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A spin-off series to the number one bestseller in Japan. Eren and Mikasa enter a new school-- Titan Junior High! However, Eren's hated Titans for years-- can he get along with his new (harmless?) classmates?

Featuring all of the characters from the main series as you've never seen them before, this series is sure to delight fans of Attack on Titan with a human vs. Titan volleyball match, a Titan rock band, and much more!

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Your Common House Bat says

OML, this is probably my favorite parody series yet. I love how Nakagawa interprets the characters. I've always been a fan of Annie and tbh I almost love this version of her more lmao. She's adroable really. Zoe is great too! Honestly all of the characters in this are so cute and I like how Nakagawa utilizes junior high tropes and stereotypes. Mostly I like how she ties these tropes into the original AOT series. She turned something sinister into something lighthearted and fun.

Mckenna says

To be honest when i first bought this book a i was a little bit weary of it, thinking it would be cheesy and not very funny at all. I was happily surprised when i read to find out this this book is absolutely HILARIOUS. I laughed out loud pretty much every other page and was constantly sending photos to my friends of funny moments. The way the exaggerated the characters personalities or little gags from the original books and made them into a way a young teen would think - Eren hating titans as one stole his lunch once, Levi being completely OBSESSED with cleaning, Mikasa being attached to Eren, Armin's fears and many more for all the other characters is both brilliant and hilarious. I highly recommend reading all of these mangas if youre a fan of attack on titan, especially if youve read them all as there are little jokes that you can catch onto! 5/5 stars hands down ;D

Ann Rees says

A little too many pop culture references for my liking, but overall a decent spinoff of the series.

Samatha says

While Eren holds a grudge against the titans , he won't stop until he has found revenge. As he enters Junior High there will be cleaning, dodge-ball fifths, battles against their Senpais, summer festivals, and fighting titans for the lunch that they have stolen. The book is filled with comedy with the characters from attack on titan. It also gives you short stories all piled into the book. Because of this it makes it more entertaining! it's as good as the Anime.

Ruth says

Whether or not you actually like Attack on Titan: Junior High depends on your tolerance for repetitive jokes, one note characters, and an overly localized (and instantly dated) translation. My patience for such things is pretty close to zero when the execution does not work for me, and that was certainly the case for Junior

High.

Gag manga can be tough to get right and making them a parody of an existing series is even harder. There is a balancing act between appealing to big time fans of the preceding (or concurrent as is the case here) series as well as having some sort of appeal to other readers who may only be somewhat familiar with the source material. Junior High fails on both fronts. For a new reader, it simply doesn't make much sense. Why are there walls? What are Titans? What is the point? For those already familiar with the original manga (or the anime) the basis for the gags make sense, but that doesn't necessarily make them funny after a chapter or two. Making fun of Eren's hatred of Titans or Mikasa's obsession with Eren is novel for a little bit, but certainly not for the length of a 2 in 1 omnibus release.

Another issue with the Kodansha Comics release specifically is their localization of some of the jokes. The choices made were dated before the manga even hit the print. Moreover, they didn't even make sense. I felt like I need a transaction note to understand what the localized joke meant. Additionally, they added notes for what various foods are, but didn't take the time to explain what they had localized when they suddenly invoked the names of Shia Labeouf and Tobey Maguire. This might be fine for the most casual manga readers; but as pointed out before there is barrier to entry to Junior High and those readers who can pass that are likely going to notice that something has been significantly changed. These readers might appreciate (or even demand) knowing which Japanese celebrity was actually referenced.

That is not to say everything about it was unbearable. There are several scenes in the first volume that give it an intriguing, almost subversive, undercurrent. These all revolve around the idea that if the Titans aren't killers but rather are just different then Eren's hatred of Titans is simply bigotry. This is pointed out by other characters repeatedly throughout the volume, although many are swayed toward his point of view over the course of the volume. This is both disturbing and eerily familiar in the current political states of various western countries. There's very little about this series that I liked, but that element stood out as interesting at least.

I really couldn't recommend this manga to anyone, fans of Attack on Titan or not. If you're yearning for a gag manga, try something like My Neighbor Seki (released in English by Vertical Comics). It's infinitely more enjoyable. If you desperately need more Attack on Titan to tide you over, then consider one of the numerous other side stories that have been published in English. There are plenty of other options, almost all of which should be more palatable to a discerning reader than Attack on Titan: Junior High.

✿ cassandra ✿ says

I bought this manga yesterday at my local comic book store. And I was so happy that I finally have a copy of this book!

I thought it was adorable and pretty hilarious. If only my high school life was this exciting. ;P

I just ordered the next two volumes and I'm so excited to read them!

Anna says

Shingeki spin-offs are what EVA spin-offs used to be - big thing!

And just like on Tumblr there's bazillion AUs: from coffee shop, to college to Levi-squad as kindergarteners... Here's the "Everyone in Junior High School" AU! Where everyone is drawn to look more their age for once (not quite SD, but halfway there) with ~~unicorns~~ MP Brigade as Student Council, ~~roses~~ Garrison as "Wall Beautification Club" and the ~~Wings of Freedom~~ Survey Corp are more like a secret that meets in the shed

The plot is typical slice-of-life: after-school clubs, shoe-locker mysterious love letters, sports day rivalries and so on... Just with occasional non-malicious TITANS

Personally, I prefer the Spoof on Titan 4-koma, but this one is funny too. In small 2-3 chapters doses

Narin Kim says

The Titans eat Eren's beloved lunch which provokes his anger even more. The school with a bunch of titans and humans, Eren is sure to not hold back and fight against them. Eren is put into the cleaning club after he had failed to turn in the correct club applying form. The cleaning club eventually helps Eren a lot, by letting him practice and get to know skills he hasn't known about before. I rated this book 5 stars because it entertained me whenever I read it, and I can't wait to read the next episode.

Ani A says

I read this book last year (I don't remember when I started and finished it though). I still need to read volume 2 though. ;-;

Nick says

This manga is a brilliantly twisted parody of one of the hottest manga titles on the market.

If you've never read or seen any of Attack on Titan, it won't make the slightest bit of sense, but if you have even the slightest exposure to that series, this bizarre alternate version of the story is very funny.

The story takes place at a very unusual junior high, one at which there are both human and Titan students.

They attend different classrooms, but at the same school. These Titans don't actually kill their human counterparts, but they do bully them and embarrass them in various ways, as well as interact in some odd settings, like the school dance and other activities. Yes, you'll have to read it to see how that works.

Eren has long suffered for a childhood incident in which a young Titan stole his favorite lunch, and he finds other like-minded students who want revenge, but how?

It involves school clubs, spying on Titans, a school folk dance, a bun-eating race, an upperclass girl with a grudge, and many other things.

Lots of crazy fun.

Judy (Geeky Reading) says

~3.5/5

This book, for those who don't know, is a parody of Attack on Titan, set when the characters are all in junior high. It is an Americanized version, too. And that, um, is pretty much all you need to know, to know whether you'll like it or not.

While I did not love this book, I did find it quite enjoyable. But it did take me a long time to read.

The first part features the main group in Eren's age. Eren is a racist, Mikasa is tough and extremely protective of Eren, and Armin hides in his blanket at all times. Sasha gets picked on a lot for her food problem. Krista is pretty.

It's when Hange and Levi show up that I really started enjoying it. Levi is very strict, and is a clean fanatic, and I love it. Hange is a freak about the titans, and I love how they show their odd kink for them. And no one knows Hange's gender, and the humor in that is very nice as well, and had me smiling every time.

The titans are also friends here, even though they bully the humans, for instance by stealing their lunch. The humans are even forced to dance with them.

This was a funny volume, and I rather enjoyed it. It was a slower read for me, and it's not on the top of my list, but it was enjoyable and it had me laughing a couple times. There are a lot of references to American famous people and other American things, and some of them just seemed odd to me, weirdly chosen. Maybe that's just me, though.

[Read more at my blog, Geeky Reading!]

Pisey says

The humors attack on titan's spin off is perfectttttt.

what can i say? it's beyond awesome.

but still 4 stars; like what? I'm very selective when it comes to 5 stars #sorrynotsorry.

MC says

Please remember when reading this that it is not in the same continuity as the actual *Attack on Titan* series. This is a spin-off alternate continuity manga whose sole job is to parody the original series to hell and back. This is what makes it so funny.

The setting is a world where Titans and humans live in (apparent) peace with each other. They all attend

massive schools designed to teach the humans and Titans to (I don't know, get along?) do... something constructive, I guess.

Into this setting comes Eren Yeager and Mikasa Ackerman. Eren hates the Titans after one ate his cheese meatloaf. In Japan, they have a wierd type of cheeseburger that is very much a combination of what we would call meat loaf and cheeseburger rolled into one. That is it. Eren is a raging racist against Titans because of this. At first, everyone thinks he's wacko, until he turns out to maybe be right in his suspicions of the Titans...

What makes this parody manga so hilarious is how effectively they affectionately, but ruthlessly, mock every facet of the stories. Hange always has his/her name covered by sarcastic boxes where they refuse to state Hange's gender. Levi is a neat-freak who will punish for the least little offense. Sasha eats non-stop, including in games and wants to eat from trash or other hideous places. Mikasa and Annie are competing for Eren's attention, and Mikasa is pretty damn near a stalker in her protectiveness of Eren and willingness to punish others who offend him (or try to date him, hello Annie!). Armin is a computer MMO geek, Connie is an idiot, and Ymir would like you to not be close to Krista, thank you very much. Though she isn't as bad as Mikasa where Eren is concerned.

All of this could have been stupid and annoying if done as just a series of gags. But it wasn't. *Junior High* is a fun, if wierd, slice of life series detailing the wierdness of these characters' lives. It does, in a wierd way, connect with the main series in that the Titans are a driving force but the main issue is the human interactions.

The humor will only make sense if you have read much of the series (or also read some of the series and a lot of spoilers like me), so one should read the regular manga some before reading this. But it *is* funny! :D

Natalie says

Love attack on titan one of my favourite series and was surprised I enjoyed this spin off so much. Love the chibi art style and some parts were actually hilarious...

X says

You know those fanfics where they take the characters and put them in a high school setting, add shipping, and throw in some slice-of-life humor? Imagine that, except written and drawn by a professional, endorsed by the original author, and sold in bookstores. Like those kinds of fanfics, though, this is likely to appeal only to diehard fans of the series who love the characters so much that they want more of them even without whatever story that made them interesting.

I'm not a HUGE fan of Attack on Titan, but I totally relate to loving characters so much you just want to remove them from their dangerous missions or whatever traumatic situations the plot requires them to go through, and see how they would interact with each other when they're safe and happy. Assuming you feel that way about AoT, you'll probably love this. If you're not familiar with AoT or dislike it... This probably won't appeal to you that much. this is called a parody but feels more like a tribute, and the humor felt more like inside jokes among fans than satirical comments.

I will say the localizer took a lot of liberties in this, which I thought was an appropriate choice for a gag series set in alternate-universe Germany (I think? Maybe?) I'm sure others will feel differently, but I liked not having to check the back for translation notes of jokes that wouldn't have been all that funny even if I got them in the first place.

Overall a decent read, which I'm sure diehard AoT fans would enjoy much more than I did.
