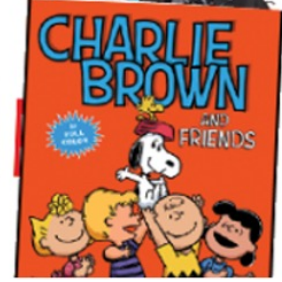
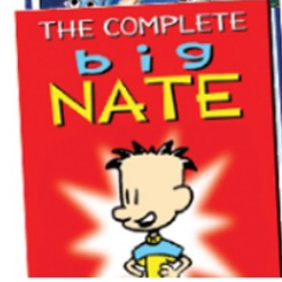




Unleashing the Superpowers: Engaging Reluctant Readers with Comics & Graphic Novels



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A piece of marbled paper with a complex, swirling pattern of orange, brown, and grey tones, set against a white background.

“Bouillabaisse!”

**Do you think
because I wear
a mask I don't
have
problems?**

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The Golden Age ...

"The Seduction of the innocent..."

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ner of THE SHOW OF VIOLENCE and DARK LEGEND

SEDUCTION OF THE INNOCENT

Fredric Wertham, M. D.

*the influence of
comic books on today's youth*



The Silver Age

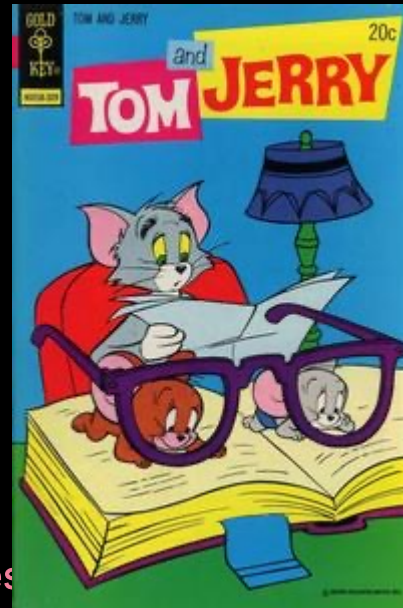
Real People with Real Problems...

Comic Books : Reading Correlations

Grade Level Readability

Read a comic last week & reading proficiency $r = .36$
(read a book, $r = .26$)

Comic Book reading and reading proficiency
Elley (1994): 9 and 10 year olds in 27 countries



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Superhero comics
5th and 6th grade level in the
1970's.

- Archie 1.8
- Tom and Jerry 1.9
- Batman. 6.4
- Incredible Hulk. 5.5
- Superman. 6.4
- (best-sellers = 7.4 in 1974)

G. Wright, 1979. The comic book: A forgotten medium in the classroom.
Reading Teacher 33.



Captain Marvel:

H-how'd we get here? I mean one minute we're checking out this giant watchmacallit in Central Park, then "poof" the final frontier.

Reed Richards:

This much I can tell you, Captain Marvel – this device apparently caused sub-atomic particle dissociation, reducing us to proto-matter, which it stored until it teleported us here, to pre-set coordinates in space, where it reassembled us inside a self-generated life support environment.

The Incredible Hulk:

That's obvious, Richards.

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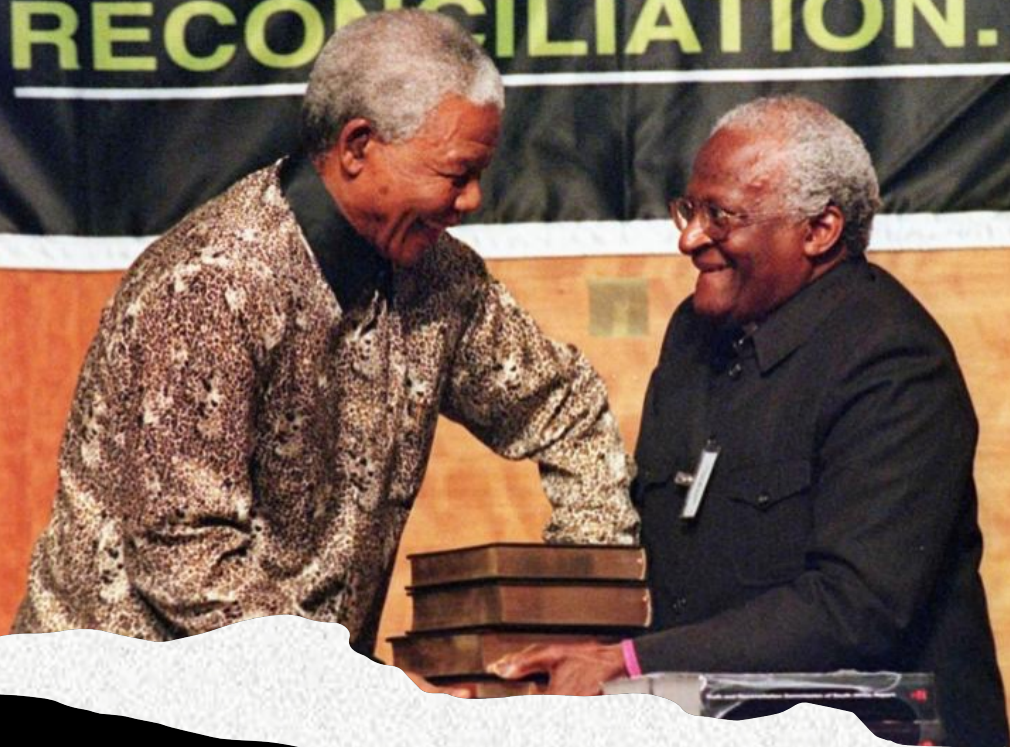
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A conduit to reading culture!!

- Comics = more complex reading over time!
- 82% More Circulation
- 30% More non-comic book circulation!



RECONCILIATION.



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Rare Words
53.5!!!!

Life is problems!

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2021

X men
8.2M Copies
\$2B Sales!!





“Bouillabaisse!”

THANKYOU!!

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READING COMICS FOR LIFELONG READING



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- Teacher (Secondary)
- Kingston Libraries (Librarian)
- ALIA Graphic Novels and Comics Convenor



DEVELOPING AS A READER

- Not just reluctant... a refuser
- Reading monster
- Above level reader
- Reading in 2nd and 3rd language

AND IT
ALL
STARTED
WITH
COMICS



HOW DID IT HAPPEN?

- Addicted to comics
- Reading for pleasure
- Role modelling
- Free reading (no judgement)
- Life-long reader



STUDIES SHOW THE
MORE BOOKS A KID
HAS AT HOME, THE
MORE THEY READ.

**BUT COMICS ARE
EXPENSIVE**

LIBRARIES AND READING COMICS

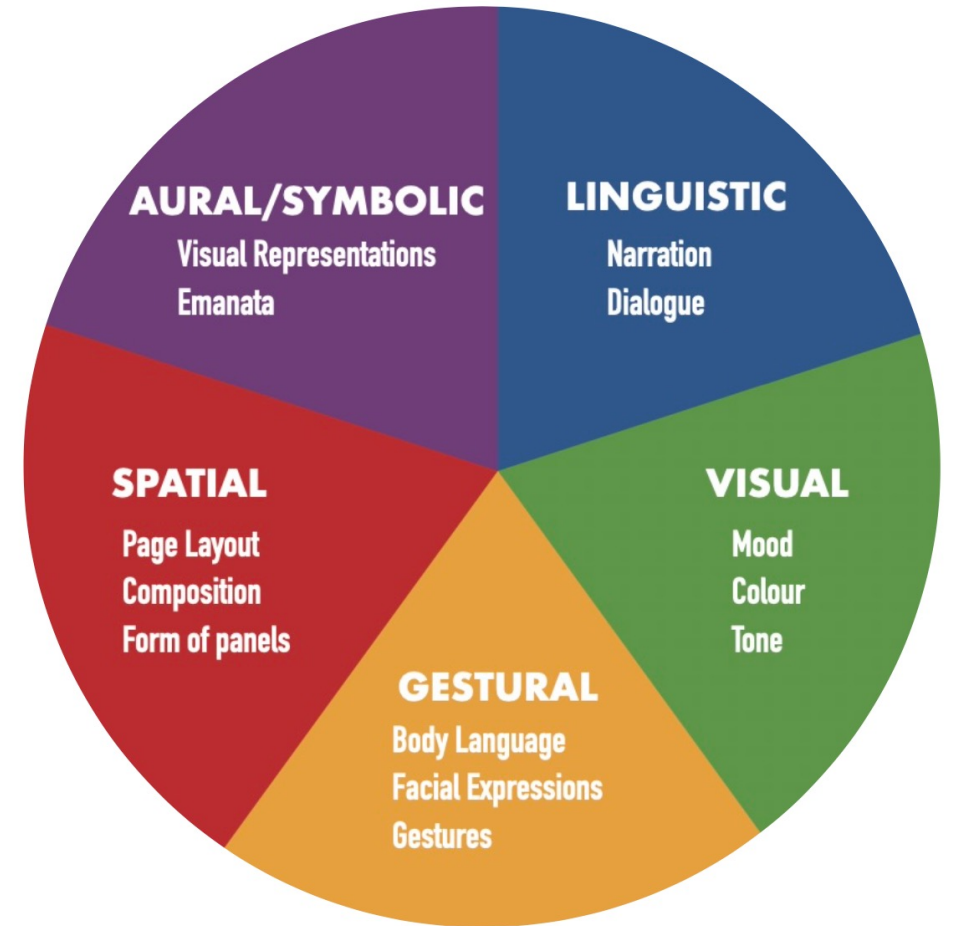
- Library as the first place
- Free reading (print & digital)
- Respected as a reader
- Expert suggestions



Koldo Mitxelena Library, Donostia - San Sebastián

COMICS AND LITERACY

- Good for struggling and advanced readers
- Multimodal texts (multiple literacies)
- Concise and efficient writing
- Higher memory retention



Adapted from The New London Group's model of multiliteracies

 Ryan Chapman @APLit_Tea... · 1d

My 9 yr-old asked me what "shun", "redundancy", "eschew", "reiteration", & "recapitulation" meant...for all of those that say comics don't belong in the classroom, he was reading "Dog Man". I could care less that the book's level is 2.5, or that his level is 5.3 - He is reading!



DOG MAN

By
Dav Pilkey

**LIGHT UP YOUR
WHOLE BRAIN**



READ COMICS



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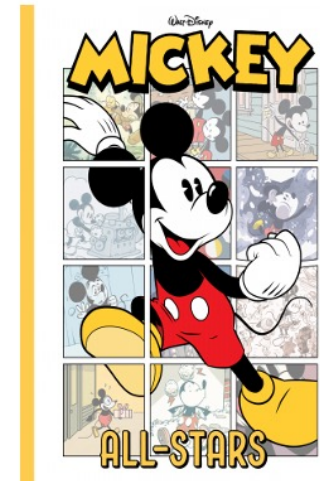
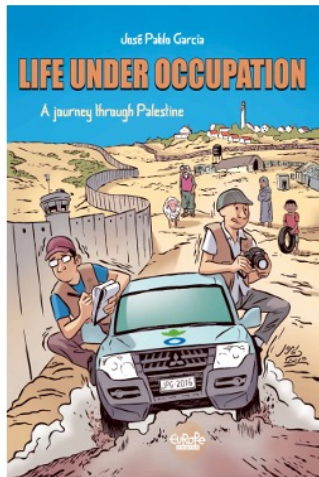
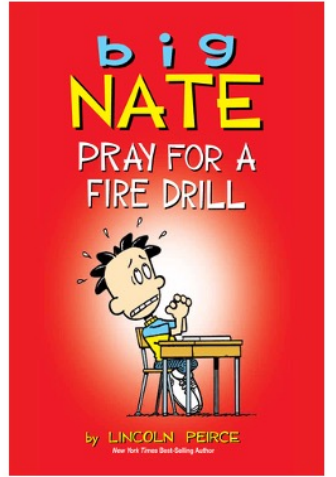
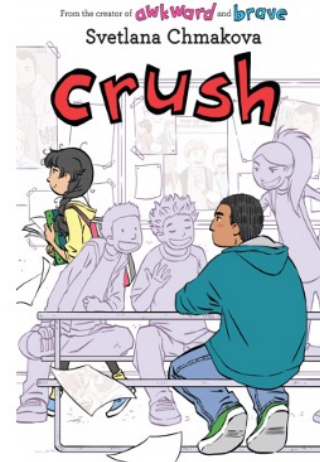
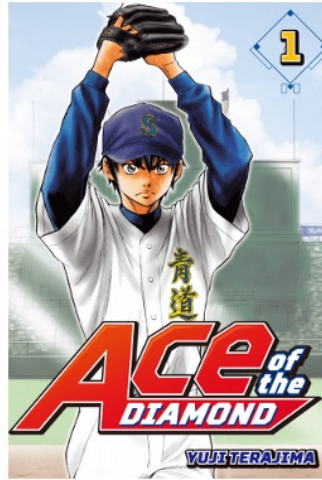
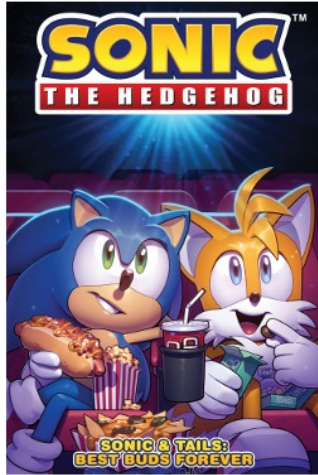
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One last thing... Three Good things!

1/ Spell, Write, Read better

2/ People who read more know
more about

Everything!!

3/ Writing makes you smarter!





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Thank you.



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