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Diana Lynn says

The amount of times I've bawled my eyes out in this series is not to be outdone. This is the saddest volume yet and one of the saddest deaths in the entire series. I think I connected with the message Jiraiya stood for more than any other character. He just wanted peace. He lived his life for it and cared for everyone he came in contact with including the one who killed him. He was fun loving and always made people smile including, and especially, Naruto. And the fact that he is his godfather made it all the more crushing, because now Naruto, again, has no family. Jiraiya also believed that people like him didn't deserve happiness, but were there to help others find it. That's what hurts the most. It's absolutely heartbreaking especially since I've spent years getting to know him and all these characters. I am a broken-hearted person after this. The worst part is, it only gets WORSE from here. Sasuke and Itachi are battling it out now in one of the most epic fights of the series and we are finding out more about why Itachi did the things he did...my poor little heart is not ready for the next volume. Beautiful.

Bradley says

Very sad. I knew it had to come even as I was reading it the first time, but it's still sad. I'll miss Ero-senin.

If that wasn't enough, we've finally got the long awaited fight between Itachi and Sasuke. It's only been forty-two volumes in the making. It's not like anyone had been waiting, what, eight years to finally see?

Do I sound bitter? Naaah... It's a fucking awesome battle.

Ahmad Sharabiani says

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Salvatore says

Jiraya, Itachi e flashback su Minato e Kushina

Basterebbero questi elementi per farmi dare 5 stelle

Aggiungiamoci che avviene anche la fine dello scontro tra Ero-sennin e Pain (sigh) e vediamo l'inizio di quello che è probabilmente lo scontro più atteso di sempre..

Sasuke comunque resterà sempre una pallida imitazione di Itachi

Tim says

The way this story is building up is amazing. Jiraya finally makes his decision about who is the child of destiny that was predicted. However, the story quickly shifts to the other hand where Sasuke meets his brother Itachi. The moment which he is waiting for has finally arrived. That battle was more superb than Jiraya's battle with Pain. They both were good but this battle edges it. Itachi makes his purpose clear as why he let Sasuke live and why he must take his eyes. Will Itachi succeed? At this point it is hard to say. This is THE best part in this Manga series.

Akke says

I'm getting back into this after a year, or so, and I don't understand what all the Japanese words mean. It seems like I have to do some research.

Bradley Prior says

In truth this probably isn't five stars standing alone, but if you've been reading from volume 1 to volume 42 then it is nothing but. Some of this is a little rushed, the transition could be way smoother, yet here we are. It's the start of a long anticipated battle. I nearly forgot the import of that as I was still focusing on Jiraiya the Gallant. Naruto always hitting where it hurts.

Vicenç Sanz says

Tomo 42, un tomo triste en el que perdemos a otro de esos personajes carismáticos que creíamos iban a estar con nosotros hasta el fin de los tiempos. Pues no, el bueno de Jiraya nos ha dejado, y aunque llevaban dos tomos avisando acaba siendo igual de traumático.

La lástima es que el villano que se lo carga no tiene carisma suficiente como para haberlo hecho, por poderoso que sea. Si al menos hubiera sido el Madara Uchiha éste que anda enmerdando... pero no. Pain es el afortunado en cepillarse a Ero Senin.

Y luego qué? Porque uno pensaría que algo como la muerte de un personaje principal nos ocuparía cierto espacio. Pues no, se nos hunde y pasamos automáticamente al encuentro Itachi vs Sasuke.

Lo de éstos hermanos es de hacérselo mirar, con un combate en el que todo parece caber por culpa de las malditas artes ilusorias, lo que acaba por hacer que no te creas nada de lo que pasa y simplemente esperes a la resolución.

Lo mejor? La muerte de Jiraya, la confirmación de la paternidad de Naruto y el saber quién es el mamón que lleva siglos dando por saco (y lo que le queda).

Si no fuera por el combate entre los Uchiha diría que el tomo mola mucho, pero es que éstos dos me agotan.

PD: La portada me encanta.

Nonah says

Love it!! <3

Mary says

VERY strong comeback from the huge flop that was volume 41.

Barry says

we fans all mourn Jiraiya's death
it's really good

Travis says

Back at it again finally!! This volume was jam packed with material. From the conclusion of the Pain vs Jiraiya (such a sad moment). To Naruto and gang running into Tobi aka Madara. To the moment we have been waiting for, the showdown between Sasuke and Itachi!! I do wish however they focused more on Jiraiya because we don't really get to mourn over his death because we are shoved right into the Uchiha battle.

Rolando Marono says

Este volumen continúa con el misterio de Pain y Jiraiya, y aunque te revelan algunas cosas interesantes sobre la presunta identidad del enemigo, no nos resuelven todavía la identidad del personaje aunque Jiraiya si la descubre, sólo no nos la comenta abiertamente.

Es un volumen triste. Los recuerdos de Jiraiya sobre los papás de Naruto y la aparición de su mamá, hacen un momento muy enternecedor sobre Jiraiya. Además nos mencionan sobre la relación que tiene Jiraiya con Naruto y lo intensa y profunda que es.

Tenemos también el comienzo de una batalla esperada desde el comienzo de la serie: Sasuke vs Itachi. Muchas revelaciones, muchas escenas de acción muy buenas, y una pelea bastante confusa por todas las ilusiones que utilizan.

Me hubieran gustado más respuestas sobre lo que está sucediendo con Pain, y creo que mi problema con este volumen es que Kishimoto trató de meter muchas subtramas en este volumen y no logra abarcar con profundidad ni una; está Jiraiya combatiendo, los shinobis de la hoja siguiendo a Sasuke y enfrentándose contra Tobi, el equipo de Sasuke pero principalmente Suigetsu peleando contra Kisame y lo de Itachi contra Sasuke. Creo que la línea argumental de Sasuke es la que está tomando más peso pero no logra abarcarse con profundidad en este volumen y otras líneas argumentales quedan pendientes.

Eirini Robin says

Crying on this one too- *Ughhh* Jiraya....Minato...Kushina.... *sobs again*

Ashley says

Naruto vol. 42 Summary: Naruto is a young shinobi with an incorrigible knack for mischief. He's got a wild sense of humor, but Naruto is completely serious about his mission to be the world's greatest ninja!

THE SECRET OF THE MANGEKYO

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MY OPINION

As Jiraiya continues to battle against pain, he learns something shocking. Having once believed Pain to be Nagato, he now believes Pain is really Yahiko, as one of Pain's forms looks just like an older version of the boy Jiraiya once mentored. But this would mean that Yahiko stole Nagato's Rinnegan. Why would he do that? And who are these other five forms of Pain that also seem to possess the Rinnegan? They're all ninja Jiraiya has faced before in battle, but why are they now part of Pain? Just as it seems Jiraiya has figured out who Pain really is, he's cut down. He manages to send a code via one of his toads before drifting into his death. Meanwhile, Naruto's group have come across Tobi of the Akatsuki and are facing him in battle. Sasuke and Itachi have finally come face to face once again, and as even more secrets about the Mangekyo Sharingan are revealed it appears Sasuke may finally have the upper hand over his older brother.

Quote: "Madara is alive... whether you want to believe me or not is your choice."
