Graphic novels for 10 year olds

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Comic series for a 10 year old: the long fantasy stories, the school-and-friends books, the funny ones still worth reading, and whose age each one is.

A 10-year-old is at the top of the range for most children's comics, which is good news: nearly everything still fits. The ones that suit ten best are the long stories that ask for a bit of stamina (Amulet, Bone, Wings of Fire, 5 Worlds, Cleopatra in Space) and the school-and-friends books (Berrybrook Middle School, Click). Graphic novels and comic series for 10-year-olds lists every series that fits, with whose age it is.

Ten is an age when some children drift away from comics because they feel they ought to, and others go deeper into them than ever. Both are normal. The comic series made for ages 8 to 12 were written with ten-year-olds very much in mind; a ten-year-old reading Bone is reading it at exactly the age it was labelled for.

What fits at ten

As of 30 October 2026, 26 of the 29 series Peabody lists fit a 10-year-old. Only one of them starts at ten: Berrybrook Middle School by Svetlana Chmakova, which JY (the Yen Press imprint for younger readers) labels 10 and up. The rest started younger and are still a good fit.

Here are the ones we'd put in front of a ten-year-old first:

- Series: Amulet · By: Kazu Kibuishi · Why at ten: a long, serious fantasy, finished in 2024 · Ages, and whose: 8 to 12 or 9 to 12, Scholastic
- Series: Bone · By: Jeff Smith · Why at ten: one long story that grows darker · Ages, and whose: 8 to 12, Scholastic
- Series: Wings of Fire graphic novels · By: Tui T. Sutherland, drawn by Mike Holmes · Why at ten: dragons, rivalries, a bridge to the novels · Ages, and whose: 8 to 12, Scholastic
- Series: 5 Worlds · By: Mark Siegel and Alexis Siegel · Why at ten: a five-book quest across planets · Ages, and whose: 8 to 12, our estimate
- Series: Cleopatra in Space · By: Mike Maihack · Why at ten: fast, funny space adventure, six books · Ages, and whose: 8 to 12, Scholastic Canada
- Series: Berrybrook Middle School · By: Svetlana Chmakova · Why at ten: school life, one student per book · Ages, and whose: 10+, JY (Yen Press)
- Series: Click · By: Kayla Miller · Why at ten: one girl's worries, friends and family · Ages, and whose: 8 to 12, our estimate
- Series: Zita the Spacegirl · By: Ben Hatke · Why at ten: three books, one story, finished · Ages, and whose: 8 to 12, our estimate

And the funny ones: Bunny vs Monkey, Big Nate and Diary of a Wimpy Kid, the last two hybrids with real paragraphs between the cartoons. Diary of a Wimpy Kid's twenty-first book, Fight or Flight, came out on 20 October 2026.

Our ranked ten for this age is the Top 10 graphic novel series for 10 year olds.

Long stories need the first book

Most of the series that suit ten best are one story told across several books. Amulet's nine books pick up where the last left off, often on a cliffhanger; Bone's nine volumes are one tale; 5 Worlds is one quest in five parts. Start these at book 1. A ten-year-old who opens book 4 first will be lost, and may decide the series isn't for them when it is.

The other thing worth knowing: several of these are finished. Amulet, Bone, 5 Worlds, Cleopatra in Space, Click and Zita the Spacegirl all have their last book out, so there is no waiting a year for the ending. That suits a child who reads fast.

What's in them

The long fantasies have real danger in them: battles, characters who are hurt, a war in the background of 5 Worlds, a story in Bone that grows darker as it goes. Berrybrook has a few pages of heavier feeling. None of it is gory. Each series page has a short note for grown-ups that says what is in the books without a verdict, so you can decide for your own child.

Questions grown-ups ask

Is my 10-year-old too old for graphic novels?

No. Most of the series above are labelled 8 to 12, so ten is the middle of the range. Adults read comics too.

What comes after these, at 11 or 12?

Most of them still fit: the ages run to 12. The page for 11-year-olds and the one for 12-year-olds list what fits there, and many readers move from the Wings of Fire graphic novels to the prose novels around now.

How do we keep track of a nine-book series?

Every series page has a checklist kept on your device, and My Shelf gathers them all into one page and one printed reading log. Nothing is sent anywhere.

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