

Online Resources for Graphic Novel Selection

No Flying No Tights – <http://www.noflyingnotights.com>

The classic is back! After several years of no updates, NFNT is back online with an enormous staff of reviewers cranking out content. Graphic novel, *manga*, and *anime* reviews written by librarians, for librarians.

Comic Book Resources – <http://www.comicbookresources.com>

CBR is a great source for news and commentary about the world of mainstream comic book publishing, as well as reviews written by an excellent team. They mostly just review single issues of comic books. If you are trying to figure out if something from Marvel or DC is worth a purchase but can't find professional reviews, it is still possible to learn which issues are collected in the GN and find the reviews of those particular issues on the site. Uses a handy 1-5 star rating system to facilitate snap judgments.

Diamond Bookshelf – <http://www.diamondbookshelf.com/>

Diamond is pretty much the only distributor for comic books, and Bookshelf is their regular newsletter for librarians and educators. Contains interviews, reviews, lesson plans, and pre-pub announcements. Subscribe to get their newsletter in your inbox every other week.

YALSA Great Graphic Novels for Teens –

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/booklistsawards/greatgraphicnovelsforteens/gn.cfm>

YALSA's annual Great Graphic Novels list is an invaluable source for easy access to the best of the best in GN publishing for libraries. Some of their recommendations run mature – they regularly have titles that I would put in the Adult collection rather than Teen – so make sure you do your homework before purchasing!

Graphic Novel Reporter - <http://www.graphicnovelreporter.com/>

Though their reviews are not updated terribly regularly, they are generally of high quality. Most valuable are their features, which include interviews with creators and extensive core collection lists.

New York Times Bestsellers List – <http://www.nytimes.com/best-sellers-books/>

The NY Times recently added hard and softcover “graphic books” and *manga* to their bestseller lists. It's valuable to keep an eye on this list to make sure your library is getting the most popular stuff out there.

Amazon – <http://amazon.com>

When you absolutely can't find a review of a book, this is the place to come. The users who post reviews on Amazon.com take their comics seriously and will tell you straight up whether something deserves a spot in your collection or not. Also useful for finding the most popular volumes of a title, and contains many valuable Listmania! lists.