#OwnVoices and Small Press Comics Reader's Advisory

Hello!



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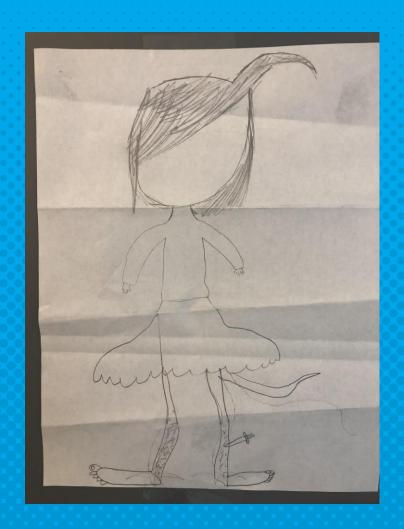
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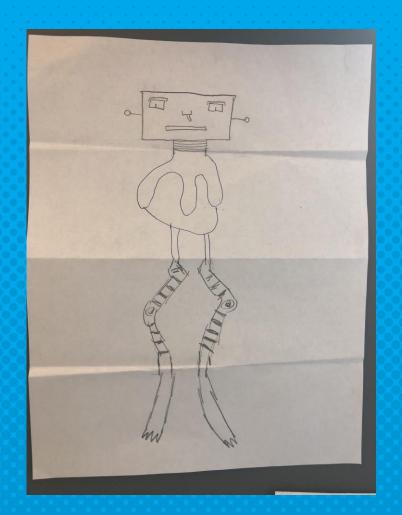
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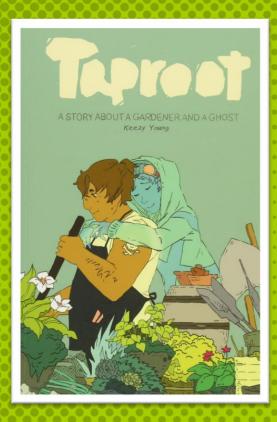
- Teams of four, please.
- Every team should have a clipboard, paper, and pencils.
- We will draw a body in teams without seeing what the other person drew.

The Rules:

- Fold the paper in half twice to make four long rectangles.
- First person draw a head and neck.
- Second person draw a torso.
- Third person draw legs.
- Fourth person draw feet and ground.

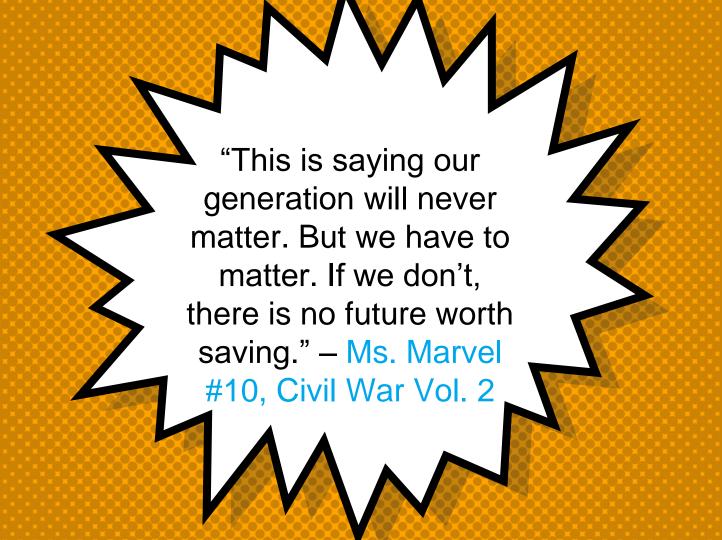






Up next:

- #OwnVoices Definition and History
- Comic Book Publishing
- Resources for finding #OwnVoices and Small Press comics
- Our favorite comics
- Your favorite comics!



#OwnVoices: A History

Author Corinne Duyvis created the # on twitter "to recommend kidlit about diverse characters written by authors from that same diverse group," (Duyvis, 2015).

http://www.corinneduyvis.net/ownvoices/

Comic Book Publishing

- Major publishers and our big vendors often determine selection for libraries.
- To make sure our collections are representative of all of our patrons, however, we need to explore other options.

What is small press?



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It's worth noting there's no solid agreedupon division between small and midsized presses. But based on stuff I apply to/places I show at, the casual cut-off seems to be "12 books a year/a new title every month, and you're not small anymore."

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—Spike Trotman, Iron Circus Comics

#OwnVoices Publishers at a glance

Small Press

- Ascend Comics
- Beyond Press
- Iron Circus Comics
- Native Realities
- Northwest Press
- Power & Magic Press
- Silver Sprocket
- YouNeek Studios
- Youth in Decline

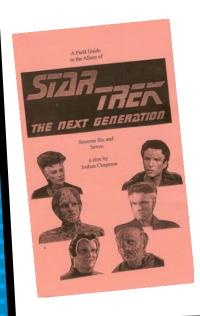
Small-ish Press

- Avery Hill Publishing
- Black Mask Studios
- Lion Forge
- Retrofit Comics

Mid-Size Press

- BOOM! Studios
- First Second
- Oni Press

Even Smaller Press – Zines!







Select Resources

Booklists, publishers, conventions, and more!



Online Booklists

Mychal's #OwnVoices Book List

From his blog post on the Seattle Public Library's 'Shelf Talk' blog.

Aydin's Selection List

From her directed fieldwork on representation in library graphic novel collections for her MLIS at the University of Washington.

Aydin's "Queer Comics Database"



PNW Comic and Fan Conventions

- Emerald City Comic Con
- Rose City
 Comic Con
- GeekGirlCon
- PAX
- Short Run

- Atomic Comic Con (Tacoma Public Library)
- Sakura Con
- NorWes Con
- ACE Comic
 Con

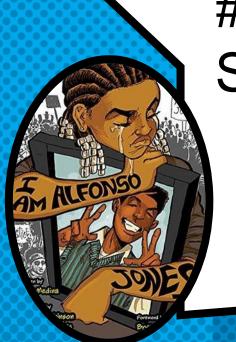
- KuroNekoCon
- SpoCon
- Lilac City
 Comicon
- Central City
 Comic Con

You local comic book or Indie bookstore!

Seattle/Tacoma	Yakima Area	Spokane
Outsider Comics and Geek Boutique	Central City Comics and	Auntie's Bookstore
Phoenix Comics and Collectibles	Collectibles	The Comic Book Shop
Atomic Comics	Inklings	Merlyn's Comics
Stargazer Comics and Games www.comicshoplocator.com		

Emerald Comics Distro





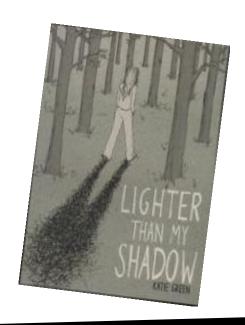
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Our Favorites!

Nathalie's Faves

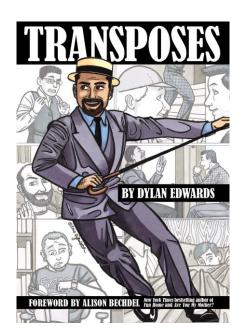






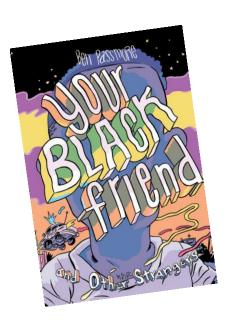
Aydin's Faves

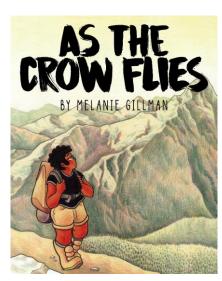






Amanda's Faves





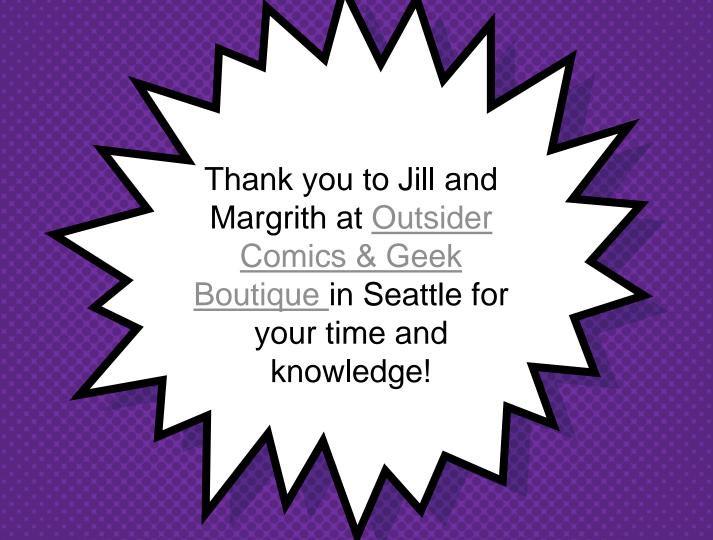




Now it's your turn!









Other Resources to Check Out

- Comic Book Legal Defense Fund
- Small Press Previews
- Comixology, Indie Comics
- Women Write About Comics
- The Comics Journal
- Autostraddle: Drawn to Comics
- Queer Comics Database
- ALA Graphic Novel and Comics Round Table
- Zine Archive and Publishing Project (ZAPP) now at the Seattle Public Library
 - Email <u>zines@spl.org</u> to access the collection

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