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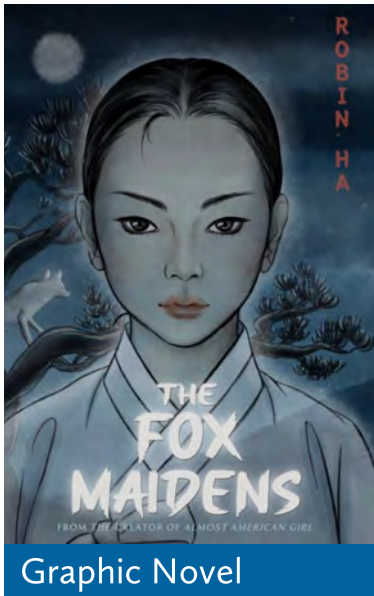
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# The Fox Maidens

Robin Ha

From the bestselling, award-winning creator of *Almost American Girl* comes an epic new graphic novel fantasy—a queer, feminist reimagining of the *Fox Maiden* legend from Korean mythology. Perfect for fans of *Nimona*, *Squire*, and *The Prince and the Dressmaker*.

Kai Song dreams of being a warrior. While her society isn't ready for a girl warrior, Kai is still determined. But she is plagued by rumors that she is the granddaughter of Gumiho, the infamous nine-tailed fox demon who was killed by her father years before. Everything comes crashing down the day Kai learns the deadly secret about her mother's past. As Kai desperately searches for a way to escape her fate, she comes to find compassion, and even love, in the most unexpected places. Set in sixteenth-century Korea and richly infused with Korean folklore, *THE FOX MAIDENS* is a timeless and powerful story about fighting for your place in the world, even when it seems impossible.

*Robin Ha (She/her) is a Korean American cartoonist based in Washington DC. She is the author and the illustrator of Almost American Girl, a graphic novel memoir, and Cook Korean!: A Comic Book With Recipes, a New York Times bestselling cookbook graphic novel. Robin Ha grew up reading and drawing comics in Seoul, South Korea, and moved to the United States at age fourteen. After graduating from the Rhode Island School of Design, she moved to New York City and worked in the fashion industry for several years before diving into comics. Her Harvey award-nominated graphic novel memoir, Almost American Girl depicts her unexpected move from Korea to Huntsville, AL in 1995, and dealing with the culture shock and the language barrier as she struggles to adapt to life in the United States.*

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"HA PUTS A QUEER AND FEMINIST TWIST ON THE ORIGINS OF THE FOX MAIDEN FROM KOREAN FOLKLORE IN THIS FANTASTICAL GRAPHIC NOVEL. ACROSS CLEANLY RENDERED, DIGITALLY ILLUSTRATED PANELS WITH STARKLY HIGHLIGHTED HUES IN REDS, BLUES, GREENS, AND YELLOWS, KAI TENACIOUSLY ATTEMPTS TO CHANGE HER FATE, ENCOUNTERS A FAMILIAR FACE ON A PARALLEL JOURNEY, AND FINDS COMPASSION AND LOVE ALONG THE WAY." — PUBLISHERS WEEKLY

"HA EMPLOYS A LIMITED BUT VERSATILE COLOR PALETTE TO CREATE A WORLD THAT FEELS GROUNDED IN REAL HISTORY YET IMBUED WITH MAGIC. THE INKBRUSH-LIKE DIGITAL ILLUSTRATIONS ARE EVOCATIVE OF TRADITIONAL ASIAN ART AND CONTRAST POIGNANTLY WITH THE BOOK'S CONTEMPORARY TREATMENT OF NONCONFORMITY, QUEERNESS, AND INTERGENERATIONAL TRAUMA. A LUSHLY ILLUSTRATED FANTASY THAT FEELS ANCIENT AND MODERN AT THE SAME TIME." — KIRKUS REVIEWS

"ACTION PACKED AND EXCITING, THIS FAMILY DRAMA IS FULL OF UNEXPECTED TWISTS AND TURNS. THE ART IS RICH WITH HISTORICAL DETAILS, BEAUTIFUL NATURE SCENES, AND FAST PACED FIGHT SCENES. LOVERS OF GHOST STORIES, K-DRAMAS, AND QUEER RETELLINGS OF FAIRY TALES WILL FIND MUCH TO ENJOY HERE." — MAIA KOBABE, AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR OF GENDER QUEER



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Graphic Novel

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June Book One, Born to be Bad: 2021  
Book Two, The Cursed Bunny: 2022  
HarperCollins

#### Film/TV:

Available

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Books Available

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Australia  
Spanish (Spain): RBA

# 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](http://www.rabbleboy.com)*

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“DIABOLICALLY HYSTERICAL FUN!” —  
CHRIS GRABENSTEIN, #1 NEW YORK  
TIMES BESTSELLER

“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 CLIMACTIC FACE-OFF  
FEATURING 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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Russian: Atticus (Books 1-3)  
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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*“A ROLICKING, SIDE-SPLITTING GOOD TIME WITH ITS SILLY ADVENTURES, APPEALING CHARACTERS, AND ABUNDANT ACTION.” —KIRKUS REVIEWS*

*“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*

*PRAISE FOR HAM HELSING: VAMPIRE HUNTER:*

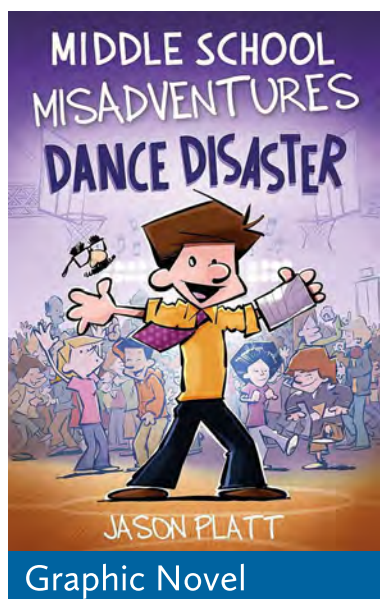
*“AN HYSTERICAL STORY OF DANGER, FAMILY LEGACY, FRIENDSHIP, AND (TRUE) BRAVERY.” —TERRI LIBENSON, ARTIST-AUTHOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING SERIES EMMIE & FRIENDS*

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

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

*“[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*





# Middle School Misadventures

## Operation Hat Heist!

Jason Platt

Ferris Bueller meets Big Nate in artist-author Jason Platt's debut graphic novels about fast-talking, daydreaming Newell, and 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. 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](http://www.plattinumpictures.com).*

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"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..."

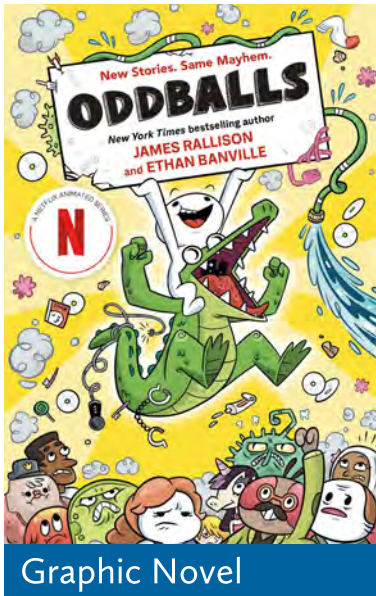
SUSPENSE AND THE SWEET RELIEF OF RECOGNITION." —BOOKLIST

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

"BILL WATTERSON-FLAVORED ARTWORK IN FULL COLOR MAKES THIS ADVENTURE ENTERTAINING AND APPROACHABLE EVEN TO NOVICE GRAPHIC NOVEL READERS, YET PLATT'S HUMOR IS REFRESHINGLY DISTINCT IN BOTH TEXT AND IMAGE." —THE BULLETIN OF THE CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S BOOKS







# 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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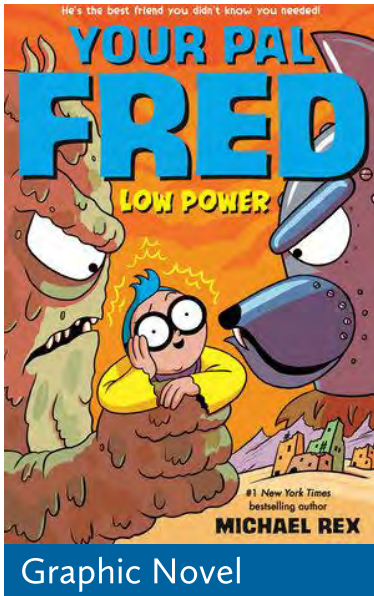
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# Your Pal Fred

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 this action-packed sequel by #1 *New York Times* bestselling creator Michael Rex, Fred shows us how all arguments, big and small, can be solved with kindness—even when it's not always welcomed!

Fred has made quite a name for himself as a peacemaker since his last adventure. Now everyone who loves to argue is coming to him for help resolving their disagreements, but there's just one problem . . . Fred is low on power. Thanks to the clouds of pollution in the sky, Fred's solar battery can't recharge.

With the help of his best friend, Wormy, he sets off for SunTop—a city with a sky-high place where the sun can be seen. But once there, he's told that he can't recharge unless he stops a clan of garbage-like creatures from attacking every night. It's a race against time for Fred to solve the mystery of the Trash before he runs out of power forever!

"Robot Fred continues to wage peace across a devastated dystopia. So fearlessly does he mediate between sides while spreading his message about the value of listening and respecting differences, that readers can't help but come to admire him and maybe even adopt some of his clever strategies." —*Kirkus Reviews*

*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!*

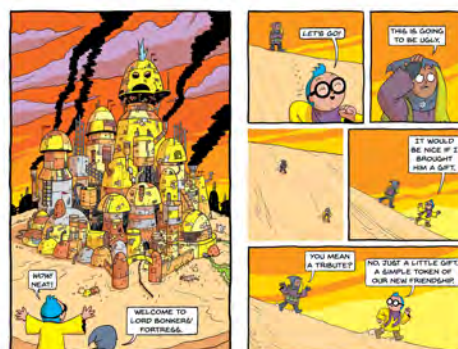
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**\*Best Graphic Novel for Kids selection by the American Library Association\***

**\*Texas Little Maverick Reading List selection\***

**\*101 Great Books for Kids selection by the Evanston Public Library\***



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