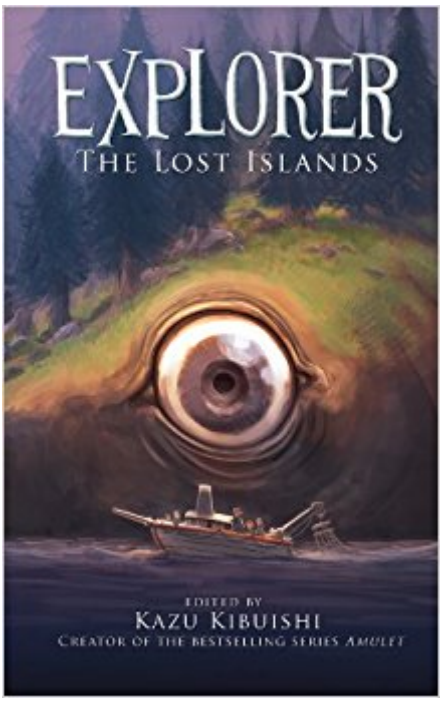
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Synopsis

Ã Â The highly anticipated second volume to the critically acclaimed Explorer series, The Lost Islands is a collection of seven all-new stories written and illustrated by an award-winning roster of comics artists, with each story centered around the theme of hidden places. Edited by the New York Times bestselling comics creator Kazu Kibuishi, this graphic anthology includes well-written, beautifully illustrated stories by Kazu (the Amulet series), Jason Caffoe (the Flight series), Raina Telgemeier (Drama and Smile), Dave Roman (the Astronaut Academy series), Jake Parker (the Missile Mouse series), Michel GagnÃƒÂ© (The Saga of Rex), Katie and Steven Shanahan (the Flight series), and up-and-coming new artist Chrystin Garland. Praise for Explorer 2: The Lost Islands STARRED REVIEWS "A second gathering of new graphic tales, diverse of plot and atmosphere but thematically linked by island settings and every bit as stellar as its predecessor…First rate." --Kirkus Reviews, starred review "With this second showcase Kibuishi affirms his editorial savvy for amassing talented creators and providing a vehicle to let them do what they do best: use comics to tell funny, thoughtful, and just plain good stories." --Publishers Weekly, starred review "Lost Islands is a great sequel to The Mystery Boxes (Abrams, 2012) that is masterfully told and beautifully drawn. A must-have for any collection." --School Library Journal, starred review "This sophomore effortÃ¢â ¬â„¢s solid artwork, dialogue, and stories will still be a great introductory title for young or struggling middle-school readers starting to explore the world of graphic novels." --Booklist "Variety of style is the real draw of KibuishiÃ¢â ¬â„¢s graphic anthologies, and tweens reluctant to stray from their comic-book favorites will find the gamut of visual presentations eye-opening." --The Bulletin of The Center for ChildrenÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Books "Another satisfying anthology that will leave readers eager for the next." --The Horn Book Ã Â

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Customer Reviews

Best known for his celebrated series Flight and Amulet, award-winning comics creator and editor Kibuishi presents the second volume of his comics anthology geared toward middle-school readers, after Explorer: The Mystery Boxes (2012). This collection features seven minicomics written or drawn by comics luminaries, such as Raina Telgemeier (Drama, 2012), Dave Roman, Michel GagnÃƒÂ©, and Kibuishi himself. Each fun and fantastical story centers on the theme of islands, both in a physical and philosophical sense. Kate Shanahan and Dave ShanahanÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Ã¢â ¬Å“Radio AdriftÃ¢â ¬Â• tells the story of a radio DJ who wants to travel, so he takes his station with him. Roman and TelgemeierÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Ã¢â ¬Å“Desert Island Playlist,Ã¢â ¬Â• meanwhile, finds a lonely girlÃ¢â ¬â •who already felt alienated from her friends and familyÃ¢â ¬â •on a probably metaphorical desert island, where she discovers convenient company after some tidy self-reflection. Though not as inventive as its debut volume, this sophomore effortÃ¢â ¬â„¢s solid artwork, dialogue, and stories will still be a great introductory title for young or struggling middle-school readers starting to explore the world of graphic novels. Grades 4-8. --Candice Mack --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

Kazu Kibuishi is the creator of Amulet, the award-winning New York Times bestselling graphic novel series, and the editor and art director of eight volumes of Flight, the influential Eisner-nominated anthology series. He lives in Alhambra, California.

I bought this for my 8 year old son, who is a very good reader but does not read for pleasure on his own (he does, however enjoy reading together). So I thought, hmm, how can I get him to read independently? I myself was and am an avid reader, so this was never a problem for me. I noticed that he had been bringing home Lego Star Wars themed graphic novels. I heard that graphic novels are a good way to get reluctant readers more into it, so I thought we'd try out this series, anything as long as he was reading words on a page for fun! Lo and behold, he read 2 of the books on his own,

unbidden, during a car trip! Highly recommended!

The art is beautiful, but the plots and characters are predictable, trite, and shadow. They are trying to be wholesomely touching, but I just found them frustratingly simplistic and preachy.

Graphic novel that is sure to appeal to boys.

My son is a Kibuishi fan and loved this series!

My son loves the Amulet series but wasn't so enthusiastic about the Explorer books. More like a cartoonish comic strip than graphic novel.

My 8 year old and my middle school kids all love this series.

My Grand daughter loves reading books from this author.

This book is a true visual feast for the eye. The stories are simple (with complexity hidden for the adult reader) but the artworks is almost overwhelming in is stunning beauty.

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