comic scenario she proposes featuring these brilliant mathematicians. It is a lengthy book, so I have given you a few weeks to read it, but don't worry if you don't finish it. I assure you, if you love to read about ambitious women, enjoy reading about the Victorian era in England, love science or mathematics, or just like a good comic, you will not be disappointed!

- 2015 Neumann Prize of the British Society for the History of Mathematics
- 2015 British Book Design and Production Award for graphic novels
- 2016 Eisner Award nominations for Best Graphic Album and Best Writer/Artist