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Instructional Comics

Comics that use a structured format to teach or train the reader.

A genre in which conceptual and functional information is imparted to an audience with an immediate training need. Instructional comics might include patient education, product manuals, and safety warnings. Instructional comics can be distinguished by the readers' potential ability to instantly understand and accurately follow the actions portrayed in the work. This kind of documentation can also provide instruction that addresses the complexities of topics, audience, content, and context, and helps readers to think and learn.

Common Elements

Technical information
Graphic communication of vision

Illustration of processes and work flows
Depiction of research findings

Graphic Novel Examples

Algorithms (2021) by Echo Elise González and Graham Ross
The Internet (2021) by Echo Elise González and Graham Ross
Let Me Tell You How Dad Got Sick! (2017) by United States Department of Agriculture–Food Safety and Inspection Service

Share Your Smile: Raina's Guide to Telling Your Own Story (2019) by Raina Telgemeier
Stop Fighting (2008) by Debra Burrell
Trauma is Really Strange (2016) by Steve Haines and Sophie Standing
The Uke Book Illustrated (2019) by John Weissenrieder and Sarah Greenbaum