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At the age of 5, Keitaro and his childhood sweetheart promised to meet again as students at Japan's most prestigious university. Now 20, he can't pass his entrance exams...or even remember the girl's name. Stumbling into a fluke job at an all-girls dormitory may be his last chance. In the series that inspired the new hit anime, Love Hina proves that love conquers all. Even stupidity.

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From Reader Review Love Hina, Vol. 03 for online ebook

Amy Johnson says

I'm not a real fan of Mutsumi to begin with. Her character is annoying and unbelievable and she really slows this volume down with her nonsense, especially since Akamatsu gives new characters gimmicks and then does them to death. Even so, the detailed backgrounds as Keitaro and Naru go travelling to ease their disappointment at failing the entrance exam are great and the other Hinata House residents are still there for comic relief.

Maud says

I'm seeing some more character development in this volume. And I'm kind of rooting for Naru x Keitarou! I hope this isn't another tease like Negima :')

CF says

The constant 'whoops my clothes came off' is really really getting on my nerves but apart from that it's fine. Not great, but fine. I know the whole clothes coming off thing is part of this series but on under-18 year olds (even manga characters) it just makes me really uncomfortable.

It does remind me of being a teenager though, I used to read and watch Love Hina all the time with my friends. So there's the nostalgia element. If I discovered this series ONLY as an adult though I am sure I wouldn't have liked it.

Redfox5 says

This volume takes on a slightly more serious tone as Naru and Keitaro both fail their exam to get into Tokyo university. They have a nasty fight and both decide to independently visit Kyoto to get away from it all.

Of course they end up being on the same train, getting off at the same stop and booking the same hotel. Which ends up having a shortage of rooms so they have to share a single room. Slightly creepy moment in this when I think Keitaro is going to start touching up Naru when she's asleep, thankfully he doesn't.

Also I get the whole outside bathing spring baths are a thing in Japan but did we really need a little naked boy drawn? It seemed unnecessary.

They also meet this clumsy girl and Keitaro ends up getting his first kiss from her, much to the annoyance of Naru but then she kisses her too so it's all okay. She also gives them a turtle, who seems to be the star in the next book.....

Benjamin Plume says

Don't discount anime as awful without giving it the chance. It was never one of my great interests, but I watched enough to get it.

Kat says

Une jolie lecture drôle et pleine de douceur (aheum, tout est relatif).

Derek Moreland says

I think, after the surprisingly strong second volume, I was expecting more from this one than I probably should have. Also, I guess I just wasn't down with the girls (and Keitaro) leaving Hinata House and going on separate adventures for a book - so much of what works about this series is these people bouncing off each other, and pulling them into smaller cliques works against the comedy. Almost a two-star, but the last couple of chapters got it back on track.

Kelley Ross says

During this part of the series, Naru and Keitaro do some soul-searching after failing their exams. The two end up on a tropical island with a strange, clumsy girl who is very much like Keitaro. Naru and Keitaro get a lot closer.

This book was definitely really funny, just because parts of it were so ridiculous.

Shannon says

was a good read funny at times

Annchan Maulana says

i watch the anime version :

it is about a boy name Urashima Keitaro who became girls's dorm caretaker, since he fails his ent-exams into Tokyo University for the 2nd time and officially an unemployed plus his parents kicked him out of the house ^_ ^"

And the story begin ..

Robert Beveridge says

Ken Akamatsu, Love Hina vol. 3 (Tokyopop, 2002)

And here we are-- it's time for the big test to get into Tokyo U. And is Naru the girl Kitaro made his promise to fifteen years earlier? He can't quite recall, but when she lets slip she's trying because of a promise she made as well, Kitaro's feelings get to falling all over each other as much as his feet do. Series remains strong and witty. ****

quinnster says

Oh poor Keitaro! He just can't get cut a break. Crazy stuff happens to him all the time and it's not his fault, but he always gets blamed for it! And despite working so hard he just can't seem to do better on his exams.

The characters are outrageous and funny. Each one different than each other and each one seems to have their own huge personality that doesn't quite get enough time. Keitaro is silly and endearing. You root for him even though you know he's probably not going to make it, but maybe...just maybe he'll surprise you!

Jessica says

This is the first ever manga that I read. At that time I was completely unaware of graphic series so instead of volume 1, this is the volume which I read first. And then I accidentally read it from the back. (I didn't know it then that this was originally Japanese, and that the format was kept even though it was translated to Norwegian, well it did not make sense to me why a book would be flip) and because I wasn't that good in Norwegian at that time I did not mind the info about the backward reading system. I read the book from the back all the way to the center and stop. I don't know how but I later found out how to read it anyway.

I found the volume 1&2 at the library and later I bought the complete set. I really enjoyed the story and it made me laughed a lot at that time but now when I tried to re-read the book, maybe my taste for comedy has change but except for shinobu I find every single girl at the inn annoying. The story is still good but I can't swallow their unreasonable violence towards Keitaro anymore.

Onírica says

Si queréis leer una obra realmente magistral de Ken Akamatsu, leed la serie "Negima!: Magister Negi Magi" Una historia bien pensada que te atrapa, con personajes que evolucionan psicológicamente, un dibujo preciosista cargado de detalles y profundidad de planos en cada página, momentos trepidantes y realmente emocionantes, y una aventura interesante que leer. Probadla, de verdad.

Laura says

I really enjoyed Love Hina Volume 1 but felt that Love Hina Volume 2 was lacking. I feel that volume 3 had gotten back on track. I liked the three separate adventures that Su and Shinobu, Motoko and Kitsune and Keitaro and Naru. The book also seemed to go back to its more bouncy style of the first book.

However the new female character Mutsumi felt a little forced and was the low point of a great book.
