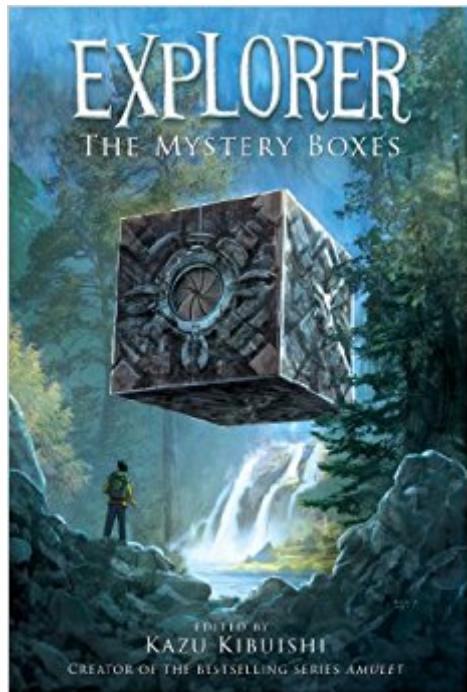


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# Explorer (The Mystery Boxes #1)



## Synopsis

Seven clever stories answer one simple question: what's in the box? Funny, fantastic, spooky, and suspenseful, each of these unique and beautifully illustrated short graphic works revolves around a central theme: a mysterious box and the marvels or mayhem inside. Artists include middle school favorites Kazu Kibuishi, Raina Telgemeier (Smile), and Dave Roman (Astronaut Academy), as well as Jason Caffoe, Stuart Livingston, Johane Matte, Rad Sechrist (all contributors to the groundbreaking comics anthology series Flight), and upcoming artist Emily Carroll. **Praise for Explorer:** **Mystery Boxes** **STARRED** **REVIEW** "An outstanding out-of-the box anthology from renowned comics veteran Kibuishi. With eye-popping full-color art and palettes ranging from candy-colored to ethereal earth tones, this is both a visual feast for the eyes and a healthy helping of thought for the soul. Superb." **Kirkus Reviews**, starred review **STARRED** **REVIEW** "Coherent for all its variety, there will be something here for most readers." **School Library Journal**, starred review

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 4 and up

## Customer Reviews

Kazu Kibuishi is the creator of Amulet, the award-winning middle school graphic novel series, and the editor and art director of eight volumes of Flight, the influential, Eisner-nominated graphic

anthology. His earlier work *Daisy Kutter* was named a YALSA Best Book for Young Adults. He lives in Alhambra, California.

For those who have read Kazu's Flight series, this will definitely feel similar. This is basically an anthology of different comics from old and upcoming artists. It's a short read and shouldn't take more than an hour to complete. As a result, I feel this could have been expanded more to meet the quantity of the Flight series, but for the current price, it's still pretty decent. If you're like me, however, it's nice to just flip through each individual story, and there may not be enough stories here to satisfy. I still find this a good read for any monotonous occasion, and Kazu's cover art is radiant as usual. My favorite selections from this title would have to be *Under the Floorboards*, *Spring Cleaning*, and *The Butter Thief*. I wasn't too big on *Whatzit*, but that comes as a personal preference. Kazu's story was just okay this time around. All of the stories are pretty entertaining in their own way. Each of the books will deal with an overall different theme, so I think that's pretty cool.

Not great but not bad either. The stories held my interest.

My 8 year old love graphic novels. This was a great one in her age range. She read it in one day. Great book for that kid who is a good reader but doesn't love to read, as much as Mom would want. The graphic novels get her interest.

Great leisurely read for a 7 year old

I started with the Amulet series, and am now a big fan of Kibuishi's work. This book is an anthology of his stuff and that of a bunch of his colleagues, but it's very good. The diversity between the different artists is a definite plus. Visually stunning all around.

My son and I both wish there were more of this series. Some of the stories are a little violent, but mostly very intriguing. Good for 6 and older if the child is not too fearful.

My son discovered Kazu Kibuishi through his Amulet series. This series is awesome too. He's in second grade and he can't put the books down. Highly recommend for the reluctant reader.

Book did not get my daughter's attention like the Amulet series. My daughter said it was a little creepy but in defense of the book my daughter does not like anything remotely scary.

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