

Over the Rainbow Booklist

## **GRAPHIC NARRATIVE**

*Bingo Love.* Tee Franklin. Image Comics, 2018. Hazel and Mari are teenagers when they first meet in the early 1960s. When their friendship blossoms into something more, they are forced apart by their families and society. Decades later at a bingo hall, the two find each other again and finally embark on the life of which they had been robbed. A graphic novel that will warm your heart.

*Gumballs*. Erin Nations. Top Shelf Productions, 2018. Nations created an autobiographical graphic novel with his unique square headed style of characters, exploring what it meant to grow up as an identical twin in a set of triplets, and how his life and body shifted when he started his gender confirmation journey. This collection is really fun and accessible, a great overview of one man's trans experience.

*Lie and How We Told It.* Tommi Parrish. Fantagraphics, 2018. In this beautifully-rendered graphic novel, old friends Cleary and Tim run into each other at the grocery store one day and reconnect. Over the course of a night, they discuss the choices that they made and the paths each has traveled since they parted. With subtlety and dexterity, Parrish weaves an honest tale, brimming with struggle and self-realization over one's sexuality and being true to one's self.

*My Brother's Husband Volume 2.* Genoroh Tagame. Pantheon, 2018. At its heart, this is the story of a man coming to terms with the unquestioned cultural assumptions about sexuality he's harbored all his life and rediscovering the meaning of family, for his own and his daughter's sake. The genius of Tagame's art lies in its ability to suggest without insistence that Yaichi's real journey of discovery has just begun. A joyous and hopeful work.

*Sugar Town*. Hazel Newlevant. Newlevant Comix, 2018. This fun and colorful graphic novel jubilantly celebrates bisexuality, queer love, and polyamorous relationships. There's good information about how to make polyamory successful but the story doesn't get pedantic or weighed down. Topics like sex work, jealousy, and domination add to a sweetly romantic story.