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Book 1: BECAUSE I'M A MAID!

"I'm finally here!! To meet my destiny!!"

The heroine, Karen Otonashi, tries out for a maid position with the Mitsurugi family in the hopes of becoming a great maid like her grandmother.

What kind of tests will the Mitsurugi family's handsome young masters set?

Find out in Sayuri Sakai's latest girls' manga!

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Cathy says

This is a sweet simple shoujo manga, with the typical maid theme and the dazzling young man lords. Nothing new, but it's always a nice read.

David Dishmon says

Good but Short

I like the flow of the story and the characters seem believable. Two things I have against it are the words are hard to read sometimes being hand written look and it was short.

Julie Henry says

As this is a review for a Japanese graphic novel, I'll be using terms typical to the fans of them. In case it is needed, I've included a glossary at the end for those less knowledgeable about this subject matter.

I'll jump right in by saying I enjoyed this cute little manga. It is *very* much shoujo, though, so if you're not into that sort of thing, then you may want to pass on reading it. It was quite short; about two chapters as opposed to the four to five chapters in a usual manga. On the other hand, it seems that each volume is about \$3.00 as opposed to others that can go from \$5-\$10. Even with what little I read, it was enough to peak my interest. I don't know if I'll buy any (the first volume is free on the Kindle, which is why I read it) but I may borrow some until I figure out if it's my style or not.

As said, I only got a little bit, so I'm not yet sure entirely where it's going, but with knowledge of the style I figure I have a decent idea. The story is about a girl named Karen Otonashi, who's grandmother served as a beloved housekeeper for the Mitsurugi family. The grandmother has passed away, but Karen has promised to become just as loved by and loyal to the family, but is faced with plenty of problems.

Of course, no shoujo manga would be complete without some bishounen. As for this manga, two have shown up so far. Unsurprisingly, they both are two of the three boys of the Mitsurugi family (the third being a younger child). There are hints that a love triangle may be on its way, but so far there hasn't really been any romance to speak of.

I'm also enjoying the art style. It isn't the best I've seen, but it doesn't detract from the story, and instead tends to move it along, as it should. It's rather typical, but I have no problems with it.

Anyway, the main point is that this series (and its author) have potential. If you want a quick free read, go ahead and pick it up. Either you'll like this sort of thing or you won't.

Definitions (no need to read if you're already familiar with the genre):

Manga - Japanese graphic novel

Shoujo - can be translated to "young woman". When referencing manga, this means that the story is geared more for junior high to high school girls. Generally, there is one main girl character, surrounded by a few to many bishounen (look below). The amount of bishounen varies with each manga, but there are usually at least two or three, and in some cases many more. Not all are necessarily love interests, but if there's a boy main character, he's usually a bishounen. Anyway, the plot often varies, but they basically always have romance, often have love triangles (that's not true, there are usually more sides on the shape), and in general, the story's the type any schoolgirl might have.

Bishounen - often, it is translated as beautiful (male) youth. Still, it's hard to just keep it at that. Bishounen aren't just beautiful, often their beauty "defies gender". In other words Dude (Looks Like A Lady). Okay, I say that, but in truth, effeminate looking men are considered incredibly attractive in Japan. You may often read comments like:

"Is that a boy or a girl?"

"I don't know, but either way, they're beautiful."

Ouran High School Host Club, Vol. 01 is a great example of the uses of bishounen in manga, and much of it is explained (in joke form), so it may be helpful for those of you just starting with it, and the shoujo genre in general.

Dominique Squire says

So Adorable and Funny!

This manga deserves an anime series based on humor and drama.I

I love the maid outfit that Keiji had the challengers wear. The design reminds me of a Lolita outfit. The little boy, he is so adorable and picky, similar to any young child. The middle son, Keiji, is such a hottie!

So, if you like manga that has more humor with drama, check it out by any chance.

Devin says

Maid!

very interesting booking I will have to buy the others to see how it ends but I have this feeling the maid girl.is gonna end up with the "Ice Prince" but who knows all in all it is a very captivating story and can't wait to see how the plot develops.

Connie N. says

How totally weird. First, I've never read a traditional manga book, so it took a few pages to get used to the right-to-left format. And I'm not much of a comic book reader, so that was also an adjustment. The reason for the 2-star rating, though, is the demeaning way the subject is presented. There is certainly no shame in being a maid, but the story is about a competition for a job, and the sons of the rich family dream up challenges for the applicants to try to get the job. Notable quote, "...what we...value most in a maid is a self-sacrificial sense of loyalty to us." I would assume that this is the Japanese mindset, and it makes me little uncomfortable. The good news is that the winner used her brain and observation skills to accomplish this task, but the story was overall pretty male-superior in its viewpoint.

On the plus side, I liked the big-eyed pointy-featured character drawings, with lots of facial details. And if you didn't understand what was going on from the conversation, occasionally there'd be a little helping word or phrase in the frame such as "girls' inner voice" or "sincerity" so you could figure out what was meant.

Bridget Hanchek says

So-so

hmm... I wasn't impressed. It could be cute, I guess, but the characters felt kinda boring. I'm sure it can improve, though... My opinion of it is only based on the first two chapters.

Hannah K Ritter says

A good Manga!

It definitely caught my attention in the first book , which is hard too do. it's just my style of manga. I definitely can't wait to read the second.

Callista says

Smiles

cute, simple maid story for a relaxed read. a girl looking to follow in her beloved grandmothers foot steps. a little brother type, the flirt, and the aloof older brother. all the simple goods.

Melissa says

Hmmmm. My first ever manga read. I have nothing to compare it to, so I'll just comment on how the story appeals to me. To be clear, there is honor in being a maid. This is evident in the main character's dream to be the best in what she does. Karen Otanashi wants to follow in her grandmother's footsteps, to be a loyal and valued maid to the Mitsurugi Family. That is about the extent of my agreement. I do not set-up challenges as

a basis in hiring a maid. I hire based on the person's resume, qualifications, or recommendations. If ever there are challenges (or tests, if you like), it is usually taken up eagerly by the lady of the house. The male members are just as happy to leave it to the women. The maid being attracted to their employer maybe common enough, but the employer attracted to the help is not so common, much less two brothers who seem to vie for the maid's attention. I feel that the Mitsurugi brothers seem to be looking for an almost slave, not a maid, what with the "self-sacrifice" quality they prefer. I'm afraid my issue here is simply a difference in culture, but I hope there are better manga plots than this.

kendall falk says

Confusing

As someone who likes anime I find the elements in this story to be a little bit disturbing with the maid outfits and such and men watching them, and also the fact that men are in charge of it. The use of the child is odd to me. however the artwork is very good. I think a lot more plot development might be necessary

Nicholas Crescentfang says

This is a pretty decent slice-of-life style story for what I know of the genre. Really the only other experience I have with this is watching Your Lie in April. It's not something that I'm going to probably pursue reading the rest of the Volumes, but it is good enough for at least a couple of chapters at least.

Ryan T. Nakao says

Great Read

Very good manga, funny and draws attention. The characters and their personalities are slightly cliche but are still absolutely adorable and lovable. You can easily sense the budding love story.

Tyise Bryant says

Just because your a maid dose not mean you can't be treated other people.

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sade eason says

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i love this book u should send me some more of these books I love it please send me some more I love these books. God bless you and thank you.
