



Mischief and Mayhem

Book One: Born to be Bad

Book Two: The Cursed Bunny

Ken Lamug

Dog Man meets *Despicable Me* in this crackling, hilarious middle grade graphic novel series from author-illustrator Ken Lamug, starring Mischief and Mayhem—a dynamic duo that falls into supervillainy after they’re kicked out of superhero camp.

BORN TO BE BAD: Before Mischief and Mayhem were ever supervillains, they were just Missy and Gizmo, fresh recruits at Superhero camp. Only Missy lied on her hero application and has zero powers. Only fellow recruit Melvira stays by Missy's side after she's humiliated. Unbeknownst to others, Melvira has a villainous agenda, and it involves stealing all the power from anyone super.

When Missy is kicked out of superhero school, she and Melvira grow closer and Missy crosses the line into villainy as her new alter ego, Mischief. But something about Melvira doesn't sit right, and Missy must battle her former best friend. The stakes are high and the battles epic, as the line between hero and villain gets flushed down the toilet.

THE CURSED BUNNY: Missy already defeated her former best friend, the supervillain Melvira, in an epic showdown, so how hard can making friends at middle school be?

But when a “reformed” Melvira suddenly enrolls at Missy’s school and wants to run for student body president . . . Missy knows in her gut that Melvira and her league of supervillains must be up to evil again.

Then a cursed bunny head begins to turn their town into zombies, and the two may have to team up once more to fight the greater evil. Can the former best friends turned archenemies still be true sisters-in-trouble?

Ken Lamug was born in the Philippines in 1978 and is now an American author, illustrator, photographer and filmmaker. He is best known for his children's picture book A Box Story, co-creator of the independent film Vegasland, and his work on street photography. For his illustrative work, he is also known under the moniker Rabbleboy. Visit his website www.rabbleboy.com

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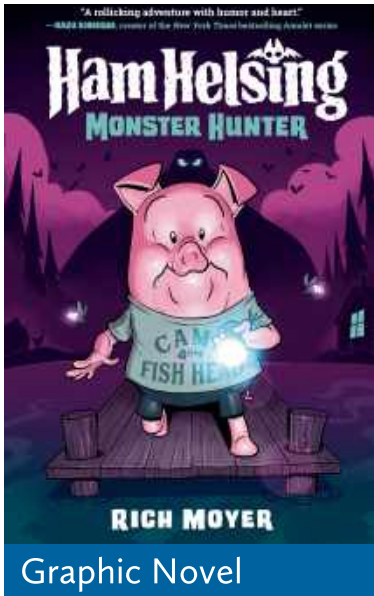
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“PILKEY FANS WILL LIKELY ADORE THIS DUO WHO FOLLOW THEIR OWN BLISS. LAMUG’S HUMOR AND ILLUSTRATIVE STYLE ARE UNIQUE, AND THIS TAKE ON THE JOY OF (LIMITED) VILLAINY IS FRESH, BOLDLY DRAWN, AND PLAYFUL.” — BULLETIN OF THE CENTER FOR CHILDREN’S BOOKS

“THE ACTION HURTTLES ALONG THROUGH PANELS OF HYPERKINETIC CARTOON ACTION AND SNARKY BANTER TO A FACE-OFF OF EPIC ROBOT BATTLES, LOTS OF SLIME AND TOILET PAPER. A ROUSING KICKOFF FOR THE CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS CROWD.” — KIRKUS REVIEWS

“PACKED WITH THRILLS AND QUIRKY HUMOR, LAMUG HAS CREATED CHARACTERS WHOSE PERSONALITIES BURST WITH ENERGY. [A] FAST-PACED STORY.” — THE HORN BOOK





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Tabletop game: Fireside Games

Ham Helsing: Monster Hunter

Rich Moyer

The uproarious next installment of the Ham Helsing graphic novel series sees Ham and his crew back to fight monsters at mysterious Camp Fish Head Lake!

Reluctant hero Ham Helsing returns with his (mostly) fearless crew, with ninja tree pig Ronin, and socially anxious Malcolm by his side. Ham continues to stumble into one ridiculous scrape after another. Following the adventures in *Ham Helsing: Vampire Hunter* the fun continues at a mysterious summer camp where anything that could go wrong will!

After an invitation to “peaceful” Camp Fish Head Lake, Ham and his buddies arrive expecting to be guests of honor. But there are no staff to be seen, and with kids (and their overprotective parents) arriving, they decide to just go with the flow. How hard can it be to keep a few kids out of trouble?

But the camp turns out to be not so monster-free—and definitely not the kind of lake you want to go fishing in! Ham and his friends have their hands full as campers start to go missing and will have to work together and trust each other to figure out what’s going on—especially when old foes return.

Rich Moyer specializes in the offbeat and irreverent as a syndicated cartoonist and an award-winning animator. Ham Helsing: Vampire Hunter is his first children’s graphic novel series. Rich lives in Denver, CO with his wife and children. <http://richmoyer.com/>

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“[W]ITH A HIGH-ENERGY ANIMATED SENSIBILITY, MOYER’S SILLY ROMP WILL DELIGHT FANS WITH ITS ABUNDANT SILLINESS AND VISUAL GAGS.... WHILE HUMOR REIGNS SUPREME, FAST PACING, CLEVER CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT, AND A SURPRISE ENDING (THAT BOTH TIES UP ONE ARC AND LEAVES A TANTALIZING CLIFFHANGER FOR SUBSEQUENT ADVENTURES) ADD UNEXPECTED DEPTH.” —KIRKUS REVIEWS

“HAM HELSING IS A WINNER!” —LINCOLN PEIRCE, ARTIST-AUTHOR OF NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING SERIES BIG NATE

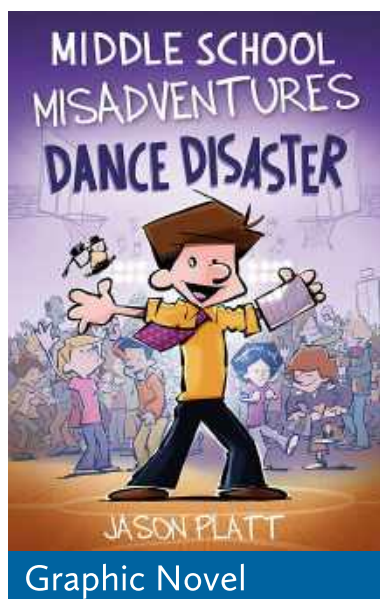
“THIS GLEEFULLY ABSURD GRAPHIC NOVEL HITS ALL THE RIGHT NOTES OF MIDDLE-GRADE HUMOR, FROM SNARKY ASIDES TO PUNNY WORDPLAY TO GROSSOUT GAGS, AND HAPLESS HAM IS AN EASY EVERYPIG TO ROOT FOR AS HE STUMBLES HIS WAY TOWARD HEROISM.” —THE BULLETIN

“A ROLICKING, SIDE-SPLITTING GOOD TIME WITH ITS SILLY ADVENTURES, APPEALING CHARACTERS, AND ABUNDANT ACTION.” —KIRKUS REVIEWS

“AN HYSTERICAL STORY OF DANGER, FAMILY LEGACY, FRIENDSHIP, AND (TRUE) BRAVERY.” —TERRI LIBENSON, ARTIST-AUTHOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING SERIES EMMIE & FRIENDS

“A BOOK FOR READERS OF ALL AGES (AND BACON LOVERS) TO SINK THEIR TEETH INTO.” —SEAN PARKES, ASSISTANT ANIMATION DIRECTOR, BOB’S BURGERS





Middle School Misadventures

Dance Disaster

Jason Platt

Ferris Bueller meets Big Nate in this international hit graphic novel series about fast-talking, daydreaming Newell, an everyday hero who succeeds despite his clumsiness and insecurities with a little help from his friends.

In Jason Platt's third fun and imaginative Middle School Misadventures graphic novel, Newell's perfectly comfortable life is turned upside down when Mrs. Hendricks announces the upcoming school dance (Fart.) and he discovers his dad is dating his math teacher (Double Fart!), sending Newell on another desperate mission to keep his life from changing too much, but ultimately forcing him to embrace change and grow.

Newell is excited when Mrs. Hendricks announces a school dance! The seventh grade dance last year was awesome, and Newell used it to invent his signature move: The Shake and Slide. But when Newell realizes this dance is for the entire school, not just the eighth grade, he starts to stress about his friends coupling up and the dance ultimately breaking up the gang. Things go from bad to worse when Skyler jinxes Newell: he stubs his toe and breaks his arm. And if that wasn't enough, Newell's dad has started dating again...and specifically starts dating Newell's math teacher, Miss Tanner!

When Newell learns of a plot to RUIN the dance, he's launched into another madcap adventure to save the dance and his best friends.

JASON PLATT, a graduate of the Savannah College of Art and Design, wanted to be an artist from a young age. With influences like Jim Davis, Berkeley Breathed, Charles M. Schulz, and Mort Drucker, his first education in cartooning was as simple as opening up a newspaper or magazine. While illustrating for an educational publishing company, Jason first developed his online comic, Mister & Me, which ultimately gave birth to Middle School Misadventures. In 2016, Jason was accepted into the National Cartoonists Society by a unanimous vote. He and his family live in Davenport, Iowa. www.plattinumpictures.com.

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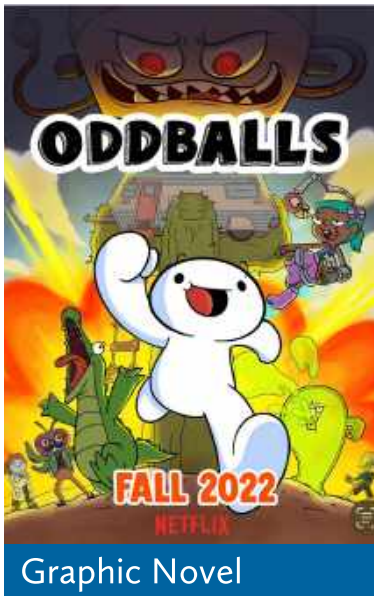
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Hebrew: Steimatzky-Tchelet — Books 1, 2
Norwegian: Gyldendal — Books 1, 2, 3
Polish: Empik/Virtualo — Books 1, 2, 3
Portuguese (Portugal): Edições ASA-LeYa — Books 1, 2
Turkish: Ithaki Çocuk — Books 1, 2, 3

"THIS HILARIOUS GRAPHIC NOVEL IS A GREAT READ FOR ANYONE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL OR FOR ADULTS WHO KNOW SOMEONE THAT AGE." —SCHOOL LIBRARY CONNECTION

"NEWELL'S STORY IS FILLED WITH A BUILDING ANXIETY THAT WILL FILL MIDDLE-SCHOOLERS WITH URGENT SUSPENSE AND THE SWEET RELIEF OF RECOGNITION." —BOOKLIST

"TWEENS WILL FIND THEMSELVES EFFORTLESSLY INVOLVED IN THIS STORY OF A YOUNG MAN WHO MUST LEARN TO ACCEPT CHANGE AND FIND HIS OWN ROLE WITHIN IT." —SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL





Oddballs

The Graphic Novel

James Rallison & Ethan Banville

The must-have graphic novel companion to the global hit series *Oddballs*!

You've watched James and Max's adventures on Netflix, but the fun doesn't stop there! ODDBALLS: THE GRAPHIC NOVEL brings you even more rant fueled stories where something annoys James and he just can't let it go! Join James, Max, Echo and the people of Dirt on these original odd adventures!

Inspired by James Rallison's incredibly popular YouTube channel *The Odd Is Out*, ODDBALLS follows James, his best friend Max (an anthropomorphic crocodile), and Echo, a girl who claims to be from the future. Much like on *TheOddIsOut* YouTube channel, James can't help but share his views and observations on things we all know and have been annoyed by. Like toasters! Why has no one created a smart toaster? And participation trophies. Those things devalue all trophies! Featuring five original stories, ODDBALLS: THE GRAPHIC NOVEL continues James' madcap misadventures with Max, Echo, and the whole town of Dirt!

James Rallison has been drawing comics since he was eight years old. At age sixteen, James created the webcomic The Odd Is Out, which has expanded into a YouTube channel with more than 18 million subscribers. His Netflix animated series Oddballs, co-created with Ethan Banville, debuts in 192 countries in October 2022.

Ethan Banville is the co-creator of Oddballs and a writer-producer with over fifteen years of experience in television and film. He has created action sports programming for FUEL TV and written for hit shows like iCarly, Drake & Josh, and Johnny Test. He is currently teaching at the Los Angeles Film School. In his spare time, he enjoys skateboarding, trail running, and hanging out with his wife and their two cats who refuse to let them get a full night's sleep.

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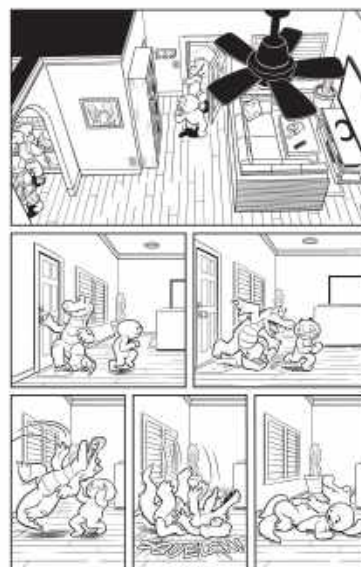
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Your Pal Fred

Michael Rex

From the author/illustrator of *Fangbone!* and *Goodnight Goon* comes a zany and hilarious graphic novel that shines a light on the humanity inside all of us—even if you're a robot.

YOUR PAL FRED is a comedy adventure with a heart of gold. Fred is a lifelike robot programmed to be your friend, teach you manners, how to be polite—he's an indefatigable source of positivity and encouragement. Our hero, however, awakens to a Mad-Max-like post-apocalyptic world where the necessity of survival has hardened even the most average people into gruff, mean-spirited ruffians.

In book one, even the lowliest person is being conscripted into a senseless ongoing battle between Lord Bonkers and Papa Mayhem; and Fred is determined to make friends of these two mortal enemies. Played for laughs and filled with non-stop action, YOUR PAL FRED is set in a visually-rich, over-the-top environment, populated by wild characters, but it could not be a more timely story. It's ultimately about the courage of kindness and hope in the face of selfishness and meanness. Fred is an inspiring protagonist to fall in love with; Pinocchio with a conscience; as unstoppably optimistic as SpongeBob; a stranger in a strange land; Mr. Rogers of the Wasteland; and, frankly, a hero for our times.

Michael Rex has written and illustrated over 45 books for children, including the New York Times #1 bestseller Goodnight Goon, & the New York Times bestseller The Runaway Mummy. Goodnight Goon spent nine weeks on the New York Times bestseller list, finishing in the #1 slot for two weeks. Goon has nearly one million copies in print. He is also the creator of Fangbone: Third Grade Barbarian, which became the award-winning animated series Fangbone!

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"IN REX'S BIG-HEARTED COMIC ... FRED'S GENTLENESS PROVES HEALING IN THIS HUMOROUS VOLUME ABOUT THE POWER OF KINDNESS." — PUBLISHERS WEEKLY, STARRED REVIEW

"[T]HE BUOYANT PROTAGONIST, GOOFY CHARACTER DESIGNS, AND SLAPSTICK COMEDY OFFSET THE SERIOUSNESS BEHIND THE IDEA OF THE WRECKED WORLD. A GRAPHIC NOVEL WITH HEART ABOUT MEDIATION AND GOOD RELATIONS THAT WILL APPEAL TO THOSE WHO ENJOY KOOKY CHARACTERS." —SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL

"FRED WEATHERS SCORN, SLIME, AND WORSE TO MAKE FRIENDS, REUNITE LONG-SEPARATED SIBLINGS, AND SHOW EVEN FIERCE RIVALS A WAY TO PEACE AND FORGIVENESS. A WINNING EXHORTATION, EARNEST IN ITS UNDERPINNINGS AT LEAST, TO BE THE CHANGE." —KIRKUS REVIEWS

"IN A WORLD OF CHAOS AND CARNAGE, THIS ROBOT CARRIES A SECRET WEAPON . . . REWARD STICKERS! ANOTHER GENIUS IDEA FROM ONE OF MY FAVORITE GRAPHIC NOVELISTS." —TOM ANGLEBERGER, BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF GERONIMO STILTON AND ORIGAMI YODA

"REX COMBINES A SILLY, ADVENTUROUS ROMP WITH A MESSAGE ABOUT LOVE AND KINDNESS. THE ILLUSTRATIONS CAPTURE THE STORY'S ENERGY; THE ACTION-PACKED SPREADS AND JAGGED PANELS MAKE FOR QUICK TRANSITIONS DURING ACTION SEQUENCES, AND THE CARTOONISH VISUAL STYLE TURNS MEAN CHARACTERS INTO HARMLESS GOOFBALLS." —BOOKLIST



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Star Beasts

Stephanie Young and Allyson Lassiter

Wanna know the real reason Pluto isn't a planet anymore? In this lively middle grade graphic novel, *Zootopia* crashes *Star Trek*, so it's basically animals in space saving humans... you know, like they do!

A secret order of animals, including a librarian goldfish and a tech iguana, engage in a cosmic space race to stop Pluto's Khaos Krill, who is enraged when Pluto is declared not to be a planet and in revenge is building the Beast of Destruction and plans to wipe out the creatures of Earth.

Bandit is a pup who leaves his family on Earth to join the secret order of the Star Beasts—cosmic creatures sworn to protect Earth and spread goodness throughout the universe. Only thing is, he's having trouble fitting in. When powerful galactic relics are suddenly stolen, the Star Beasts must band together to find the deadly fossils before Pluto's evil emperor, Khaos Krill, meanwhile, wants to build the Novataur, an ancient monster that could wipe out all of Earth's species!

Captain Bandit leads the crew on a kick-asteroid space race to collect all the relics. Flashtista, the warrior turtle; Clio, the goldfish historian; Karma, the healing tiger; Pep, the techie iguana, and the rest of Star Beasts risk their lives to learn that true family is never really lost, and that protecting love is the greatest duty of all.

The creators met at Hallmark where Stephanie is editorial director for digital content and Allyson designs gift products for kids. Stephanie also writes concepts and scripts for Amazon Skills and VR content, while Allyson worked as an online games designer.

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