

Group Consciences to Collect by May 15:

Assembly New Business (will be discussed but not voted on):

- That the Trustees Literature Committee develop a graphic novel or a series of graphic novels that depict the first 164 pages of the Big Book

Assembly Old Business (will be discussed AND possibly voted on):

- That AAWS publish a one-page summary of the Six Warranties
- That CNCA requests that a pamphlet entitled "Experience, Strength and Hope: AA for the Spanish-Speaking LGBTQ Alcoholic" be produced.

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summary of the Six Warranties

Background Material

The General Warranties of the [General Service] Conference can be found in Article 12 of the Conference Charter and in Concept 12. The Warranties are also known as the “AA Bill of Rights” and the spiritual foundation of the Twelve Concepts.

This motion is asking that our Area request that AA World Services (AAWS) publish a piece of service material summarizing these six warranties on one page. If it passes, our Delegate will write to the General Service Board with the request that this be added as a future Agenda Item to next year’s General Service Conference.

Please note that: Service material, unlike pamphlets, are cheaper to produce and the final draft does not need to be approved by the Conference.

General Warranties of the Conference: In all its proceedings, the General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care:

1. That it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power;
2. That sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle;
3. That it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others;
4. That it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity;
5. That its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy;
6. That it never perform acts of government; that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

That CNCA requests that a pamphlet entitled "Experience, Strength and Hope: AA for the Spanish-Speaking LGBTQ Alcoholic" be produced.

Background Material



Currently the pamphlet [Los Alcohólicos LGBTQ en A.A.](#) is a Spanish translation of “LGBTQ Alcoholics in AA”, an AAWS pamphlet with stories written primarily in English by English-Speaking AA members who identify as LGBTQ.

The only Spanish-language pamphlet produced by AAWS that contains stories originally written in Spanish by Spanish-Speaking alcoholics is in currently in development: “AA for Spanish-Speaking Women”. The Conference voted to create this pamphlet during the last panel. The stories have been collected, they are being selected and edited in consultation with an ad hoc committee of Spanish-Speaking AA members.

This motion is asking that our Area request that AA World Services (AAWS) publish a pamphlet with original stories written in Spanish by Spanish-speaking LGBTQ+ AA members, by a similar process as the new pamphlet for Spanish-Speaking women. Like all Conference Approved literature published by AAWS, this pamphlet would be translated and available in English, French and Spanish.

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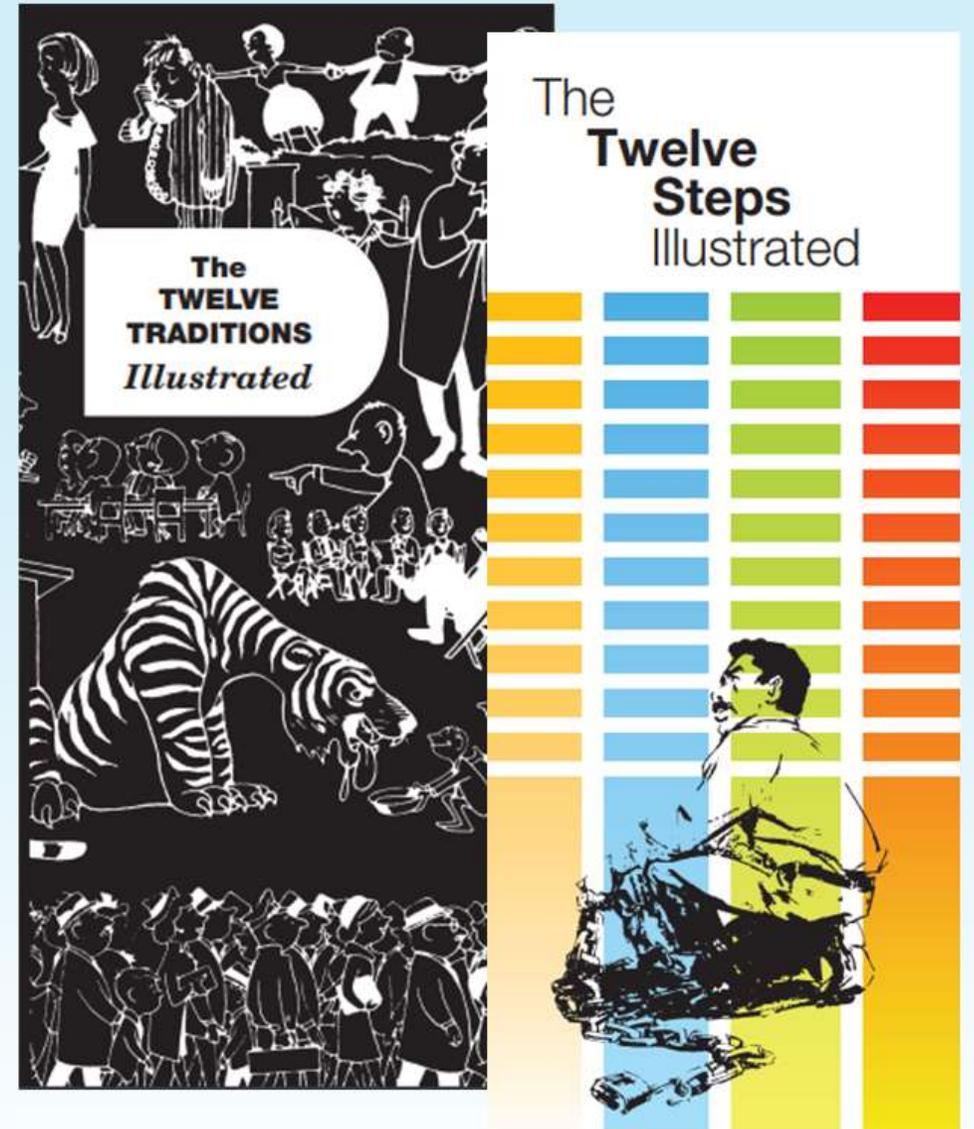
According to Wikipedia, a **graphic novel** is a book made up of [comics](#) content. The term is applied broadly and includes long-form fiction, non-fiction, and anthologized work. **Comics** is a [medium](#) used to express ideas with images, often combined with text or other visual information.

Recognizing the fact that many people may have difficulty reading, AAWS already publishes some material in comics short-form. Examples would be the comic book style pamphlets directed at young people and easy-to-read pamphlets such as the Steps, Traditions and Concepts Illustrated (see next page).

This motion is purposefully unspecific to allow the Trustees Literature Committee broad choice in how to execute a graphic novelization of the first 164 pages. This could result in one graphic novel that is an illustrated and abridged version of the first 164 pages, or it could result in a series of “word-for-word” graphic novels. “Word-for-word” implies that the text is kept in its original form, without any cuts or alterations, and images are added. See the following pages for visual examples.

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Easier to Access Literature



Examples of Biographical and Historical Graphic Novels (not AAWS material)

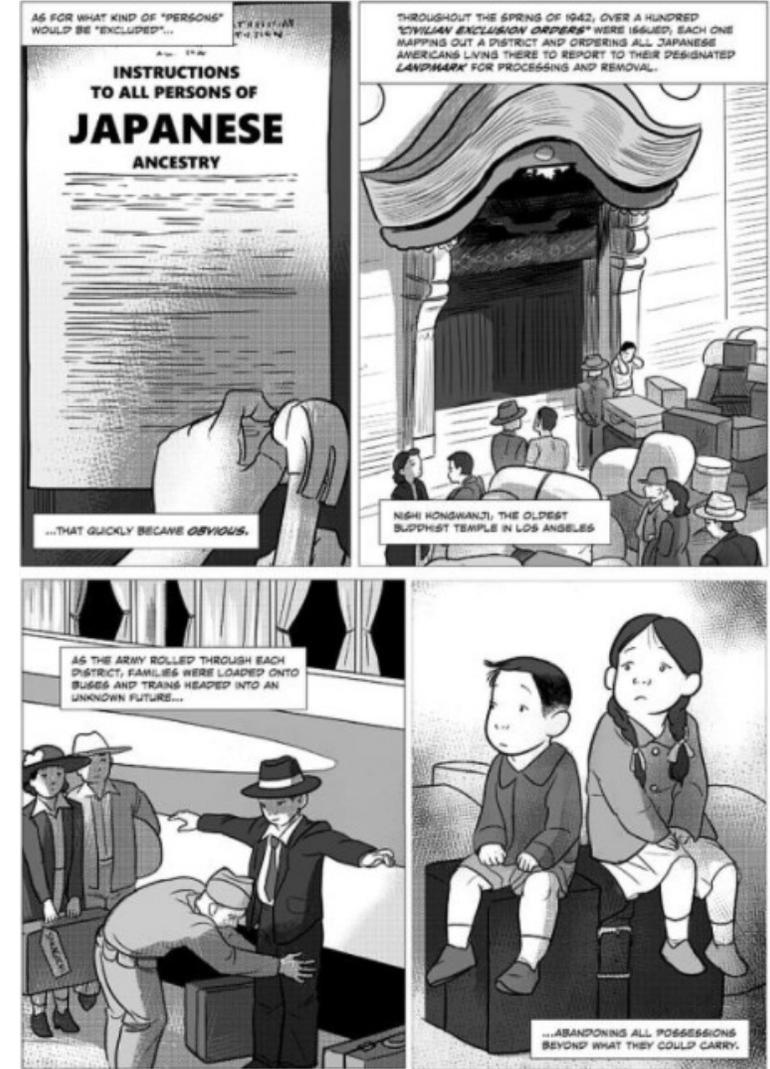
Maus (1996)

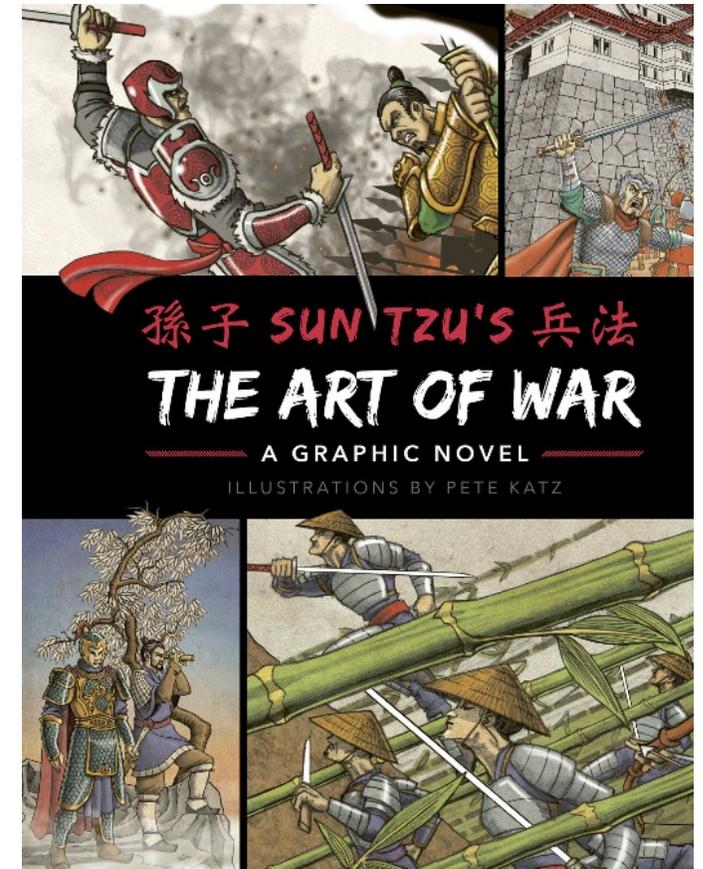
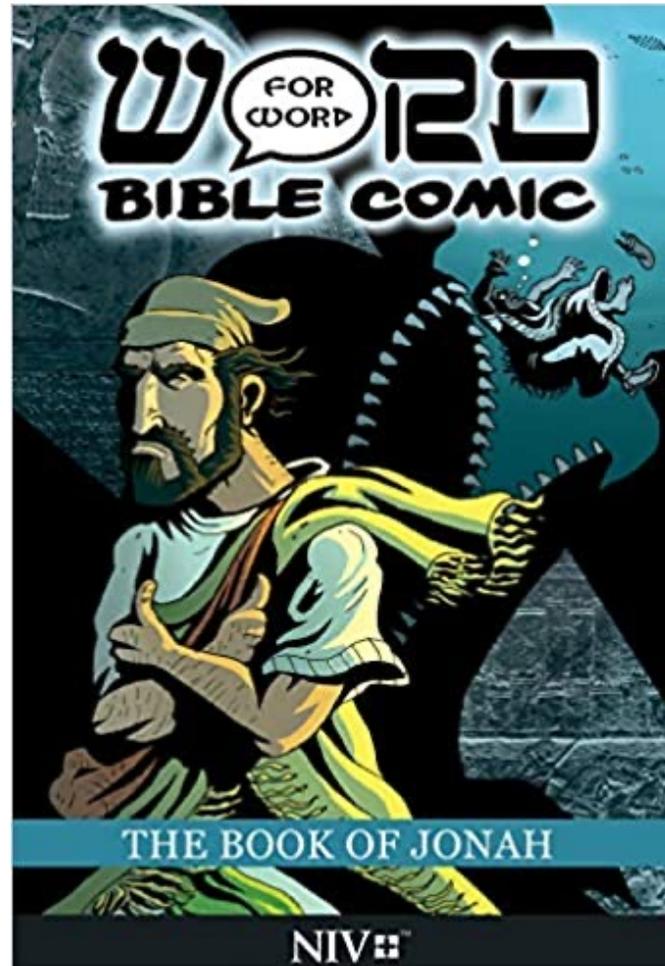


Persepolis (2000)



They Called Us Enemy (2019)





“Word for Word” graphic novelizations of original classical texts

Same scene
Same Text

