

## WORDLESS GRAPHIC NOVELS

### **The Arrival** / Shaun Tan (j GRAPHIC ARRIVAL)

In this wordless graphic novel, a man leaves his homeland and sets off for a new country, where he must build a new life for himself and his family.

### **Owly** / Andy Runton (j GRAPHIC OWLY)

Owly and Wormy enjoy bird watching and befriend Tiny and Angel, two hummingbirds who come to drink nectar from the flowers that Wormy has planted. Owly is a kind, yet lonely, little owl who's always on the lookout for new friends and adventure. Owly discovers the meaning of friendship and that saying goodbye doesn't always mean forever.

### **Waterloo & Trafalgar** / Olivier Tallec (j GRAPHIC TALLEC)

In this humorous, wordless picture book with die-cut pages, two soldiers, red and blue, discover the pointlessness of hostility.

### **Bake Sale** / Sara Varon (j GRAPHIC VARON)

Cupcake runs a successful bakery with his best friend, Eggplant, but dreams of going abroad to meet his idol, Turkish Delight, who is the most famous pastry chef in the world.

### **Robot Dreams** / Sara Varon (j GRAPHIC VARON)

The enduring friendship between a dog and a robot is portrayed in this wordless graphic novel.

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# Stories without Words

## Books that tell a story through pictures alone

Suggestions from the Mt. Lebanon Public Library

*Unless otherwise noted, all books may be found in the picture book section under the author's last name.*

### **Tabby: A Story in Pictures** / Aliko

Pictures tell the story of a kitten's first year in her new home, with a warm bed, good food, and a little girl to play with and love.

### **Treasure Bath** / Dan Andreasen

A young boy explores a creature-filled world beneath the bubbles in his bathtub and finds a surprising treasure.

### **The Last Laugh** / Jose Aruego

A clever duck outwits a bullying snake.

### **Topsy Turvy World** / Atak

In an imaginary world full of role reversals and falsehoods, firemen put out water with flames, dinosaurs gaze upon human skeletons, and a horse rides a jockey.

### **Mirror** / Jeannie Baker

In Sydney, Australia, and in Morocco, two boys and their families have a day of shopping. Readers are invited to compare illustrations in two wordless stories that are intended to be read one from left to right and the other from right to left.

### **Window** / Jeannie Baker

Chronicles the events and changes in a young boy's life and in his environment, from babyhood to grownup, through scenes observed from the window of his room.

**The Other Side** / Istvan Banyai

A wordless picture book that shows a series of familiar scenes through many twists in point of view, such as a boy looking down out of a jet's window and another boy on the ground looking up at the same jet.

**Zoom** / Istvan Banyai

A wordless picture book presents a series of scenes, each one from farther away, showing, for example, a girl playing with toys which is actually a picture on a magazine cover, which is part of a sign on a bus, and so on.

**Journey** / Aaron Becker

Using a red marker, a young girl draws a door on her bedroom wall and through it enters another world where she experiences many adventures, including being captured by an evil emperor.

**Inside Outside** / Lizi Boyd

A boy and his dog play inside and outside of their home.

**The Snowman** / Raymond Briggs

When his snowman comes to life, a little boy invites him home and in return is taken on a flight high above the countryside.

**A Circle of Friends** / Giora Carmi

When a boy anonymously shares his snack with a homeless man, he begins a cycle of good will.

**Unspoken: A Story from the Underground Railroad** / Henry Cole

In this wordless picture book, a young Southern farm girl discovers a runaway slave hiding behind the corn crib in the barn and decides to help him.

**A Small Miracle** / Peter Collington

The figures in a nativity scene come to life to help an old woman in need at Christmas.

**The Marvelous Misadventures of Fun-Boy** / Ralph Cosentino

In twelve short stories without words, Fun-Boy looks for adventure, but it is misadventure that he finds.

**Beaver is Lost** / Elisha Cooper

A lost beaver looks for a way home.

**Carl's Afternoon in the Park** / Alexandra Day

Carl the rottweiler, in charge of a baby and a puppy, takes advantage of Mom's absence to lead them on a wild romp through the park.

**The Tree House** / Marije Tolman

A polar bear rides a whale to a tree rising out of the water. A brown bear joins it as the tree is the perfect place to read their books. When the waters recede, the bears are joined by other animals. The tree house is a place of wonder.

**Silent Night** / Sandy Turner

Santa tries to deliver presents on Christmas Eve, but he is hindered by a very vocal dog who will not stop barking, woofing, and yapping.

**Chicken and Cat Clean Up** / Sara Varon

When Chicken opens a housekeeping business, his best friend Cat comes to mind as the perfect partner. But Cat is sleepy, clumsy, and makes a lot of mistakes, until he finds his own way to save the day.

**A Day, a Dog** / Gabrielle Vincent

Pictures tell the story of a dog's day, from the moment he is abandoned on the highway until he finds a friend in a young boy.

**You Can't Take a Balloon into the Metropolitan Museum** / Jacqueline Press Weitzman

A young girl and her grandmother view works inside the Metropolitan Museum of Art, while the balloon she has been forced to leave outside floats around New York City causing a series of mishaps that mirror scenes in the museum's artworks.

**Flotsam** / David Wiesner *and many others by this author*

When a young boy discovers a camera on the beach and develops the film, he finds with his microscope many layers of pictures within the photographs.

**Free Fall** / David Wiesner

A young boy dreams of daring adventures in the company of imaginary creatures inspired by the things surrounding his bed.

**Sector 7** / David Wiesner

While on a school trip to the Empire State Building, a boy is taken by a friendly cloud to visit Sector 7, where he discovers how clouds are shaped and channeled throughout the country.

**April Wilson's Magpie Magic** / April Wilson

A wordless picture book that depicts a young artist who draws a picture of a magpie which then comes to life and interacts with a series of colorful drawings.

**Last Night** / Hyewon Yum

Sent to her room for refusing to eat her dinner, a little girl soon falls asleep and together with her bear friend begins a fantastic voyage deep into the forest where they dance and play all night.

**Why?** / Nikolai Popov

A frog, peacefully sitting in a meadow, is suddenly attacked by an umbrella-wielding mouse in a confrontation that quickly turns into full-scale war.

**A Ball for Daisy** / Chris Raschka *and others by this author*

A wordless picture book about all the fun a dog can have with her ball.

**The Chicken Thief** / Beatrice Rodriguez

A fox steals a chicken. Why would the fox do this and not eat the bird?

**The Hero of Little Street** / Gregory Rogers

When a boy being chased through present-day London seeks refuge in the National Gallery, a dog escapes from the painting of one Dutch master and together they leap into the painting of another, where their adventures in seventeenth-century Delft are a prelude to returning to London and continuing the chase.

**The Boy, the Bear, the Baron, the Bard** / Gregory Rogers

A comic romp through Shakespeare's London featuring an intrepid little boy, a friendly bear, and in the role of dastardly villain the Bard himself.

**Where's Walrus?** / Stephen Savage

Follows Walrus on a journey through the city, as he tries on different hats to disguise himself from the chasing zookeeper.

**Breakfast for Jack** / Pat Schories

On a busy morning before school, the whole family leaves the house without giving Jack the dog his breakfast.

**Peter Spier's Rain** / Peter Spier (j E-pb S)

Two children play in their backyard during a rainy day.

**Bluebird** / Bob Staake

A wordless picture book about the inspiring friendship that develops between a bluebird and a young boy.

**Wings** / Shinsuke Tanaka

An imaginative story of a farmer finding a dog that has 'wings', and the adventures and havoc that follow the dog with wings.

**Chalk** / Bill Thomson

Three children go to a park on a rainy day, find some chalk, and draw pictures that come to life.

**Bear Despair** / Gaetan Doremus

A bear gobbles up a wolf, a lion, and an elephant after each animal steals the bear's teddy bear and refuses to return it.

**Hank Finds an Egg** / Rebecca Dudley

Hank finds an egg on the ground while walking in the woods, discovers the nest from which it fell, and tries his best to return it.

**Polo and Lily** / Regis Faller *and others by this author*

Polo the dog meets a rabbit named Lily and the two become friends.

**Sidewalk Circus** / Paul Fleischman

A girl watches as the activities across the street from her bus stop become a circus.

**Bee & Bird** / Craig Frazier

A bumblebee and a bird embark on a travel adventure.

**The Night Riders** / Matt Furie

A frog and a rat go on a bicycle ride through the forest at night, encountering a dragon and other creatures along the way.

**Ice** / Arthur Geisert

A community of pigs suffer from the heat and go in search of ice despite the odds against them.

**Hogwash** / Arthur Geisert

Illustrations without words depict the enormous and complicated contraption that Mama Pig uses to get her little piglets clean.

**The Giant Seed** / Arthur Geisert

See how a community of pigs makes ingenious use of a giant dandelion seed, just as an erupting volcano threatens their island.

**The Adventures of Paddy Pork** / John S. Goodall

A little pig slips away from his mother to join the circus, only to learn that he was better off at home.

**Archie** / Domenica More Gordon

Archie, a fashion-loving dog with a faithful pet of his own, leads a quiet life until he gets a sewing machine and begins creating canine couture that captures attention all over town, even from a queen and her two royal corgis.

**The Carolers** / Georgia Guback

Follows a group of carolers from house to house as they share with others the beauty of Christmas.

**Lola & Fred** / Christoph Heuer

Lola and Fred prove differences in character and appearance—or even species—do not have to get in the way of reaching a goal.

**Flora and the Flamingo** / Molly Idle

A friendship develops between a girl named Flora and a graceful flamingo, as they learn to dance together.

**Welcome to the Zoo!** / Alison Jay

Small stories and enchanting details abound in this wordless picture book, inviting curious eyes to explore a zoo brimming with luminous beauty, humor, and hijinks.

**Where is the Cake Now?** / T.T. Khing

A frog and lizard steal cakes from a group of animals who are going on a picnic and falsely accuse two rats of the theft, as a wild pursuit ensues through woods, fields, forests, and hills.

**Wave** / Suzy Lee

A wordless picture book that shows a little girl's first experiences at the beach, as she goes from being afraid of the roaring waves to playing on the shore while gulls soar overhead.

**Shadow** / Suzy Lee

A little girl uses her imagination and a light bulb to go on an adventure in a dark attic.

**The Red Book** / Barbara Lehman

The Red Book crosses oceans and continents to deliver one girl into a new world of possibility, where a friend she's never met is waiting.

**Museum Trip** / Barbara Lehman

A boy imagines himself inside some of the exhibits when he goes on a field trip to a museum.

**Rainstorm** / Barbara Lehman

In this wordless picture book, a boy finds a mysterious key which leads him on an adventure one rainy day.

**Peep!** / Kevin Luthardt

Although a boy is lonely after the hatchling duckling that followed him home finally joins other ducks, he soon meets another creature.

**Octopus Soup** / Mercer Mayer

An octopus struggles with misadventure when he leaves home but is relieved to know how and where to find a safe haven.

**Four Hungry Kittens** / Emily Arnold McCully

Four kittens share adventures while their mother is away hunting food.

**Leaf** / Stephen Michael

A plant sprouting in a boy's messy hair.

**Anno's Journey** / Anno Mitsumasa

Records in drawings the author's journey through northern Europe and his impressions of the land, the people at work and play, and their art, architecture, folk lore, and fairy tales.

**Bow-Wow Bugs a Bug** / Mark Newgarden

A wordless picture book about a persistent terrier who spends a day following a bug through his neighborhood.

**The Boys** / Jeff Newman

A shy boy, seeking the courage to play baseball with the other children in a park, is coaxed out of his shell by some "old timers" sitting nearby who, in turn, discover they are still in the game.

**Sea of Dreams** / Dennis Nolan

A sandcastle takes on a life of its own.

**Wonder Bear** / Tao Nyeu

A story without words about two children, a packet of seeds, a night to dream and a bear with magical powers.

**The Surprise** / Sylvia van Ommen

Sheep goes to great lengths to surprise Giraffe with a lovely red sweater.

**Snow Day** / Daniel Peddle

One glorious day a boy builds a snowman.

**The Boy and the Airplane** / Mark Pett

A boy comes up with an inventive solution for getting his toy airplane down from the roof.

**The Lion & the Mouse** / Jerry Pinkney

An adventuresome mouse proves that even small creatures are capable of great deeds by rescuing the King of the Jungle.

**The Crocodile Blues** / Coleman Polhemus

A man and his pet cockatoo discover, much to their dismay, the true nature of the egg they bring home from the store.