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**Background on Graphic Novels**

*Maus: A Survivor’s Tale* by Art Spiegelman  
Pantheon Books, 1986  
Winner of a special Pulitzer Prize

*American Born Chinese* by Gene Luen Yang  
First Second, 2006  
Winner of the Michael L. Printz Award

*Swallow Me Whole* by Nate Powell  
Top Shelf Productions, 2008  
Nominated for the Los Angeles Times Book Prize in YA Literature
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*Blankets: An Illustrated Novel* by Craig Thompson
Top Shelf Productions, 2003
Weighs in at almost 600 pages

*Bone: One Volume Edition* by Jeff Smith
Cartoon Books, 2004
Individual comic books reassembled in a complete graphic novel format

**Resources to Consult in Reading Graphic Novels**

Great Graphic Novels for Teens, a list produced by the American Library Association
http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/booklistsawards/greatgraphicnovelsforteens/gn.cfm

No Flying No Tights, a graphic novel website by Robin Brenner
http://www.noflyingnotights.com/

*Understanding Comics: The Invisible Art* by Scott McCloud
HarperPerennial, 2004

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