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BOY 21 by Matthew Quick



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"Basketball has always been a way to escape for Finley. He lives in Belmont, a town ruled by the Irish mob, drugs, violence, and rivalries. At home, his dad works nights, and Finley is left to take care of his disabled grandfather alone. He's always dreamed of getting out someday. Until he can, playing basketball and putting on that number 21 jersey makes everything seem okay."

But all that changes as a new basketball player, Russ, comes to town to live with his relatives. His life has changed by tragic circumstances and playing basketball is not as important to him anymore. Russ answers by the name of Boy 21, taken from his former jersey number.

Approaching their senior year of high school, Finley and Russ form a friendship that changes their perspectives and decisions will be made based on what they believe to be right and fair.

Check out the book from your local [Dallas Public Library](#).

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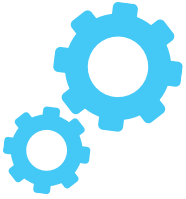


OVERVIEW

Interested in making your own comic book or graphic novel? Put your skills to the test by creating a comic book or graphic novel based on Boy21. Select one of the chapters in Boy21 and illustrate it in a comic book or graphic novel format.



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ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS

1. As you are making the comic book or graphic novel, think which descriptive paragraphs in the chapter can be used to make pictures and drawings for your final product.
2. Create a rough draft of your product first, then revise it for your final product. Be creative! Don't feel like you have to capture the book completely.
3. Extract feelings, moods, descriptions, and important plot points to create your comic book or graphic novel.