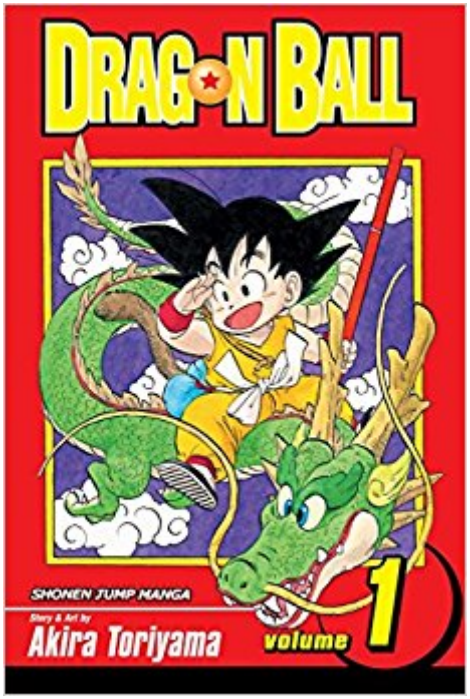
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"A comic masterpiece . . . Dragon Ball’s spirit of fun and adventure is unparalleled."

Akira Toriyama’s first weekly series, Dr. Slump, has entertained generations of readers in Japan since it was introduced in Shueisha’s Weekly Shonen Jump magazine in 1980. A few years later, he created his wildly popular Dragon Ball series, which brought him international success. Toriyama is also known for his character designs for video games, including Dragon Warrior, Chrono Trigger and Tobal No. 1.

Wow, it was much better than I expected!Me and my girlfriend are fans of Dragonball Z, and were looking for the Dragonball Manga collection to collect. After some research (so you don’t have to do it!) we found this one to be the best, and it delivered! Much bigger than I expected and the pages are thick enough and the art is high quality as well. It has a bendable cover but sturdy for sure, not flimsy.There’s in total FIVE parts to this series, each containing 3 issues. Which is PERFECT in my opinion - doesn’t take as much space. If you’re looking to collect the mangas than this one is 100% the right start with - other issues tend to be smaller and more flimsy. Price (11-15 dollars) is

excellent as well and worth it.

I have been a fan of the Dragon Ball Z anime since my days in 6th grade. I'm 24 now, and I've just unlocked every single character in Budokai Tenkaichi 2 (great game if you love the series by the way). However there has always been a part of me that really wanted to see what Goku was like in his youth, and I debated for a while on whether I should look into the show or the manga. I eventually settled on buying the first volume in order to experience Dragon Ball in a different manner, and I am so glad that I chose this medium.First of all, the Dragon Ball and Dragon Ball Z manga tend to be a little less "filled" than the anime. The story keeps moving forward in a nice, timely fashion, and though the fights themselves are still fantastic, there's no period of stare-downs and pointless dialogue in between the explosive action. A great example of this is in DBZ when Goku dies the first time during the Saiyan Saga. In the anime I believe it takes almost 15 to 20 episodes before Goku finally reaches King Kai and trains for his upcoming battle with Vegeta and Nappa. In the comic, it's only about 20 pages. So if you're the type of person that likes a story told to the point, the manga is definitely for you. I still prefer the DBZ show to the comics overall, but I'm of the opinion that the story of little Goku and his friends is best told through the humorous panels that Akira Toriyama worked on so diligently nearly 25 years ago.Second, the humor in Dragon Ball is laugh-out-loud hilarious. Master Roshi is a bit of a pervert (as always), the bickering between Bulma, Yamcha, Oolong, and Puar is still tongue-in-cheek goodness, and Goku's naive nature and willingless to become the strongest fighter ever blends together into a neat little tale of innocence lost (but any fan of DB knows that Goku never really loses that quality). I don't consider myself as a fan of comedy in general (I prefer bloody Samurai films and Tarantino/Chanwook noire), but Dragon Ball had me laughing so hard at some points that I had to stop reading momentarily.All in all, I highly recommend this purchase for anyone who loves comics and/or Dragon Ball. If you're new to the series, this may be a great starting point, but don't expect any of the hardcore fight scenes that later appear in the stories of DBZ. Instead, expect some interesting characters, like a thief who lives in the desert with his best pal (a cat), a martial arts master who tends to come off too strong on the ladies, and a little boy with a monkey's tail who could probably eat the whole selection of a Las Vegas buffet and still demand seconds. Enjoy!

Came to find the manga after playing xenoverse and wondering what the hell is going on. Did some research and the general consensus was that if you want to get into DB, start at the beginning. So I did, and couldn't be more pleased. Toriyama's style is unmistakable, and there's more humor than I

thought there would be. It’s a fun and lighthearted read that ends up being difficult to put down. On to book 2!

Let me tell you about the Dragon Ball franchise, it’s one of the best series out there; the character is one of the greatest shonen characters out there.The story or premise is about Son Goku and his friends finding and gathering the seven mystical Dragon Balls; each ball has a star in it when you gather all seven Dragon Balls and say the right chant a dragon named Shenlong will appear fullfill your wish and it can be whatever you want but Shenlong can only grant you a single wish along his journey he meets new friends and new enemies.The reasons that I like that product is that it has updated content and some colored pages,but my only complain is the censorship,for example Bulma gives the middle finger to Emperor Pilaf but in the VizBig EDITION of Dragon Ball they censored the panel by Bulma giving the index finger to Emperor Pilaf that’s ridiiculos.Overall I gave that product because is a enjoyable product to read.

This book took comedy and action into a amazing masterpiece I love this book so much it is one of the best I’ve read

Was a little scared to buy the "VIZBIG" version but happy I did! Bigger pages so it’s easier to see everything. Enjoying it so much I bought all 5 for the full series! The inner child in me is screaming with joy reliving my favorite series as a kid in manga form! I regret not buying the mangas sooner!

came in super quick and in awesome condition. I love dragon ball and this will add nicely to my collection and dragon ball related things. The book goes as far as meeting chi-chi’s father, so it makes it a nice long read. Book has a awesome art and is very similar to the show.

This is the best. beginning part of this series ever no matter what anybody says this book will hold a special place in my heart.

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