

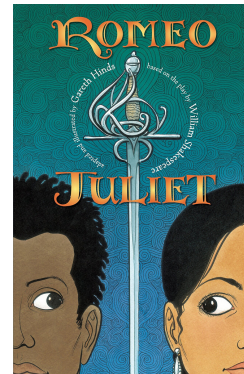


CHRISTINE RECOMMENDS...

Graphic Novels

I feel so proud of myself when I finish a graphic novel or manga because I'm pretty old and it's just not my brain's preferred method of reading. If a teen ever came up to me at the library and said they were going to force themselves to read something that wasn't their thing, I would not be happy to hear that. However, it's important for ME to be familiar with books that teens like so I can do my job properly. So sometimes I have to read stuff that isn't my thing. Anyway. . . graphic novels.

Last year, author/illustrator Gareth Hinds was kind enough to visit MHS and I have been a fan ever since. It's so interesting the way he changes his drawing style depending on the source material of his graphic novel adaptations. For example, his Edgar Allan Poe compilation has a *very* different visual vibe from the vibrant and romantic *Romeo and Juliet*. While this adaptation sticks to Shakespeare's original text, Hinds re-imagines the story with a multiracial cast and manga-style action scenes. Read it for free right now!



Romeo & Juliet

Adapted & Illustrated by
Gareth Hinds

**Available as an e-book on
TeenBookCloud**

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Laura Dean Keeps Breaking Up With Me

by Mariko Tamaki

**Available as an e-book
on the Libby app**

What happens when you finally get to date the most popular girl in school? Life is a dream and all of your problems go away, right? Frederica "Freddy" Riley has been dating cute and super-confident Laura for a while now and it's hard to admit that it's not working out. Laura really is as cool as she always seemed, but she's also cold and flaky. She's just a bad girlfriend and she breaks Freddy's heart over and over again. Freddy takes her back every time and somehow ends up feeling like it was all her fault in the first place.

It's not just Freddy's self esteem and sanity that are suffering; her friendships are also disappearing as a result of her intense relationship with Laura. On top of everything, she visits a psychic medium who ends their session by simply saying: "Break up with her." All signs point to a break up, so why is it so hard for Freddy to say goodbye? If you're a fan of romance, angst, and FEELINGS in your books, you will like this one. The stylish black, white, and pink illustrations are also a treat!

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