

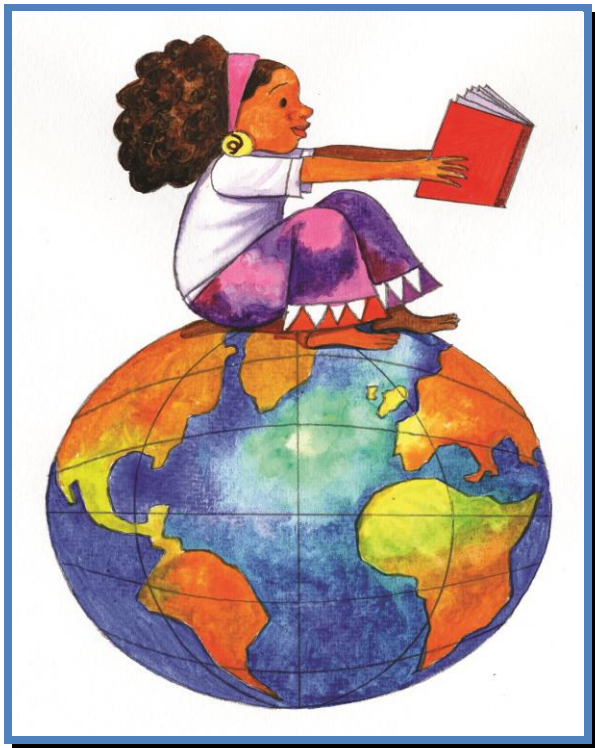
# Lafayette Elementary School



Summer Reading Guide

2016

Early Childhood—5<sup>th</sup> grade



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Dear Lafayette Students and Parents,

The summer reading guide has a few changes. The suggested reading lists are filled with new book suggestions and classic books that will always be read. Rising grades 1-5 still have an inspiring project with their summer reading. All books are available at your public library or bookstores.

The goal of the summer reading list is to encourage lifelong reading and nurture respect for all people. Lafayette's own library has a rich selection of books, including e-books and audio books that reflect the wonderfully diverse world we live in. We hope you enjoy the new selections and that they lead you on your own journey of discovering new books to read and share.

In the Lafayette community, our desire to instill children with the love of reading and writing has always been a willing partnership between home and school. So we know we have your full support and cooperation in meeting the summer reading goals that we have set.

Early Childhood—Alycia Hallock

First Grade—Cheryl Phillips

Second Grade—Nancy Nickel

Third Grade—Blake Yedwab

Fourth Grade—Judy Fratto

Fifth Grade—Annie Campbell

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## Those learning to read:

### Early Childhood—Pre-K and Kindergarten

A reading list for children who are learning to read and may need some support.

Barnett, Mac. *Rules of the House*. 2016. What happens when a vacation house has its own set of rules and someone breaks them? If the story is from Mac Barnett you can bet it's going to be awesome!

Barton, Byron. *My Bike*. 2015. Tom describes all the parts of his bicycle and then shares his journey as a circus performer.

Bruel, Nick. *A Wonderful Year*. 2015. This picture book comically follows one girl through each of the four seasons.

Beaty, Andrea. *Rosie Revere, Engineer*. 2013. A young, aspiring engineer must conquer her first fear of failure. (Also by this author is *Iggly Peck, Architect*.)

Floca, Brian. *Five Trucks*. 2014. Five different trucks do five different jobs to get an airplane ready for takeoff. (Brian Floca is an award winning author and illustrator whose books are the ones you keep to read again and again)

Griswell, Kim. *Rufus Goes to School*. 2013. Rufus Leroy Williams III wants to go to school to learn to read but the principal repeatedly says no just because Rufus is a pig. I love this book. (This endearing story continues with the author's *Rufus Goes to Sea*)

Houblon, Marie. *A World of Colors: Seeing Colors in a New Way*. 2009. Photographs and simple text explore the relationship between colors and objects with images from around the world.

Isadora, Rachel. *I Hear a Pickle: (and smell, see, touch and taste it, too)*. 2016. Humorous trip through the five senses.

Knudsen, Michelle. *Marilyn's Monster*. 2015. All of Marilyn's friends have monsters and she wants one also, but despite her efforts to be the kind of girl no monster could resist one doesn't come so she goes looking for him on her own.

Mantchev, Lisa. *Strictly No Elephants*. 2015. A boy is excluded from a pet club because of his unusual pet.

Oldland, Nicholas. *Walk on the Wild Side*. 2015. One day, three friends, a bear, a beaver and a moose who love adventure set off to climb a mountain. They turn it into a race and face a series of mishaps and learn much about competition.

### Other Authors to explore

- Arnosky, Jim.
- Chinn, Jason.
- Crews, Donald.
- Egan, Tim.
- Ehler, Lois.
- Henkes, Kevin.
- Jenkins, Steve.
- Lionni, Leo.
- Lobel, Arnold.
- Van Dusen, Chris.
- Willems, Mo.





## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade reading List and Assignment

Incoming first graders should bring in **one item** that reminds them of something they did during summer along with a prepared written sentence about the item/vacation. **It can be a souvenir, a postcard or one picture.** Students will be writing more about and sharing their vacation activities during the first weeks of school.

Discuss with your children, the characters, plots, settings, problems and resolutions in the books you choose to read together. Studies show and we know that this builds better reading comprehension.

### Fiction

Barnett, Mac. *Leo: A Ghost Story*. 2015. Leo is a friendly house-ghost—but when a family moves into his house, and tries to get rid of him; he leaves and roams the city looking for a friend.

Beck, W.H.. *Glow*. 2016. Text and illustrations introduce animals that glow, exploring what make them “light up,” their habitat and the adaptations they have made, how they communicate and more.

Brown, Lisa. *The Airport Book*. 2016. All about airports in a cool way.

Carle, Eric. *What’s Your Favorite Animal?.* 2014. With beautiful illustrations and charming personal stories, 14 artists share their favorite animals and tell the reader why they love them.

DiCamillo, Kate. *Mercy Watson to the Rescue*. 2009. After Mercy the pig spends the night in the Watson’s bed, all three awaken with the bed teetering on the edge of a big hole in the floor and it is up to Mercy to save them. This is a series.

Egan, Tim. *Dodsworth Series*. : *Dodsworth in London, Dodsworth in Rome, Dodsworth in Tokyo*

Marino, Gianna. *Night Animals*. 2015. Possum is hiding from the sounds in the night, and his fear sets off a chain reaction in the other night animals.

Reynolds, Aaron. *Nerdy Birdy*. 2015. A picture book about a nerdy birdy who just wants to hang out with the cool birds.

Ruzzier, Sergio. *This is not a picture book!*. 2016.

Scillian, Devin. *Memoirs of a Goldfish*. 2010. Hilarious memoir of a goldfish who reluctantly finds himself a member of a large family living in cramped quarters.

Stevens Crummel, Janet. *The Great Fuzz Frenzy*. 2006. When a tennis ball falls into an underground prairie dog town, the residents find that their newfound frenzy for fuzz creates crazy fun and a fiasco. This has been a beloved book here at Lafayette since it was published.

Stark, Ulf. *When Dad Showed me the Universe*. (Translated from Swedish). 2015. Tonight, Dad wants to show his son something very special: the universe. On the way, they learn that that sometimes the most important things are right under your nose.

Stein, David Ezra. *Tad and Dad*. 2015. Caldecott winner David Ezra Stein endearing story about a grow tadpole who never gives his dad a moment's peace.

### **Classic books and authors not to be missed**

Allard, Harry G. Jr.. *Miss Nelson is Missing*. 1985. This is the classic that started a brief mini-series.

Brown, Marc. *Arthur* series.

Brett, Jan.

Cronin, Doreen.

dePaola, Tomie.

Minarick, Else Holmelund. *Little Bear* series.





## 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Reading List

### The Summer Project

Choose EITHER the animal or the plant project.

1. At your home, observe some animals. Find out about your favorite backyard animal: what is its habitat, what does it eat, how does it build its nest or make its home, what is its life cycle, how does it protect itself and does it adapt to the environment?
  - Draw pictures or take photos of this backyard animal and label its parts.
  - Research this animal at the library and on the computer.
  - Write a description of the animal.
2. At your home, observe some plants in your yard. Find out about your favorite flower, vegetable or tree. What's its life cycle? What are its parts? How does it look in different seasons? What is it used for? Is it a native plant or an import, and where did it come from originally?
  - Draw pictures or take photos of this plant. Label its parts.
  - Research this plant at the library and on the computer.
  - Write a description of this plant.

Bruel, Nick. *Bad Kitty* Series.

Chin, Jason. *Gravity*. 2014. Minimal text and amazing illustrations provide an introduction to the concept of gravity and what would happen without it. (*Redwoods*, another book by this author is equally well done)



Cronin, Doreen. *Chicken Squad*. 2015. An investigative team of chickens along with a retired police dog fight crime and solve mysteries. This is a 3-book series so far.

DiCamillo, Kate and McGhee, Alison. *Bink and Gollie*. 2014. Great little series about the odd-couple friendship of two girls and their adventurous antics.

DiCamillo, Kate. *Leroy Ninker Saddles Up*. 2014. This is a collaboration between Kate DiCamillo and Chris Van Dusen who have created one of the best early chapter books whose characters are immensely likable with plot twist and humor.

Hannan, Peter. *Petlandia*. 2016. This is a hilarious story about a prima donna cat whose usurped by the new pet puppy Grub and the coup that lands the home owners out and the pets in.

Henkes, Kevin. *The Year of Billy Miller*. 2014. Newbery Medal Book. An awesome book about second grader by the renowned Kevin Henkes.

**Jenkins, Steve.** Any book by this extraordinary author and illustrator will delight the reader.

Warner, Sally. *Ellray Jakes is Not a Chicken*. 2012. Eight-year-old EllRay attempts to defend himself against the class bully always ends up getting him in trouble, but he promises to do his best when his dad offers to take him to Disneyland if he can be good for an entire week—which may be a few days too long.

### **Classics to read**

Adler, David. *Cam Jansen*.

Kline, Suzy. *Horrible Harry*.

Paula, Danziger. *Amber Brown*. (As a second grader)

Roy, Ron. *A to Z Mysteries* and *Capital Mysteries*.

Sobol, Donald J. *Encyclopedia Brown* series.







### Third grade Reading List

Rising third graders are expected to read the required book and complete the activity for the required book, as well as read one other book from the list below for a total of 2 books.

**Required book:** *Dory Fantasmagory* by Abby Hanlon.

#### Activity for required book:

Create a new book cover for *Dory Fantasmagory*. Take a sheet of paper, 8 1/2 x 11 in. and fold it in half. On the “front cover,” draw your own illustration for the story. Include the title, author and your name. On the back, answer the question below using complete sentences. Your answer should be in the form of a paragraph, 4 to 6 sentences in length. Don’t forget to indent. Did you like this book, why or why not? Use specific examples from the book to support your thinking.

#### Suggested Fiction

*American Girl* Series.

Atinuke. *Anna Hibiscus*. 2011. This is a wonderful series about a delightful African girl from a close knit family.

Cameron, Ann. *The Stories Julian Tells*. 2006. This is a collection of short stories from Julian, an adventurous 7-year-old.

Carman, Patrick. *Floors*. 2011. Leo is the son of a building maintenance man. He finds secret boxes that open up hidden floors and the adventure begins. This is an excellent series of three books and each one of them is captivating and well written.

Cleary, Beverly. Anything by this author.

Dorling-Kindersley (DK) nonfiction books, levels 2, 3, 4.

Estes, Eleanor. *The Moffats*.

Harper, Charise Mericle. *Just Grace*. 2010. Grace is the quintessential 3<sup>rd</sup> grader...just a little bit...different. This is a series.

Huges, Ted. *Iron Giant*.

Jacobson, Jennifer. *Winnie Dancing on her Own*. 2010. Realistic adventures of Winnie and her two best friends, Zoe and Vanessa.

Jenkins, Emily. *Toys Go Out*. 2009. There are six stories in here that relate the adventures of Lumphy, a stuffed buffalo, Sting Ray, a stuffed stingray and Plastic, a toy with who happens to be in the middle of an identity crisis. Oh yes, this is a series.

Horvath, Polly. *Mr. and Mrs. Bunny: Detectives Extraordinaire*. 2014. This is a hilarious chapter book about a girl whose parents are kidnapped and the bunny detectives who are on the case. Challengin book.

King-Smith, Dick. *Babe:The Gallant Pig*.

Kurtz, Chris. *The Adventures of a South Pole Pig*. 2014. Flora has known since she was a little piglet that her life, her destiny, was far from the sty where she was born. After spotting a dogsled team, her dream is realized and the adventure begins. You will fall in love with this book, it is a wonderful book to read aloud together.

McDonald, Megan. *Judy Moody* or *Stink* series.

Pennypcker, Sara. *Clementine*. 2007. While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building. There are eight books now in this awesome series.

Sachar, Louis. *Marvin Redpost* series.

Van Leeuwen, Jean. *Hannah of Fairfield*.

Vande Velde, Vivian. *8 Class Pets + 1 squirrel divided by 1 dog = Chaos*. 2011. A dog chases a squirrel into an elementary school one night, creating monumental chaos.

Warner, Gertrude Chandler. *Boxcar Children* series.

*Who is/ Who was* series. This is a high interest, well written biography series.

### **Other suggested authors:**

Dahl, Roald.

Henkes, Kevin.

Brown, Jeff. *Flat Stanley* series.



#### Fourth Grade Reading List

Students are expected to read one of the required books and complete the assignment.

**Assignment:** Write a friendly letter to your teacher about a main character's problem in the book that you read. Describe the problem and include how you would solve it. Make sure your letter has a date, greeting body, closing and your signature. Write it neatly on lined paper.

Birdsall, Jeanne. *The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits and a Very Interesting Boy*. 2010. Something light and really quite wonderful for boys and girls. This has become a series. A family of girls along with their widowed father spend the summer in a cottage at the Berkshires where lively adventures are had and new friends made.

Chilton, Andrew L.. *The Goblin's Puzzle: being the adventures of a boy with no name and two girls called Alice*. 2016. A boy, a goblin, a scholar and a princess join forces to defeat a dragon, outwit a scheming duke and solve a logic puzzle. Fantasy, humor and adventure and more.

Cody, Matthew. *Powerless*. 2009. Moving, mystery, detective story, family and the supernatural, this one has it all. Soon after moving to Noble's Green, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Daniel learns that his new friends have super powers (they save his life) that they will lose when they turn thirteen, unless he can use his brain power to protect them. The sequel to *Powerless* is *Super*. This book has been popular, especially with reluctant readers.

Foxlee, Karen. *Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy*. 2014. Ophelia is a timid eleven-year-old girl who is grieving her mother when she discovers a boy (from another time) locked in the museum where her father is working. Wonderful story about friendship, family, courage and the importance of not giving up.

Lawson, Jessica. *Nooks & Crannies*. 2015. Eleven-year-old Tabitha Crum, whose rather despicable parents were just about to abandon her, is invited to the country estate of a wealthy countess along with five other children and told that one of them will become her heir.

Lean, Sarah. *A Hundred Horses*. 2015. Girls and horses, that is classic. Nell, an eleven-year-old has to spend her spring break with an aunt and cousins she has never met. There she meets a mysterious, wild girl with a strange, magical connection to horses and an uncanny understanding of Nell. Sarah Lean also wrote another wonderful book called *A Dog Called Homeless*.

Lin, Grace. *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*. 2009. Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon that cannot fly on a quest. The book after this one is *Starry River of the Sky*.

Parry, Roseanne. *The Turn of the Tide*. 2016. After a devastating tsunami in Japan, cousins Jet and Kai spend the summer together in Astoria, Oregon, training for the Young's Bay Treasure Island Race and become close friends in the process.

Primavera, Elise. *Ms. Rapscott's Girls*. 2015. The girls at this school get lost on purpose and learn much about bravery, independence, strength and teamwork.

Pyron, Bobbie. *Lucky Strike*. 2014. Nathaniel Harlow lives in a trailer park in Franklin County, Florida, and he has always been unlucky. After he is struck by lightning on his 11<sup>th</sup> birthday and survives, Nathaniel's luck begins to change.





### **Other books and authors to read**

The Alchemyst series.

Amato, Mary.

Butterworth, Oliver. *The Enormous Egg*.

Clements, Andrew.

Creech, Sharon. Suggested titles:

- *Walk Two Moons*
- *Bloomability*
- *The Wanderer*
- *Ruby Holler*

Dahl, Roald. I would read all of his books before I finished fourth grade.

Green, Tim. Sports fiction

Lupica, Mike. Sports fiction

Opel, Kenneth. Silverwing (or any books in this series; Sunwing, Firewing, Darkwing, etc.).



Peck, Richard. *Secrets at Sea*.

Pennypacker, Sara. *Sumer of the Gypsy Moths*.

Selden, George. *The Cricket of Times Square*.

*Thirty-Nine Clues* series.

## Nonfiction

Beccia, Carlyn. *I Feel better with a Frog in my Throat: History's Strangest Cures*. 2010.

Jenkins, Steve. *How to Swallow a Pig: step-by-step advice from the animal kingdom*. 2016.

*You Wouldn't Want to Be* series. For example, *You wouldn't want to be a Roman Gladiator*.







## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading List

All incoming fifth graders are expected to read **5** books that they have not read before. You must read the **required book and complete the activity, plus read at least 4 other books** from the titles listed below. Please pick from the categories listed below. Have a terrific time reading and come back to school ready to talk about all of the books that you enjoyed reading this summer.

**Activity:** Create **4** different picture postcards from **4** different characters. Write a message on the back of each one representing that particular character's feelings or point of view about an event in the story. **Bring them in on the first day of school.**

**Required book:** *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio

### Poetic Fiction and Poetry

Janeczko, Paul B.. *A Poke in the I*. 2005. A collection of 30 concrete poems.

Alexander, Kwame. *The Crossover*. 2014. Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health. This book won the Newbery medal in 2014.

Alexander, Kwame. *Booked*. 2016. Twelve-year-old Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.

Hesse, Karen. *Out of the Dust*. 2007. Fifteen-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the Depression.

McKissak, Patricia. *Never Forgotten*. 2011. Award-winning lyrical story-in-verse that details the experiences of an African boy who was kidnapped and sold into slavery.

## Fiction

Balliet, Blue. *Chasing Vermeer*. 2005. This riveting mystery is set at the Lab School at the University of Chicago. When seemingly unrelated and strange events start to happen and a Vermeer painting disappears, eleven-year-olds Petra and Calder combine their talents to solve an international art scandal.

Broach, Elise. *Shakespeare Stealer*. 2000. A young orphan boy is ordered by his master to infiltrate Shakespeare's acting troupe in order to steal the script of "Hamlet," but he discovers instead the meaning of friendship and loyalty. This is a 3-part historical fiction series that also includes *Shakespeare's Scribe* and ends with *Shakespeare's Spy*.



Creech, Sharon. Suggested titles:

- *Walk Two Moons*
- *Bloomability*
- *The Wanderer*
- *Ruby Holler*
- *Love that Dog*

Erskine, Kathryn. *The Absolute Value of Mike*. 2011. Ten-year-old Caitlin, who has Asperger's Syndrome, struggles to understand emotions, show empathy and make friends at school, while at home she seeks closure by working on a project with her father.

Fitzgerald, Laura Mark. *Under the Egg*. 2015. Her grandfather's dying words lead thirteen-year-old Theodora Tenpenny to a valuable, hidden painting she fears may be stolen, but it is her search for answers in her Greenwich Village neighborhood that brings the real treasure.

Funke, Cornelia. *The Thief Lord*. 2001. This is the first book of an enduring series originally published in Germany. Orphaned brothers Prosper and Bo have run away from their cruel aunt and uncle. They decide to hide out in Venice where they fall in with the thief Lord, a thirteen-year-old boy who leads a crime ring of street children.

George, Jean Craighead. *My Side of the Mountain*. 1959. This is the classic that has been translated into more than twenty languages. Tired of living in the hustle and bustle of New York City, Sam runs away to the Catskill Mountains. Interesting note is that Jean Craighead George lived in this neighborhood for many years.

Horvath, Polly. *Everything on a Waffle*. 2001. Eleven-year-old Primrose, who lives in a small fishing village in British Columbia, recounts her experiences and all that she learns about human nature and the unpredictability of life in the months after her parents are lost at sea. This was a Newbery Honor book for Horvath in 2002. Primrose's story continues with *A Year in Coal Harbor*.

Kelly, Jacqueline. *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*. 2009. In central Texas in 1899, eleven-year-old Callie Vee Tate is instructed to be a lady by her mother, learns about love from the older three of her six brothers and studies the natural world with her grandfather which leads to an important discovery.

Korman, Gordon. *Masterminds*. 2016. A group of kids discover they were cloned from the DNA of some of the greatest masterminds in history for a sociological experiment. A nonstop exciting adventure.

Levy, Dana Alison. *The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher*. 2016. The adventures of a family with two fathers, four adopted boy and a variety of pets as they make their way through a neighbor.

Maile, Meloy. *The Apothecary*. 2011. This one has it all: historical fiction, mystery and fantasy. Fourteen-year-old Janie Scott, newly arrived in London from Los Angeles in 1952, becomes friends with a mysterious apothecary and his son, Benjamin Burrows, and is drawn into a dangerous adventure. This is a series that continues with: *The Apprentices*, and ends with the just released *The After-Room*.

Ryan, Pam Munoz. *Echo*. 2015. This is a masterpiece by Munoz Ryan about a magical harmonica and the stories of three children, Friedrich in Germany in 1933, Mike in Pennsylvania in 1935 and Ivy in California in 1942 and much more.

Wiles, Deborah. *Aurora County All Stars*. 2007. Through a long, hot summer month in June, House Jackson—star pitcher of the Aurora County All-Stars, is finally ready to play again after being sidelined for a year with a broken elbow, but a standoff ensues when the team's big game is scheduled for the same day as Aurora County's two-hundredth anniversary pageant.

Woodson, Jacqueline. *Locomotion*. 2003. Inspired by his teacher, eleven-year-old Lonnie begins to write about his life in a series of poems in which he discusses his feelings about his friends, his foster mom, his little sister Lili and the death of his parents. This is an award winning author.

### **Non-Fiction**

Bonner, Hannah. *When Fish Got Feet, Sharks Got Teeth and Bugs Began to Swarm*. 2009. Amazing, high interest history of animal and plant life before the dinosaurs from National Geographic.

Delano, Marfe Ferguson. *Earth in the Hot Seat*. 2014. Another high interest book from National Geographic on global warming.

Nelson, Kadir. *We are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball*. 2009. Winner of the Coretta Scott King Book Award 2009 author award and illustrator honor; Winner of the Sibert Medal Home Page Award 2009. Kadir Nelson is a gifted author and illustrator whose books are brilliant.



### Classics to Read

Rawls, Wilson. *Where the Red Fern Grows*.

Gipson, Fred. *Old Yeller*. In the late 1860's in the Texas hill country, a big yellow dog and a fourteen-year-old boy form a close, loving relationship.

Lewis, C.S. *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.

Juster, Norton. *The Phantom Tollbooth*. Milo, a young boy with little interest in anything, takes a trip through the Phantom Tollbooth to the Lands Beyond where he meets an enchanting cast of character who teach him the importance of words, numbers, ideas, creativity and enthusiasm for life.

Babbit, Natalie. *Tuck Everlasting*. The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when they discover that a ten-year-old girl and a malicious stranger now share their secret about a spring whose water prevents one from ever growing older.

### Graphic Novels

Housler, Jay. *Clan Apis*. 2003. Although published twelve years ago, this is one of the best. Jay Housler is an entomologist, a professor, writer and cartoonist. This is a brilliant book on the life cycle of a honey bee; it is the graphic novel that changed my skeptical mind about graphic novels being worthy of library space. Try to find it in your local library.

