Graphic Novels

Around the turn of the century comics were inexpensive and a form of reading entertainment for children and adults alike. The picture books, called comics, which are now called graphic novels, helped students and adults become interested in reading, thereby causing additional interest in different genres of literature. According to Debra Viadero, in her article entitled Scholars See Comics as no Laughing Matter, President Barack Obama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu credit comic books with awakening their love of reading. This article is printed in Education Week, February 11, 2009.

The fable of the Monkey King is woven throughout this story into the present time to give readers a feeling of what it is like to master discipline, show friendship, and visualize the larger picture of life.

While students are reading graphic novels they are increasing their literacy pas-sageway toward a superior learning initiative. By Amy Yates, Special Collections and University Archives.

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