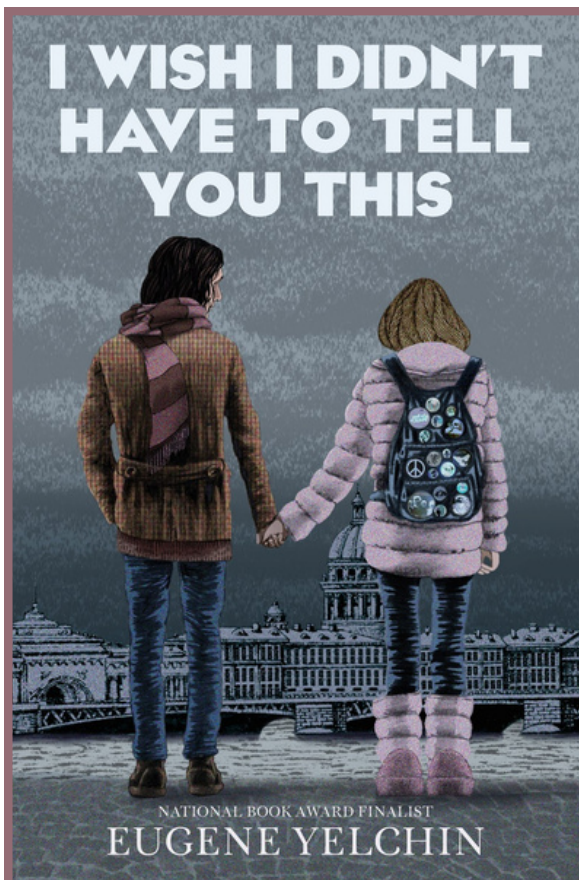




I Wish I Didn't Have to Tell You This: A Graphic Memoir

By Eugene Yelchin

HC: 9781536215533 | On sale now

TR: 9781536253740 | On sale September 9th, 2026

Candlewick Press | Ages 14+

Young Adult Nonfiction / Comics & Graphic Novels

A gripping coming of age story for older readers, evoking the fears of military draft and political persecution mingled with hope, love, and family.

“This book is the most important book that I have ever made. My Russian youth described in these pages is simultaneously a tribute to love, as well as a political warning. I hope the book will inspire readers to defend America’s promise with equal faith.”

—Eugene Yelchin

2025 *Booklist* Editors' Choice for Youth Graphic Novels

A *Kirkus Reviews* 2025 Best Book of the Year for Young Adults

An Amazon Best Book of 2025, Top 20 Teen and YA Books

“An exceptional work”

—*Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)

“Detailed, poignant, and gut-wrenchingly relevant”

—*Booklist* (starred review)

“A compelling story”

—*Bulletin of the Center for Children’s Books* (starred review)

“[A] political and artistic coming-of-age story”

—*The Horn Book* (starred review)

“Older teen readers will be enriched by this graphic memoir of a young man seeking to break out of the oppressive Soviet regime.”

—*School Library Journal*

“A gripping graphic memoir”

—*Foreword Reviews*



CANDLEWICK PRESS
www.candlewick.com