



COMIC CON-VERSATION LIBRARY ★ FESTIVAL

The Comic Con-versation Library Festival (CCV) is an avenue for the comics community to mingle with the library community through a diverse program of engagement, which includes workshops, live drawing sessions, panels, and exhibitions. It is aimed at children, teens, and adults.

Comic Con-versation (CCV) began in 2014 with an evening comic convention at Ashfield Library. In 2015, CCV organisers contacted other public libraries in Sydney to gauge interest in running a week-long comics festival. Six libraries came on board in 2015, fourteen libraries held comics events in 2016, and now in 2017, CCV has grown to include twenty libraries, making Comic Con-versation a truly Sydney-wide festival. Libraries participating this year include: Burwood, Fairfield, Liverpool, Ryde, Sutherland, and the Inner West Council Libraries of Ashfield, Leichhardt, and Marrickville.

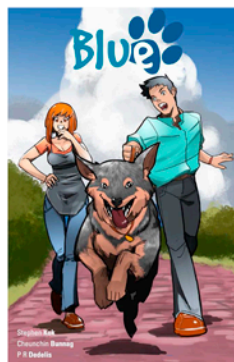
The aim of CCV is to promote the works of the local comics community and highlight the graphic novel collections held in libraries. Planning for CCV17 has begun, and more information can be found at www.facebook.com/comicconversation2017/

AUSTRALIAN GRAPHIC NOVELS - KIDS*



The Dreaming: Perfect Collection (by Queenie Chan)

When twins Amber and Jeanie are accepted into an exclusive Australian boarding school, they do not know that the school harbours a terrible secret: students have been known to disappear into the surrounding bushlands without a trace. Ages 12+ (9781427818713)



Blue (by Stephen Kok)

James adopts Blue, a headstrong rescue Australian cattle dog but has he bitten off more than he can chew? Blue wants things his way, ignores him when called, and refuses to eat! What is James to do? Discover how two seemingly mismatched characters learn to love with respect and form a special bond. Ages 10-16 (9780994289933)



Fabled Kingdom v1 (by Queenie Chan)

Celsia is a 'Red Hood', a young healer from a remote, sleepy village. Life is uneventful, until the shocking day she discovers that her grandmother isn't her *real* grandmother. Spurred by this, she embarks on a grand quest to seek her true lineage and to awaken a cursed kingdom. Ages 12+ (9781925376029)



Fabled Kingdom v3 (by Queenie Chan)

Queen Briar Rose may be Celsia's trueborn grandmother, but their relationship takes an ugly turn when the queen makes a stunning accusation. With the life of a dear friend on the line, will Celsia ask her maternal grandmother—the 'White Queen'—for help? Ages 12+ (9781925376067)



Fabled Kingdom v2 (by Queenie Chan)

In v2 of the *Fabled Kingdom* series, Celsia has awoken the cursed kingdom of Fallinor, along with its queen Briar Rose—the notorious and feared 'Black Queen'. Immediately, she finds herself subject to various trials to prove her blood relation to this queen—who is also her ancestor. Ages 12+ (9781925376043)



Monsters (by Karen Beilharz et al)

An anthology of short comics for children about monsters and different aspects of fear—fear of strange foods, fear of strange animals, fear of the dark and fear of the unknown. *Monsters* is designed to act as a springboard to help parents talk to their kids about the things they're scared of. All ages. (9780987187826)

2017 LEDGER AWARD SHORTLIST



Tabby (by Stephen Kok)

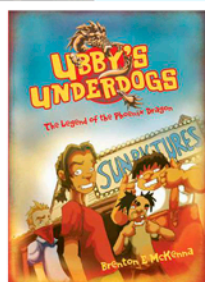
Tabby's idyllic world changes when another family of cats move in and Tabby is forced to defend his territory. To make things more complicated, Tabby Jr falls in love with a kitten from the other family! *Tabby* is a retelling of Romeo and Juliet with cats. All ages. (9780994289902)



5 Seconds (by Stephen Kok)

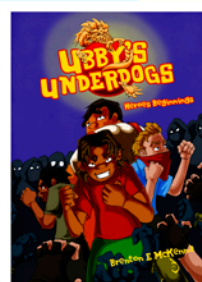
5 Seconds follows Jake's life as he discovers he can see what happens five seconds in the future. With his best friend Ellie, the two of them decide to test out exactly what Jake can do! Unfortunately, others also seek to exploit Jake's time bending skill set! Ages 12+. (9780994289926)

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Ubby's Underdogs v1 (by Brenton McKenna)

It's the late 1940s and Broome, a small pearling town in the heart of an ancient land, is still recovering from WWII. Ubby, a smart, street-wise Aboriginal girl, is the leader of a small rag-tag gang known as the 'Underdogs'. Ages 10+. (9781921248313)



Ubby's Underdogs v2 (by Brenton McKenna)

Ubby's Underdogs: Heroes Beginnings (Book 2) is storytelling on a remarkable scale. It continues with established characters that have links to other worlds amidst an intricate backdrop of Aboriginal and Chinese mythology. Ages 10+. (9781922142139)

AUSTRALIAN GRAPHIC NOVELS - ADULTS*



The Sacrifice v1 (by Bruce Mutard)

Pacifist Robert Wells finds his ideals challenged with the outbreak of World War II. Mutard explores Australia's home front, examining issues such as refugees, anti-Semitism, socialism, and censorship. (9781741751178)



Kinds of Blue (by Karen Beilharz et al)

An anthology of short comics about different aspects of depression and mental health, such as depression and work, and depression and relationships. For people who suffer from depression, people who want to support people with depression, and people who want to learn more about it. (9780987187802)



The Silence (by Bruce Mutard)

When Choosy finds an extraordinary painting, she is determined to track down the unknown artist with her partner Dimitri. But will the truth be what either of them expect? (9781741751161)



Short Ghost Stories: The Man with the Axe in his Back (by Queenie Chan)

An anthology of four short ghost stories in the vein of *Twilight Zone*, illustrated in an innovative mix of prose and comics. By writer and artist Queenie Chan, the stories range from macabre to the unsettling. (9780987071248)

2009 AUREALIS SHORTLIST