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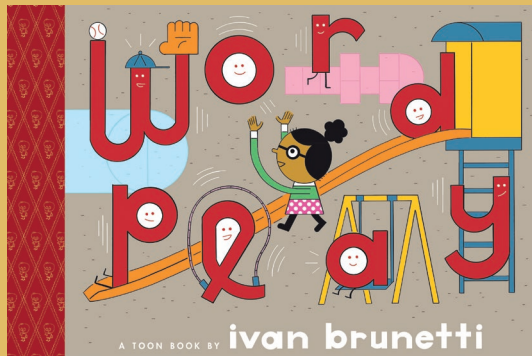
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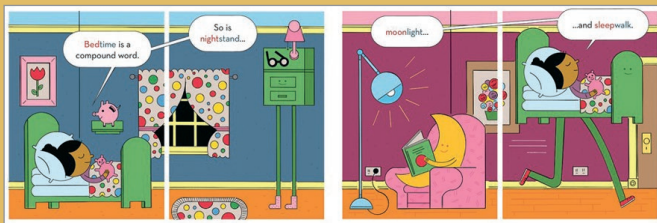
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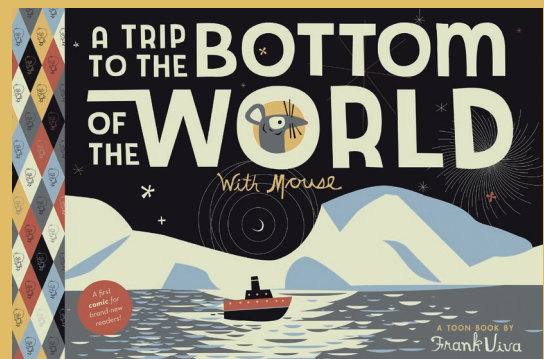
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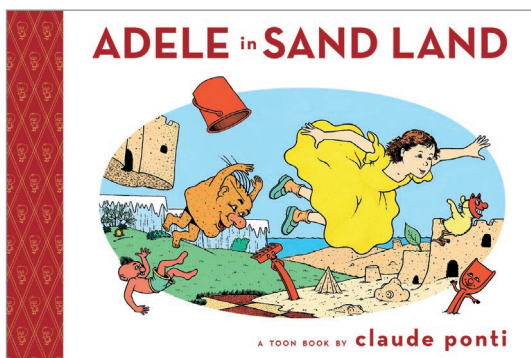
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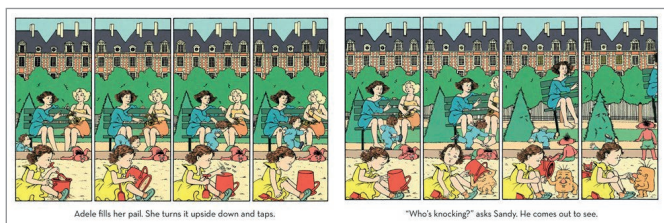


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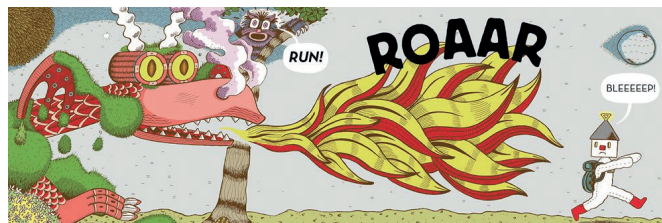


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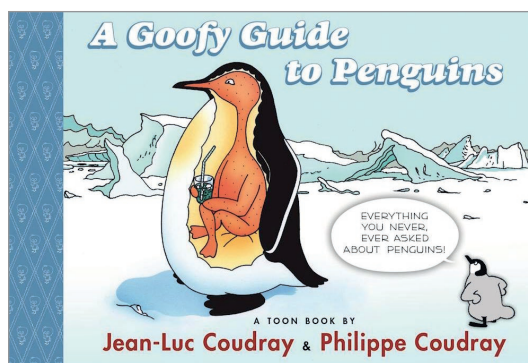
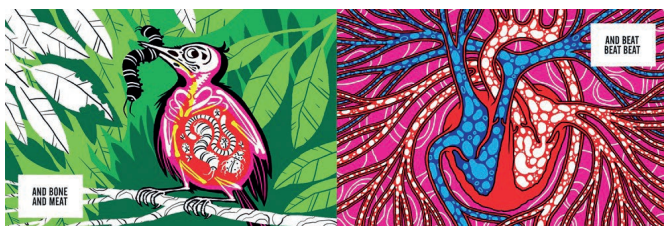


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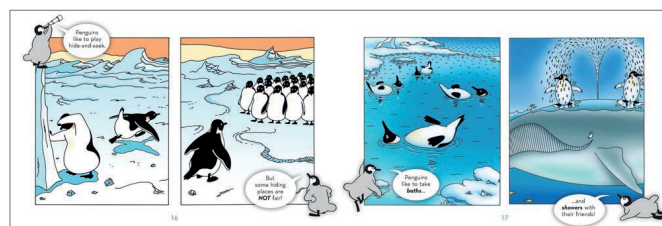


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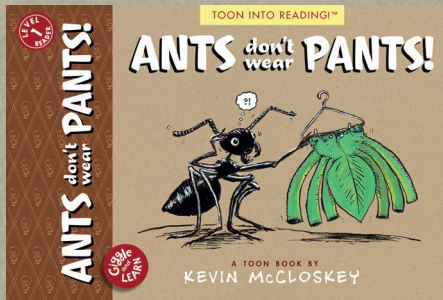
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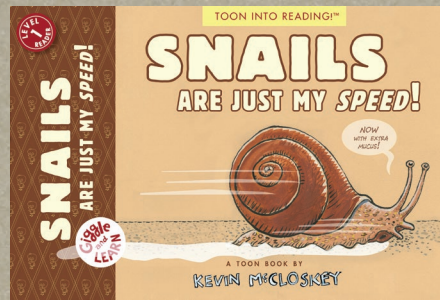
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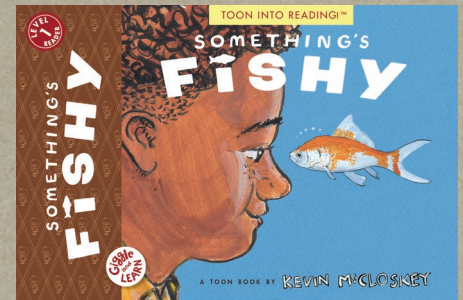
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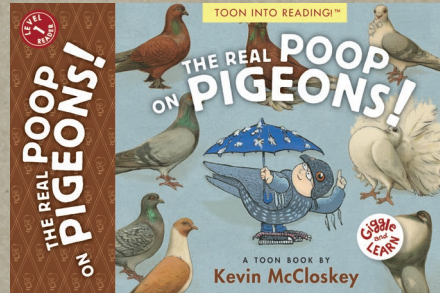
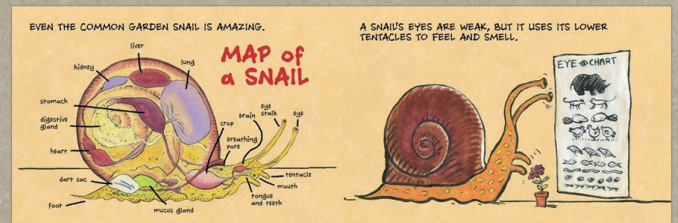
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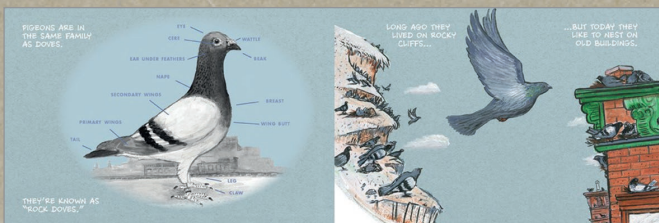
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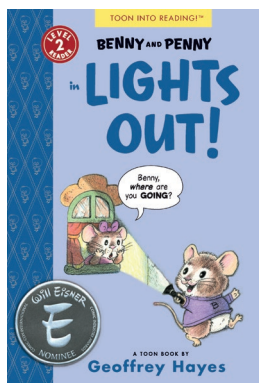
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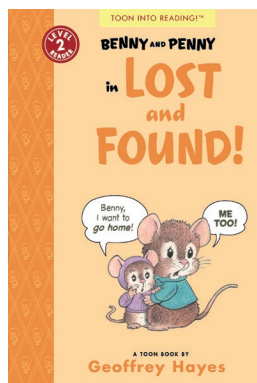
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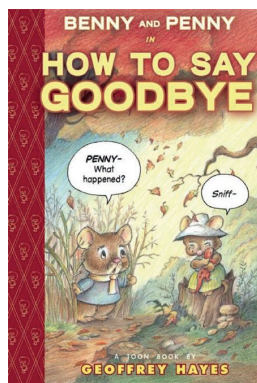
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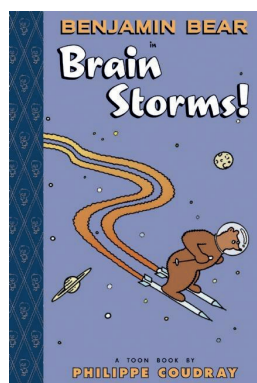
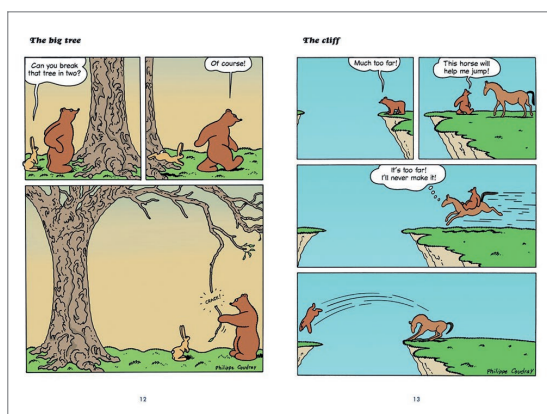
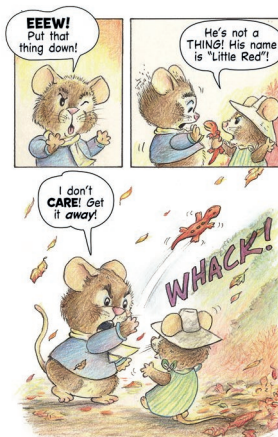
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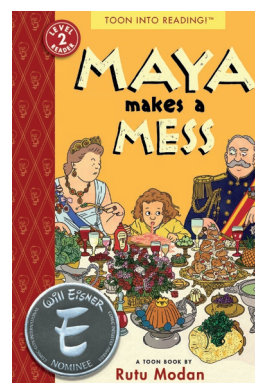
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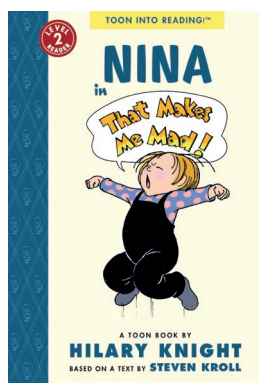
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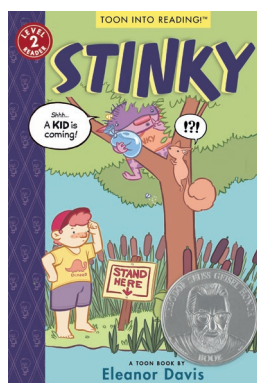
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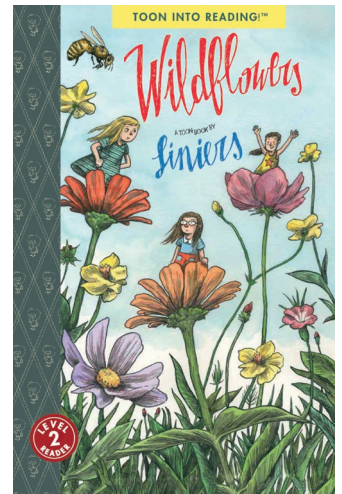
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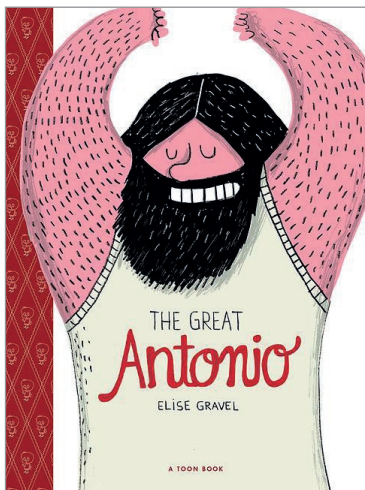
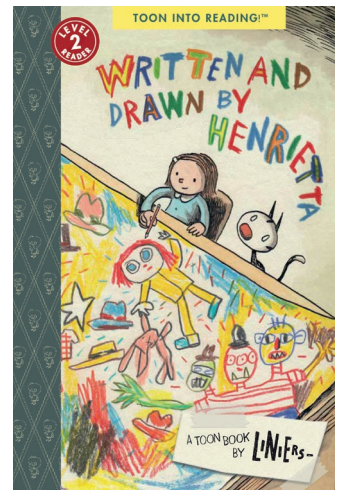
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He was six foot three.



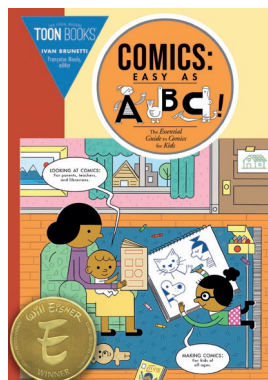
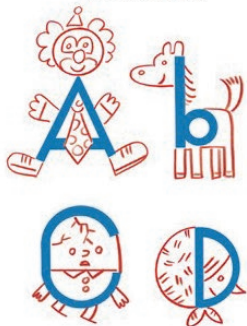


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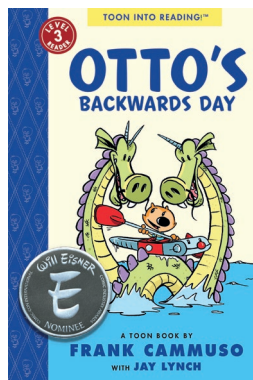
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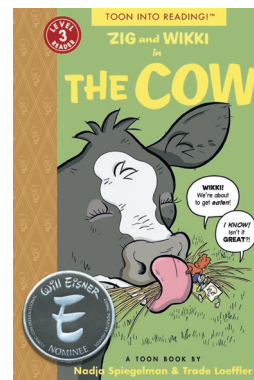


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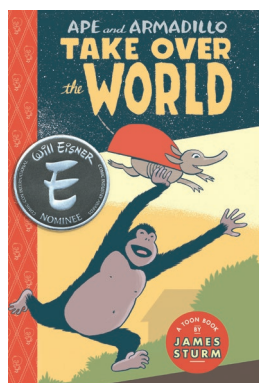


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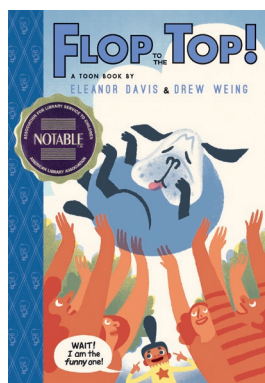


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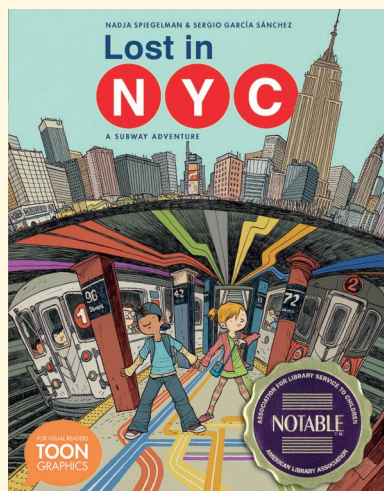


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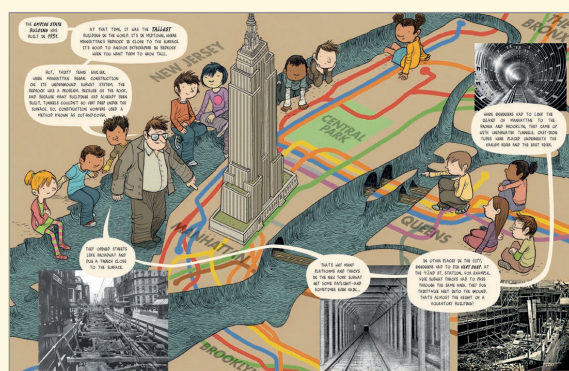
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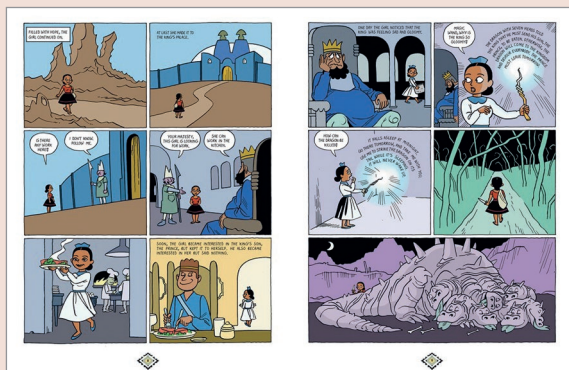


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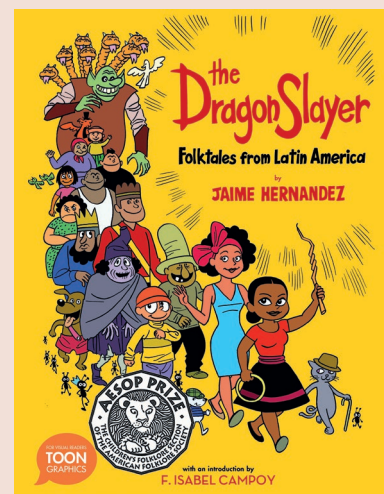
Interest Level – Ages 8+ • Introduces great storytelling traditions from around the world
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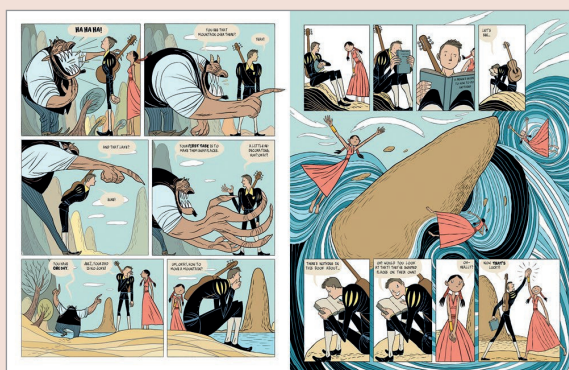
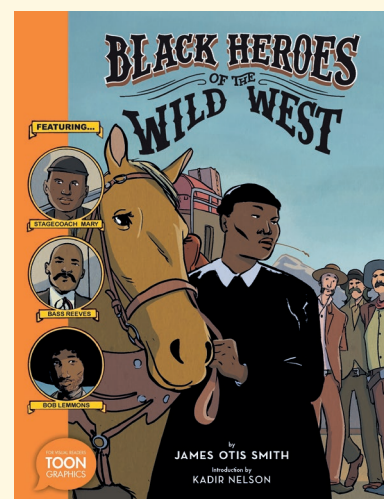
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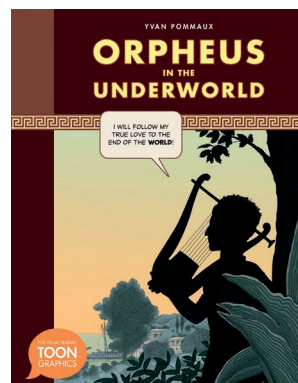


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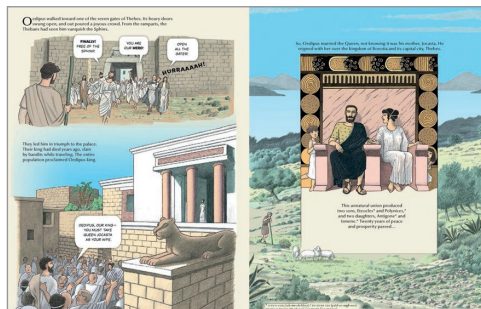


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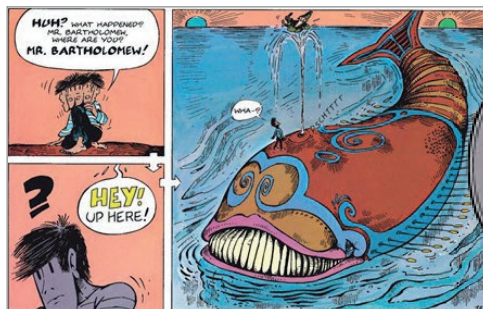
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How to read COMICS with kids

Tips for
parents
and
teachers



Kids love
comics!

Children are naturally drawn to the details in the pictures, which make them want to read the words. Comics beg for repeated readings and let both emerging and reluctant readers enjoy complex stories with a rich vocabulary. But since comics have their own grammar, here are a few tips for reading them with kids.

Guide
young
readers

Use your finger to show your place in the text, but keep it underneath the character who is speaking so it doesn't hide the very important facial expressions.

Ham
it up!

Think of the comic book story as a play, and don't hesitate to read with expression and intonation. Assign parts or get kids to supply the sound effects, a great way to reinforce phonic skills.

Let them
guess

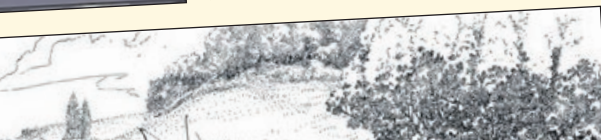
Comics provide lots of context for the words, so emerging readers can make informed guesses. Like jigsaw puzzles, comics ask readers to make connections, so check children's understanding by asking "What's this character thinking?" (But don't be surprised if a kid finds some of the subtler details faster than you.)

Talk
about the
pictures

Point out how the artist paces the story with pauses (Silent panels) or speeded-up action (aburst of short panels). Discuss how the size and shape of the panels convey meaning.

Above all,
enjoy!

There is of course never one right way to read, so go for the shared pleasure. Once children make the story happen in their imagination, they have discovered the thrill of reading, and you won't be able to stop them. At that point, just go get them more books – and more comics!





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