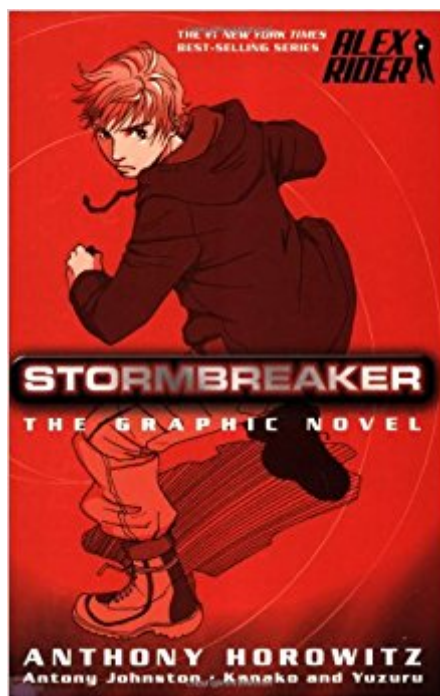


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# Stormbreaker: The Graphic Novel (Alex Rider)



## Synopsis

They have become a phenomenon. The Alex Rider adventures are now bestsellers the world over, and the book that started it all, *Stormbreaker*, is soon to be a major motion picture. Now is your chance to see this book visualized in a brand-new format, with bold, edgy, manga-like illustrations that bring Alex Rider to life in a way not seen before. For existing fans of the series, this graphic novel will be a must-have; for those yet to discover *Stormbreaker*, this will be the perfect introduction.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

An ode to rampant commercialism, this is not exactly based on Anthony Horowitz's thrill-a-second novel about 14-year-old Alex Rider, who discovers that his deceased uncle was a superspy and that Alex himself must face an evil businessman and his multitude of gruesome killers. No, this graphic novel springs from the screenplay for the recent movie, which is based on the novel--which, itself, is a clever compilation of James Bond movies. If it's possible, this is even more rapidly paced than the novel. Alex remains an appealing hero here, and the idea of a heroic teen up against insidious adults continues to be an extremely powerful draw for readers. The female art team casts the action in exciting manga style, and the digital colors produce an anime-like sense of depth and motion. Readers who already like Alex Rider will want this; even adventure lovers unfamiliar with the books will find it difficult to resist the hyperkinetic fun, although they may feel they have sold a bit of their

souls to get it. Jesse KarpCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

[...] beautiful illustrations [...] A cracker. \* Big Issue, London \* --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I really liked this graphic novel. It came fast, It's about a 14 year old alex, who's uncle has been killed. now he has to find the killer. It's kind of like a teenage james bond story. He gets some really cool stuff from the people his uncle worked for. I don't want to spoil the story, read it. Michelle L.

Great

gave this as a gift and my nephew loved it.

I am not familiar with the original Alex Rider novels, but these graphic novel adaptations are very exciting and fun to read aloud. I would caution that they are definitely intense and more suitable for 12 and up. I read one with my younger kid and he found them too scary.

Having read the original book, the Manga did a decent job of telling the story and the artwork is very nice for the price. My 11 year old daughter loved it and is reading the rest of the Alex Rider books now (not the graphic novel versions)

I love well-done graphic novels, and while I'm a much more frequent browser of them than a buyer of them, I had to buy this when I bought the DVD ALEX RIDER: OPERATION STORMBREAKER. Even if this graphic novel had turned out to be average, I think it would've been worth the purchase. As it happens, I think it's top-notch (just as the cover thumbnail intimated to me), and it's the almost-ideal written counterpart to the DVD. The artistic style, while based on manga, still retains more than enough Western characteristics to suit a Western character and a Western literary genre, and the well-written text fills in some details that aren't found in the DVD. Alex Rider (in the graphic novels even more than in the movie and in the novels) resembles a literary alter ego of my own so uncannily that I sometimes think Anthony Horowitz must've been peeking at my notes. In truth, it's obvious that we've been drawing upon the same archetypes independently, only a generation apart (meaning I was doing it twenty years before he was, when I was Alex's age and even younger).

I chose this for a student I work with, so we could work on his reading skills with some guidance. This is a student who does not like to read. The graphic novel version appealed to him and we were able to move forward. It is a quality resource.

My rising sixth grade son could not put down *Stormbreaker: The Graphic Novel* (Alex Rider) and read it in one day. He felt so good about himself, having completed the book effortlessly that he went on to read a more challenging book, *Freak, the Mighty*, *Freak The Mighty* (Scholastic Signature). He was even willing to work on the school required book report without protest.

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