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Customer Reviews

Jason Thompson has over ten yearsÃ¢â ¬â„¢ experience as a manga editor, working at SHOHEN JUMP magazine and other publications. His writing has appeared in Animerica and The Comics Journal.

I am giving this book four stars. It does contain listings for a lot of manga series, perhaps most of those available in English up to the time of its writing. I do however, have to caution potential buyers that the book loses some of its value due to the fact that the reviews here represent the opinions (with some definite bias) of a single individual. What could have served better to the potential reader was having individual entries being rated by a committee of several people (and taking into account other published reviews). Sadly, some entries consist of nothing more than a bluntly dismissive sentence or two to justify a 1-star rating, or a short paragraph to justify a 2-star rating, leaving the impression that these are titles that the author included only most grudgingly, for the sake of justifying a claim to being a "complete guide", and the review itself was based on no more than a cursory skimming of a title that the reviewer had already decided had no appeal for him.Another thing worth mentioning is that the number of new manga titles having appeared in English translation since this book was published has increased tremendously, to the point where this sort of guide would be better served up as an online wiki or as a hyperlinked CD-ROM (or downloadable equivalent format) that would allow the reader to easily jump to associated spotlight articles, or a list of other titles authored by the same mangaka or within the same subgenre or demographic.Nevertheless, there is a crying need for a guide of this type, and to my utter amazement, instead of there being a half-dozen similar sort of guides competing with it (just look at the number of ANIME guide books out there to choose from), this is the ONLY book of its kind on manga to have been published in English. THAT, to my mind, is utterly mind-boggling -- given the huge popularity of manga (which only seems to keep growing outside of Japan). That said, until the day comes when a better guide comes along, this one will have to suffice. Much of the same type of information (and reviews) on various titles could be found online, but the searching, sorting and filtering process required for those interested is labor-intensive and off-putting, plus the researcher would miss many titles of specific interest entirely, without knowing of them by name to look for reviews.I conclusion, I would say it’s definitely worth owning (even if now becoming increasingly outdated -- one does still hope for a newly "Revised and Expanded Edition" in some format). Just be aware that it’s worth the time spent to follow up by cross-checking the reviews of any of the titles of interest included herein online, to get a little more of an overview of the spectrum of opinions regarding any title.

Great buy, despite the age of the book and the inevitable incompleteness. People have complained about the way ratings were formatted (which goes from 1-4 stars) and the biased opinions concerning classics like Naruto versus Dragonball, but those things didn’t bother me so much (since

I was buying this as a gift..). I received it on time and in good condition, though it had a library binding and stamp (that didn't bother me, but I figured I'd mention it in case it dissuades anyone). Overall, it was a VERY good value and I would recommend it for younger audiences/groups (I bought it for my high school's anime club).

Manga: The Complete Guide is a very good resource for getting to know manga as a medium. It offers comprehensive looks at almost every genre (including adult) and has an extensive section: discussing the history, defining terminology, and discussing the different types of manga. Though it is a little outdated at this point (it only cover manga series published up to 2007), Manga: The Complete Guide is a great resource for new fans and experienced readers alike.

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Got it for an Otaku friend of mine, and he loved it. Probably one of the best gifts you can get for a lover of anime/manga. Very pleased.

Though I don't feel as qualified as some reviewers, all I can add is that this Guide provides an excellent overview of the Manga universe and includes informative articles on the subject. Not only can you find Manga directly, but be guided by topical lists. I found what I needed in this book and consider it great for beginners and the informed alike. If you want to understand what Manga is all about, this is a good place to start.

have wanted this book for a while and am glad finally bought it so I don't have to keep checking it out from the library. need to write an updated version with all the awesome manga that's come since reviewed.

It was a little dirty on the side but that's what you'd expect from a used book. Other than that, it's great. Thanks!

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