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Attack On Titan Vol. 1



Synopsis

In this post-apocalyptic sci-fi story, humanity has been devastated by the bizarre, giant humanoids known as the Titans. Little is known about where they came from or why they are bent on consuming mankind. Seemingly unintelligent, they have roamed the world for years, killing everyone they see. For the past century, what's left of man has hidden in a giant, three-walled city. People believe their 100-meter-high walls will protect them from the Titans, but the sudden appearance of an immense Titan is about to change everything. Winner of the 2011 Kodansha Manga Award (Shonen) and nominated for the prestigious Osamu Tezuka Cultural Prize for 2012.

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Customer Reviews

What an original story concept! The whole "fish tank-like" world setting and the structure of concentric city rings are great built-in storytelling devices. The first installment has great characterization, which is extremely important in gore stories when a lot of characters die. The reader has to care about the characters somehow to keep reading. The author certainly sticks it to us with the deaths! Certain scenes definitely pull at the heart strings. The story is scary and gut-wrenching visual story--I love it! Overall, Attack on Titan is told very well. When reading this, for

some strange reason, I often find myself reflecting on the settings of children's books like "Where the Wild Things Are," but of course Attack on Titan on a completely different level of darkness.

As a fan of the anime, I've been holding off buying the individual volumes for various reasons but I just couldn't resist a well-priced collection of the first five. For those familiar with the anime, it covers up until some point in Episode 17 (out of 25) and includes Ilse's story, and OVA episode detailing a character who doesn't show up in the main story but has an important impact nonetheless. It shows how faithful the anime was to the source material, with the exception of putting the story of Episode 3 where it chronologically belongs as the manga has those events as a flashback later on. Otherwise, it's completely like the anime which is a testament to how great of a story the manga is on its own. The anime is so strong because the manga was so strong. While nothing major is changed from the anime, it is still something I recommend to all fans, especially those who value the "rewatch" value of an anime. Reading it is as impactful as watching it, and even if you know where it's going you still can't put it down. I'll say that, if you've seen the anime, you've marathoned at least part of it, so I'll just call this a page-turner to say the least. Attack on Titan is a story many people crave, and at least this does the courteous thing of being faster to consume than the anime equivalent. If you haven't seen the Attack on Titan anime, then I suggest this to you as well. Actually, I'll say that you should read this first, as you'll probably hate yourself less for it. It's easier and quicker to read and blow off as much of your life as possible than to watch episodes and unwillingly watch more because you can't just stop watching them. Perhaps, after reading this, you'll be able to take in the anime series at a slower pace because no matter what medium you experience it, Attack on Titan is something you will not put down. I'm a huge Shingeki No Kyojin/Attack on Titan fan, and I hope a Colossal Edition for Volumes 6-10 come out soon!

This manga is definitely a new take and I love it. The first volume just lets you get your feet wet on what's yet to come but it is definitely worth reading. It becomes easy to sympathize with the characters and you become intrigued on what is yet to come. **WARNING!** Do NOT read the interview with the author at the end if you want to be surprised in volume two! It gives away a HUGE spoiler that ruins the suspense of the second volume. Do NOT read it until you're done with volume two! I wish I'd have known this prior to reading the interview. I'm unsure of who's idea it was to stick a huge spoiler in the first book! But besides that, I would definitely recommend the series!

I was actually very hesitant to buy an omnibus, Typically larger ones over time have will damage

their own spines from. Right away, the sheer amount of weight that is on this thing dwarves your average omnibus. Its HEAVY, you likely won't be reading this in bed in an upward position, but really -- I feel like that's the only down side to this. The pages are made of some kind of thicker quality paper that don't tear easy. It's definitely not laughable paper quality like the full metal alchemist omnibuses, and def better than the average manga paper. It has a sheen like, glossy quality to it, where the ink is very dark, and the backgrounds come off as very white. I like it. It certainly does not take a lot of space either, it's about the size of three manga across. In the pictures I'm showing you a comparison in size of the average manga size vs average light novel size vs omnibus size. I hope this helps you guys!

I am extremely excited to give this away as a gift to someone who is a huge fan of A.O.T. The books are in perfect condition and there is plastic to protect them too. Shipping was fast, and there is nothing wrong and I have zero complains

Attack on Titan, also known as Shingeki no Kyojin is THE hottest anime of the 2013 season. Some people were expecting this to be the next Sword Art Online (in which many loathed myself included) fortunately this was not to be! Attack on Titan is one of the most unique shonen to ever come from Japan since One Piece first hit in the late 90s. The anime that came out this year blew out in popularity that has made manga sales for the series skyrocket tremendously. Kodansha Comics USA really are lucky to have a hot series in their hands and their translation for the manga is well done. My sister did point out that Eren's mom had a different spelling on her name though but it's just a minor issue. Try not to read the bonus features at the end though as it does contain spoilers from later chapters not in this volume. Also can't wait for them to speed up translations for the manga as now is a good time as ever to get more volumes available for us to read!

I watched the first season of the anime and I couldn't wait anymore! I got these to pass the time and I couldn't be happier. They came a day early, which was nice, and they are read "the authentic manga way" which I love. The case for the books is shiny and has more of a plastic feel than the regular book holders. The books themselves are great quality. Definitely worth the money!

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