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Title	Creators	Publisher	Why?
Strangers in Paradise	Terry Moore	Abstract	Friends navigate new and old relationships
Rachel Rising	Terry Moore	Abstract	Atmospheric tale Salem trials & return of witches
Princeless	Jeremy Whitley & M. Goodwin	Action Lab	Princess Adrienne won't wait to be rescued
Hexed	Michael Alan Nelson & Dan Mora	BOOM! Studios	Supernatural fantasy with dark magic and intrigue
Lumberjanes	Noelle Stevenson & Grace Ellis & Brooke Allen	BOOM! Studios	Girls at camp on adventures/friendship
Buffy the Vampire Slayer	Joss Whedon et al	Dark Horse	Picks up right after TV series
Concrete Park	Tony Puryear & Erika Alexander	Dark Horse	African-American creators; sci-fi tale of redemption
Finder	Carla Speed McNeil	Dark Horse/selfpub	A large cast of interesting women characters, and a lot of great, messy examinations of sexuality and gender roles.
Birds of Prey	Gail Simone	DC	Team of Women Superheroes
Batwoman: Elegy	Greg Rucka & JH Williams	DC	Kate Kane must stop Alice from destroying Gotham; great art too
Batwoman: Hydrology & To Drown the World	JH Williams, W. Hader Blackman & Amy Reeder	DC	More Kate Kane adventures
Batgirl (New 52)	Gail Simone	DC	Simone's writing gives Barbara the depth she deserves
Batgirl Year One	Scott Beatty, Chuck Dixon & Marcos Martins	DC	One origin of how Barbara Gordon became Batgirl
Wonder Woman: The Hiketeia	Greg Rucka	DC	Female Mentoring
Promethea	Alan Moore, JH Williams, Mick Gray	DC/America's Best Comics	Great female lead character, takes superhero comics in often unexplored directions
Mercy Sparx	Jason Blaylock	Devil's Due	Female hell demon w/ traditional male traits
Aya: Life in Yop City	Marguerite Abouet	Drawn and Quarterly	Growing up a youth in West Africa
Red Sonja	Gail Simone	Dynamite	Tough, cunning, lethal female warrior
Supergirls: Fashion, Feminism, Fantasy and the History of Comic Book	Mike Madrid	Exterminating Angel Press	Nonfiction of heroines and costumes

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Heroines			
Divas, Dames, and Daredevils: Lost Heroines of the Golden Age	Mike Madrid	Exterminating Angel Press	Curated: Classic comics with fabulous female characters
Vamps, Vixens, and Vipers: Lost Villainesses of the Golden Age	Mike Madrid	Exterminating Angel Press	Curated: Classic comics with fantastic female characters
Ghost World	Daniel Clowes	Fantagraphics	Two teen girls and life after high school
Adele Blanc Sec	Jaques Tardi	Fantagraphics	Indomitable French woman w/ adventures
Black Hole	Charles Burns	Fantagraphics	Horror; spread sexually transmitted disease
Pretty in Ink	Trina Robbins	Fantagraphics	Nonfiction: History of American women cartoonists
Laika	Nick Abadzis	FirstSecond	Tale of first dog in space
Friends with Boys	Faith Erin Hicks	FirstSecond	Home-schooled girl has to adapt to public high school
Locke & Key	Joe Hill & Gabriel Rodriguez	IDW	Horror; gender swap demon, family dynamics
Rat Queens	Kurtis Wiebe & Roc Upchurch	IMAGE	Women D&D mercenary team
The Wake	Scott Snyder & Sean Murphy	Image	Two courageous female leads in undersea studies/adventure
Saga	Brian K. Vaughn & Fiona Staples	Image	Sci-fi; couple/mother/daughter/family tale
Rocket Girl	Brendon Montclare & Amy Reeder	Image	Sci-fi; Time traveler tries to fix the future
I Kill Giants	Joe Kelly & JM Ken Niimura	Image	Girl and her vivid imagination
Lazarus	Greg Rucka & Michael Lark	Image	Sci-fi; strong/tactical female protects family
Genius	Mark Bernardin & Adam Freeman & Afua Richardson	Image	Girl sets out to settle gang wars
Pretty Deadly	Kelly Sue DeConnick & Emma Rios	Image	Fantasy; tale of redemption
Sex Criminals	Matt Fraction & Chip Zdarsky	Image	Portrayal of adult sexuality with some sci-fi
Shutter	Joe Keatinge & Leila Del Luca	Image	Kate Kristopher must face sins of her past
Alex + Ada	Jonathan Luna & Sarah Vaughn	Image	Sentient robots & humans in relationships
Nowhere Men	Eric Stephensen	Image	Science is the new rock'n'roll, what could go wrong?
Manhattan Projects	Jonathan Hickman	Image	Alternate history of the scientists who created the bomb
Revival	Tim Seely & Mike Norton	Image	Horror; undead w/2 sisters as protagonists
The Maxx	Sam Keith	Image/IDW	An assault survivor's fantasy and coping mechanism
Princess Jellyfish	Akiko Higashimura	Kodansha Comics	Jellyfish, fashion, geek girls, romance and cross-dressing main characters! (Not in print in the US, can read it online.)
Sailor Moon	Naoko Takeuchi	Kodansha Comics	Because it's Sailor Moon.

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Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic	Alison Bechdel	Mariner	Bio; Coming of age tale of lesbian woman
Hawkeye #7 (with Kate Bishop)	Matt Fraction & David Aja	Marvel	Community building heroine post hurricane
Ms. Marvel	G. Willow Wilson & Alphonso	Marvel	Muslim teen picks up hero cape
Captain Marvel	Kelly Sue DeConnick	Marvel	Ms. Marvel gets “promoted” to Captain
She-Hulk	Charles Soule & Ronald Wimberly	Marvel	Jennifer Walters as a competent lawyer
Love on the Racks: A History of American Romance Comics	Michelle Nolan	McFarland	Romance comics once ruled the day for better or worse
Transposes	Dylan Edwards & JD Saxon	Northwest Press	Transgender queer men, 6 stories
Queen & Country	Greg Rucka and various artists	Oni Press	Espionage with kick-ass female agent
Persepolis: A Tale of Childhood	Marjane Satrapi	Pantheon	Growing up in Iran before 1980
Tank Girl	Alan Martin & Jamie Hewlett et al	Titan	’90s grrrl power; post-apocalyptic Australia
The Collected Essex County	Jeff Lemire	Top Shelf	Touching stories of a small community
Blankets	Craig Thompson	Top Shelf	Story of sibling rivalry and young romance
(Manga) What Did You Eat Yesterday?	Fumi Yoshinaga	Vertical	Day to day life of gay couple in Japan with Japanese recipes.
Fables	Bill Willingham	Vertigo/DC	Dark fairytales
Sandman	Neil Gaiman	Vertigo/DC	Fantasy; stories based in myth and folklore
Death: High Cost of Living	Neil Gaiman & Dave McKean	Vertigo/DC	Death visits earth to understand humanity
Y: The Last Man	Brian K. Vaughn	Vertigo/DC	Sci-fi; depicts all-female future world and survival in it
Sweet Tooth	Jeff Lemire	Vertigo/DC	Sci-fi: discrimination of animal/human hybrid
Enigma	Peter Milligan & Duncan Fegredo	Vertigo/DC	A bizarre take on superhero tropes with a complex gay relationship at its core.
Air	G. Willow Wilson	Vertigo/DC	Airlines, anti-terrorists, and fantasy elements combine
Solanin	Ino Asano	Viz Media	Girl living in the city navigating boyfriends, roommates and fronting a rock band.
Saturn Apartments	Hisae Iwaoka	VIZ Media	Futuristic Sci-Fi/slice of life story with amazing art.
Validation	Christian Beranek & Kelci Crawford	Webcomic	Transgender character in comic community
Hark! A Vagrant!	Kate Beaton	Webcomic	Humor from female perspective
As the Crow Flies	Melanie Gillman	Webcomic	Features a 13-year-old queer teen of color
Adventures of Superhero Girl	Faith Erin Hicks	Webcomic	Young superhero battles monsters and the mundane
Lady Sabre & Pirates of Ineffable Ether	Greg Rucka & Rick Burchett	Webcomic	Steampunk pirates!
Freakangels	Warren Ellis & Paul Duffield	Webcomic	Post-apocalyptic England alt future
Girl Genius	Phil & Kaja Foglio	Webcomic	Steampunk scientist and wild adventures
Gronk	Katie Cook	Webcomic	Dale and her unconventional pets having fun

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Digger	Ursula Vernon	Webcomic	Wombat in a leather vest on spiritual journey
Bite Me!	Dylan Meconis	Webcomic	Vampires in the French Revolution
OGLAF	Trudy and Doug	Webcomic/trades	Inventive, good natured, hilarious, and extremely sexy (NSFW!) fantasy comics.
The Less Than Epic Adventures of T.J. and Amal	E.K. Weaver	Webcomics/trades	Romantic, sexy, funny road trip story centering on two guys who fall in love.
Understanding Comics: The Invisible Art	Scott McCloud	William Morrow	Primer for learning to read comics

## Other Resources (in no particular order):

Website	URL
DC Women Kicking Ass	dcwomenkickingass.tumblr.com
Black Nerd Girls	blackgirlnerds.com
The Mary Sue	themarysue.com
Chicago Alternative Comics Expo	cakechicago.com
Escher Girls	eschergirls.tumblr.com
The Beat @ Publisher's Weekly	comicsbeat.com
Girls Read Comics Too	girlsreadcomics.com
Girls Like Comics	girlslikecomics.com
Superheroesque	superheroesque.com
Comic Book Resources	comicbookresources.com
Cartoonists of Color Database	marinaomi.com/poc/cocindex.html
Beware the Valkyrie	bewarethevalkyries.tumblr.com
A Mighty Girl	amightygirl.com/mighty-girl-picks/graphic-novels
The Comic List	comiclister.com/index.php
Trade Reading Order	tradereadingorder.com/
Sequential Tart	sequentialtart.com/
GeekMom	geekmom.com/category/entertainment-pop/comic-books-entertainment-2/
Things from Another World List	tfaw.com/women-in-comics
Dorkshelf	dorkshelf.com/tag/comics/

There are so many women blogging about comics and other sites, becoming more mainstream by the day, that cover comics and graphic novels. Use your "Google-fu" to find a few that you like and trust to guide you.

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