

What is a Comic Strip?

- A sequence of drawings in boxes that tell an amusing story, typically printed in a newspaper or comic book.



What Is the Difference Between a Graphic Novel and Comic Book?

While an untrained reader may not be able to discern a graphic novel from a comic book, fans of both genres should have no trouble doing so. As a general rule:

- Graphic novels are longer than comic books.
- Graphic novels cover a wide array of genres and subject matters. Comic books may as well, but the subjects are often associated with or explained through the lens of superheroes or heightened realities.
- Graphic novels contain complete narratives, whether or not they are part of a larger series.
- Comic books contain excerpts of serialized narratives. It can be difficult to read a comic book if you haven't read the comic that comes directly before it in series.
- Both comics and graphic novels can contain complex characters with detailed backstories and inner conflict.
- Comic books are produced with greater frequency than graphic novels, often arriving on a weekly or monthly schedule.

Comic-style illustration is also popular in other countries. For example, Anime and manga, both of which originated in Japan, are popular worldwide. Anime is most associated with comic books while Manga aligns more closely with graphic novels.

Examples of Graphic Novels



Examples of Comic Books



Examples of Anime



Examples of Manga

