

## Action and Adventure -- Sidekicks

### **Bone**

By Jeff Smith  
Cartoon Books  
Age Level: All Ages

One of the most acclaimed series to appear for years, loved by everyone from wee kiddies to adults, Jeff Smith's **Bone** series is a bit like throwing Looney Tunes characters into a Tolkien-esque landscape with neither a map nor a friend. The Bone cousins have been exiled from Boneville and must make their way through treacherous deserts and towering forests, all the while contending with monsters and adopting allies into their crew. You won't soon forget the lovely Thorn, one of the great fantasy heroine's to come around in a while, her mighty grandma (yes, I do mean MIGHTY grandma), and the sinister Rat Creatures (who seem to be entirely set on cooking the Bone cousins into a quiche). Laugh out loud funny and at the same time full of tense adventure, **Bone** is not to be missed!

### **The Complete Bone Series**

(in paperback)

**Out from Boneville** ISBN: 0963660942

**The Great Cow Race** ISBN: 0963660950

**Eyes of the Storm** ISBN: 0963660969

**The Dragonslayer** ISBN: 188896300X

**Rock Jaw Master of the Eastern Border** ISBN: 1888963034

**Old Man's Cave** ISBN: 1888963050

**Ghost Circles** ISBN: 1888963093

**Treasure Hunters** ISBN: 1888963131

Also, don't miss the prequel, [Rose!](#)

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### **Alison Dare: Little Miss Adventures**

ISBN: 1929998201

By J. Torres

Art by J. Jones

Oni Press 2002

Age Level: 9 and up

If this book were a movie pitch, I'd have to say that Alison Dare's story is the recent reincarnation of **The Mummy** crossed with Indiana Jones if Indiana Jones were a twelve-year old girl. In slick black and white, J. Torres and J. Jones introduce us to the intelligent, adventure-obsessed Alison Dare, daughter of an archeologist mother and a librarian/superhero father. Despite her parents attempt to keep Alison reined in a bit by sending her to a boarding school, she and her two buddies still manage to get into their fair share of trouble. Her various and sundry adventuresome relatives are always around to come to the rescue, however, and these infectious tales of adventure and romance revel in the traditions of classic serial adventures. Despite appearances, however, all is not fabulous in Alison's life-- her parents are divorced and the instances that remind her of this painful reality are subtle and feeling. It's fit and fun for all-- who doesn't need a witty archeologist-in-training bent on adventure in their life?

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