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### A Jerry Craft Reading Challenge

Jerry Craft, beloved author of "The New Kid," hardly remembers a time when he wasn't drawing. But becoming a king of graphic novels? That is another story! In his reading challenge, he tells the story of his own work through the books that shaped him, as well as the books for which he helped to pave the way.

Add these titles to your TBR list and mark them off as you read!

#### **Book Recommendations**

- Maus Volume I" by Art Spiegelman
- Maus Volume II" by Art Spiegelman
- Smile" by Raina Telgemeier
- American Born Chinese" by Gene Leun Yang
- "El Deafo" by Cece Bell
- "Roller Girl" by Victoria Jamieson
- Stitches" by David Small
- 🗋 "Amulet" by Kazu Kibuishi
- 🗌 "Hey, Kiddo" by Jarrett J. Krosoczka
- A First Time for Everything" by Dan Santat
- "New Kid" by Jerry Craft
- Stuntboy, in the Meantime" by Jason Reynolds, illustrated by Raúl the Third
- C "Leon the Extraordinary" by Jamar Nicholas
- Swim Team" by Johnnie Christmas
- "Weirdo" by Tony Weaver Jr., illustrated by Jes & Cin Wibowo

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#### **Reading Log**

Color in a butterfly for every 30 minutes that you read.





Jerry Craft was a guest on the Beanstack podcast, The Reading Culture, where he shared this challenge and his journey to becoming a writer.

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