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Will leverage Abel's connection to Ira Glass for major coverage on NPR and throughout the podcast community.
Special educator kit to be produced in conjunction with Abel featuring her unique takes on comics as a narrative form.
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Book trailer on YouTube.
Major promotion at trade and consumer shows
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Geronimo Stilton #20: "Operation Shufongfong"
Saving Liberty
by Vincent Bonjour, illustrated by Pier Di Gia and Ryan Jampole

Geronimo Stilton is back in new comic stories based on the animated series, now airing on Netflix! The famous Prince Nogouda pays a visit to New Mouse City and ace reporter Geronimo Stilton has an exclusive interview. Meanwhile, at the Mouse Museum, the rare breed of Shufongfong lizards have been kidnapped! Could like Prince and his kingdom in the Bandel jungle have anything to do with this? Geronimo, Thea, Trap, and Benjamin are on the case!

Author Bio

Born in New Mouse City, Mouse Island, GERONIMO STILTON is Rattus Emeritus of Mousomorphic Literature and of Neo-Ratonic Comparative Philosophy. He is the director of The Rodent’s Gazette, New Mouse City’s most widely read daily newspaper. In 2006 he won a Nickelodeon Kids Choice Award and in 2008 he won the Cartoonists prize "Beyond Comics." His works have been published all over the globe. In his spare time, Mr. Stilton collects antique cheese rinds.

RYAN JAMPOLE is a Harvey Award nominated comic artist from Queens, New York. Ryan has drawn MEGA MAN and SONIC for Archie comics, DEXTER’S LABORATORY, and CODENAME KND for IDW and of course, SANJAY AND CRAIG for Papercutz. He also has an amazing beard.
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Melowy vol. 2
by Cortney Faye Powell, illustrated by Ryan Jampole

Destino's esteemed Fashion Club is holding open auditions. Electra and Selene, the most fashionable of the Melowys, simply must try out. But when the spoiled Eris also has her eyes on the club, she can't help but meddle and get her hooves dirty! Will Electra and Selene make it to the Forest of Colors for their auditions without being fashionably late?

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RYAN JAMPOLE is a Harvey Award nominated comic artist. He hails from Queens, New York and attended the High School of Art & Design and the Fashion Institute of Technology. Ryan has drawn MEGA MAN and SONIC for Archie comics, DEXTER'S LABORATORY, and CODENAME KND for IDW and GERONIMO and THEA STILTON comics for Papercutz.

Notes

Promotion
Wide distribution of ARCs to long lead publications and reps for major accounts
Trade ads in professional publications
Featured on Netgalley, Goodreads and other reader sites
Social media campaign and Facebook ads aimed at My Little Pony young fans
Cross promotion with Scholastic's chapter books
Geronimo Stilton 3-in-1 #2
by Geronimo Stilton

Geronimo Stilton lives in New Mouse City on Mouse Island with his friends and relatives. He works at The Rodent's Gazette, the most famous newspaper in New Mouse City. In these comics, Geronimo Stilton travels back in time to save the future, by protecting the past from his arch nemises, the Pirate Cats. These devious felines plan to change history to make them supreme rulers of Mouse Island! Geronimo and Friends chase the dastardly Pirate Cats to the Ice Age and then hobnob with the likes of Marco Polo and Leonardo Da Vinci, while working on his famous Mona Lisa!

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Cross promotion with other GERONIMO STILTON licensees.
Cross promote with new distribution platform for GERONIMO STILTON cartoon.
Trade advertising in Booklist
Featured in booth at ALA, Comic Con, and other consumer shows
Hotel Transylvania 3-in-1 #1
by Stefan Petrucha, illustrated by Allen Gladfelter and Zazo

Three full adventures featuring the horrific guests at Hotel Transylvania, the world's premiere hotel for monsters to get a respite from the human world. Join Drac, his family Mavis, human son-in-law Johnny, and grandson Dennis along with the Drac Pack as they cause a "Kakieland Katastrophe" with a local amusement park mogul and then open up "Motel Transylvania" in the Swiss Alps, to surprising, and frustrating, results! Plus, sink you teeth into Mavis's early years as she becomes "My Little Monster-Sitter" and with her friends Wendy, Pedro, and Hank. But what happens when the pups she is supposed to watch disappear in the catacombs below the Hotel Transylvania?

Author Bio

Location: Stefan Petrucha - Amherst, MA

STEFAN PETRUCHA is the author of such YA series as *Timetripper*, *Split*, and *The Rule of Won*, as well as *THE THREE STOOGES, POWER RANGERS, PAPERCUTZ SLICES*, and many other series from Papercutz. He has written *X-Files* comics, Disney comics, and he was nominated for a Stoker Award for his graphic novel, *Kolchak: The Devil in the Details*

Notes

Promotion
Trade advertising in PUBLISHERS WEEKLY.
Facebook and You Tube advertising campaigns.
Review copies on GoodReads, BookLikes & Net Galley.
Consumer announcement preview email
The beautiful and enigmatic (not to mention blue) Smurfette makes her debut in this collection of the original Smurfs comics by Peyo. Known in America primarily for the hit 80s animated TV series and the hit movies, many Smurfs fans don't realize that the Smurfs originally appeared in comics. Now the Smurfs are back in SMURF-TASTIC comic adventures. Featuring the classic stories "The Smurfette," "The Smurfs and the Egg," and "The Smurfs and the Howlibird" and many more!

Author Bio

PIERRE CULLIFORD, born in Belgium in 1928, was the cartoonist known as Peyo. Peyo began his career working with some of Belgium's most talented cartoonists, including his lifelong writing partner Yvan Delporte. In 1958, The Smurfs made their first appearance and went on to become the world-famous characters we know and love today.
Dinosaur Explorers Vol. 3: "Playing in the Permian"
by Redcode

This time, the X-Venture Xplorers' are in the Permian - Carboniferous eras, around 350 million years back. Many creatures which are small today were very big back then- which presents a big problem when the X-Venture Xplorers come face to face with things like giant spiders! Even more big dangers from today's small creatures await the team as they quickly realize that it is a bad idea to be PLAYING IN THE PERMIAN!

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Plus, Barbie enters the world of coding...inside a video game as she skates around the game to rescue her lost friend in BARBIE VIDEO GAME HERO- a bonus story inspired by the Barbie movie!

Author Bio

SARAH KUHN is the author of the forthcoming HEROINE COMPLEX trilogy for DAW Books and the geek rom-com novella ONE CON GLORY.
In their next adventure, the Geeky Fab Five discover a hidden garden filled with Monarch butterflies and honeybees. While the girls are learning in science class that Monarchs and bees are becoming endangered, something threatens their secret butterfly garden behind Earhart. To solve the mystery, Hubble the GFF mascot (and ever-so-curious cat) discovers a secret that gets him catnapped! In a race against time, the girls must rescue Hubble, save the garden, and solve the mystery of the missing Monarchs.

Author Bio

LUCY LAREAU co-created the GEEKY FAB FIVE STEM girls series with her mom based on her own real-life experiences in elementary school, where students learn to make a difference. Now in middle school, Lucy lives in Illinois with her parents, brothers, and sister, along with three cats, including Tom, whose inspired Hubble.

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