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Monthly Girls' Nozaki-kun, Vol. 1



Synopsis

The boy of her dreams...is a girl's manga artist?! To the eyes of high school student Chiyo Sakura, classmate Umetarou Nozaki--brawny of build and brusque of tongue--is a dreamboat! When Chiyo finally works up the courage to tell Nozaki how she feels about him, she knows rejection is on the table...but getting recruited as a manga-ka's assistant?! Never in a million years! But for someone who makes a living drawing sweet girly romances, Nozaki-kun is a little slow on the uptake when it comes to matters of the heart in reality. And so Chiyo's daily life of manga making and heartache begins!

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Customer Reviews

A few months ago, I wanted to purchase this book, but it was only available in Japanese. I'm really happy that it's been published in English, because this is the only series I enjoyed to the point of actually wanting to buy the book (mostly because of the comedy and likable characters make for high amounts of re-reading.) I don't like how there are comics printed behind the front and back cover instead of having their own pages, which makes the book feel cheaper. Overall, I'm happy with it.

Oh my stars. This manga was so clever. It is set up like a series of side panels. If you are not familiar with this concept . . . Normally, in mangas, there are side panels that the mangaka usually add to convey some thoughts about their life or how they researched for the manga. Or they can

add these extras at the end of the manga to have some fun with the characters. These are so fun to read. Like in this manga, there are usually 4 panels. The first panel is serious and sets the plot. Then the last panel is the punch line. It's brilliant. So, just imagine a series of consecutive panels that have a plot and you have this manga. The characters are so funny and with a wide array of personalities. The artwork is nicely drawn. The hero is my favorite. Nozaki is hilarious. He is so clueless, you just love him. Sakura is good heroine. She became more of a supporting character to carry the joke. The side characters are just as cool. My only concern would be that the plot does get lost. So, I'm interested in seeing how relationships developed. Other than that, this manga is awesome! It made me smile throughout. Even a few chuckles escaped. There isn't a lot of romance. A quick read. I highly recommend.

I adore this series and was so happy to see that it had been picked up that I pre-ordered it to make sure I got it right away. Chiyo Sakura is head over heels in love with one of boys in her school. After finally getting the nerve to confess her feelings to him, he misinterprets her confession for admitting that she's a fan of his and hands her a signed autograph instead. Confused, she tries to correct the misunderstanding--only to be misunderstood again. Soon she finds herself back at his house doing beta work on his art--and discovering her crush is nothing like what she thought. Nozaki is a mangaka--and not just any sort of mangaka--a shoujo mangaka. Meaning, this oblivious and clueless boy draws romance manga for a living. Chiyo is quickly drawn into his world as his assistant, all while still trying to express her (extremely devoted) feelings to someone who just doesn't quite get it. Slowly the cast of characters grows, setting up one of the most amusing casts to the point that picking a favorite is almost impossible to do. This is a 4-komi style manga, which is more similar to the American Sunday Comic than the typical Japanese manga storyline. But it really works for this series. It is a comedy through and through and I can't wait for volume 2.

I am not a shojo fan. The whole kawaii desu school romcom thing does not make my heart go "dokidoki". So when my friend recommended this, I was reluctant. I am very glad I decided to take my chances on it though; this was side-splittingly hilarious. I would definitely call it a manga for manga fans; there's a lot of humor that comes from understanding the typical shojo comic's plot and cast, as well as having some idea of how the industry functions as a whole. I found the comics about maintaining a wholesome image especially hilarious. The characters were also very sweet and likeable. It's a great light read and I would recommend it to anyone.

~3.5-4/5! I've heard so much hype for this series, that of course I had to pick it up. I wasn't sure what to expect, but I've enjoyed other Tsubaki series, and this sounded interesting. I didn't know that it was going to be all 4-koma comic-strip-based, though. This is definitely more comedy-based than I realized, but it is enjoyable. Chiyo tries to confess her love to Nozaki, only to find out that he's a mangaka when he mistakes her for wanting to be his assistant. She gets roped into helping him with his manga, and meets new friends by other classmates who know Nozaki. Nozaki is pretty straight-faced, oblivious, not expected to write shojo manga. Chiyo is a somewhat average girl. Mikorin is Nozaki's friend, who tries to be cool but freaks out when being nice to people. We meet a couple other classmates, all of whom are odd and hilarious in their own ways. There are definitely a lot of antics going on, and a lot of jokes about each other. This was a fun volume to read, funny and cute, and I do look forward to picking up the next one. I was expecting more of a shojo, but I'm happy with the comedy of it instead. [More of my reviews are available on my blog, Geeky Reading, to which there's a link on my profile.]

Brilliant Anime show I stumbled across that does fantastic in paperback form as well! Only thing, is that I wish it was a thicker paper material used for the pages, they feel too thin/potential to tear easy when reading. I've been careful with my page turns to be on the safe side. Received as a gift.

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