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Kidnapped by a handsome man with rabbit ears, Alice Liddell finds herself abandoned in an odd place called Wonderland and thrust into a "game," the rules of which she has yet to learn. Alice, ever the plucky tomboy, sets off to explore and get the lay of this strange land, intent on finding her rude kidnapper and giving him a piece of her mind (and her fist). But little does she know that she's wandered right into the middle of a dangerous power struggle involving just about all of Wonderland's attractive, weapon-happy denizens. And the only way for Alice to return home is to get acquainted with the lot of them?! How in the world will she manage that and still manage to stay alive?!

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Emilie says

I have no idea what to think of this series. I stopped reading manga years ago and the only reason I read this one is because it is supposed to be a re-telling of Alice in Wonderland (which I love).

I could see it in Vol. 1. Now I only see similarities when it comes to names of characters. It also bothers me how I cannot figure out where this story is going and if I should continue being invested or not.

In Vol 1 I was impressed over the use of eyes as a determination of whether the character has an identity of importance or not (and was bothered by the fact that those who were supposed to have eyes, didn't a lot of the time due to laziness...) and the clock/heart thing. It was rarely mentioned now!

I read like 300 pages and cannot think of anything that actually did HAPPEN that had a relevance to some sort of plot. The important characters had eyes this time drawn on so I wasn't bothered by that.

Okay, so at the moment, I am confused to whether I should continue with the series or not. I have to spend money on it because there is not a single library in Stockholm with these books, and I don't know ANYONE who reads it and could lend me the rest. So I probably will stop here and read other re-tellings of my beloved Alice instead.

Callie Rose Tyler says

This series is just a good time, plain and simple. Before and during the reading of this series I did not realize that it was a media tie in to a Japanese romance video game but after the fact it makes sense. I don't think that you need to have played this game to enjoy the books. Although the Wonderland presented is whimsical and majestic it is also off-putting, strange, and menacing which is what really makes the story entertaining and engages the reader.

One thing that was very strange is the last chapter of this book, which I now realize must be a preview to other books that are part of this series. The last chapter must be from Alice in the Country of Joker: Dreams, Vol. 01 but it is a little jarring and slightly confusing since it is almost a complete departure from the previous story line and the events in the following book.

Overall, this book is a mindless good time but still manages to be one of the best Alice re-tellings I've ever read. Great artwork!

Miss Ryoko says

This volume wasn't nearly as exciting in terms of storyline as the first one, but I still loved it! I find when I pick these volumes up, I have a hard time putting them down! I really enjoy these characters, the artwork, and the fashions. I'm really sad there is only one (technically two) volumes left. But I can't wait to see how it

all ends!

Also, I can't believe how dumb I was to not figure out Boris was the Cheshire Cat.... halfway through this volume I went "I wonder how come they didn't make a Cheshire Cat character." Then when Ace called Boris the Cheshire Cat, I went "a-duh!" Lol!

Melissa Chung says

Ohhh the plot thickens... Alice is still making everyone fall in love with her but she is also sort of changing them too. Making them think about their mortality. Everyone knows in Wonderland that death doesn't really exist as long as the Clock Maker can fix them, but as Alice has pointed out they will no longer BE themselves, they will be made into someone new and that makes her sad. Alice is starting to really like everyone in Wonderland and doesn't want anyone to get hurt. Lots of death threats in this second volume. And new story twists. It is now April Season which means that each area of wonderland has its own specific season and soon Alice will have to make a choice on which season or rather who she wants to stay with....until she meets the Joker!

Chelsea says

This was a great volume and had a lot of really fun scenes. I really like Boris and the friendship him and Alice are developing. This volume also has a really interesting bonus chapter at the end that I hope to read more about.

Contains Chapters 12 - 24

Alice 12.) Adaptation

Alice 13.) Doubt

Alice 14.) Disjointing Flower

Alice 15.) Crooked Love

Alice 16.) Sweet Dream Taste

Alice 17.) Declaration

Alice 18.) Let's Go Comfortably!

Alice 19.) Whereabouts

Alice 20.) Twilight

Alice 21.) Knight

Alice 22.) Coming Uneasiness

Alice 23.) Desire

Alice 24.) Letter of Invitation

Bonus Alice: Alice in the Country of Joker

colleen the convivial curmudgeon says

The madcap hijinks continue, but I feel like this book didn't really progress the story all that much until the end, when we're introduced to the Countries of Clover and the Joker, and find out a little more about

Nightmare.

The most development concerns the deal with Alice and her "dream" and what, exactly, she's forgotten - and just more of the same about her effect on and relationships with the various denizens of Wonderland.

Theresa ? says

WHOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO

I'm the first review? OH MY, how honored I am.

Because THIS BOOK WAS WAY BETTER THAN THE FIRST ONE!

I finally found out why the book was SO FAT. There are TWO VOLUMES in each fat book. Sorry...it took me FOREVER to figure that out.

I loved books 3 and 4 better than 1 and 2! It was so awesome that I finished it in ONE NIGHT. Within ONE HOUR.

And it was 12:00am. I was SLEEPY, yet I STILL finished this book!

Anyway, you guys have read my review for Volumes 1-2, right? I kept COMPLAINING about how there were a lot of words in the speech bubbles and I sorta skimmed through the book.

I DIDN'T SKIM THOUGHT THIS BOOK! This book was amazing! Awesomely awesome! How on earth is this book completely different than the first one?

Anyway, the art in this book was still very equally beautiful! I WISH I could draw like that!

I think I liked this book better because there seemed to be more romance in it. I think the last book lacked that, so that's why it was sort of boring for me. BUT THIS ONE HAD ROMANCE AND IT WAS SO CUTE!

So if you're reading this story for its romance, you're looking forward for volumes 3 and 4.

Jeez. For a first review for this book, this review was pretty short. But seriously, this volume was way better than the last one.

ON TO THE NEXT BOOK!

Emma says

~~I'm so confused. There has to be something wrong with me. I really don't understand the Alice series at all. I bought this book after I read number one, which turned out not to be part of the same series only to also find out that the book I was reading was number FOUR in the series versus number TWO even though it says that it is on the cover! Some I just don't get it. But the story was still good.~~

I kind of figured it out now. So, the Alice book I was read was My Fanatic Rabbit, not Alice in the Country of Hearts. And I had looked at the series in Japanese, not the English editon. The cover of this one is used on the fourth one in Japanse, thus the confusion.

Rachel Joy says

Apparently some mangas are just a bunch of characters talking to each other without anything happening in the story. That is to say, there isn't a story line really. This series is one of those, and is not really to my taste.

What first caught my eye when I saw these books at my library was that they were a manga fairy tale retelling, and I love a good retelling. I've read many fantasy retellings by various different authors. Some were amazing, some were good, and some were not worth the time it took to read them. For me, this series, unfortunately, falls into that last category. Thank goodness my library doesn't have the third omnibus ;).

Lady Belinda says

This was a great continuation of the story. I like that Alice is getting out and getting to know the other people in Wonderland. Peter is not any cuter to me as a fluffy rabbit...he's still just as annoying as his human form. Blood....wow, why to be creepy and increase my dislike of him. I really like Elliott a lot, even though he works for Blood. Ace was a little weird in this edition, but I still like him. I really started to like Julius a lot in this volume. He truly cares for Alice and wants to make sure that she has a neutral place to stay and call home. The new character, The Joker, at the end of the book I really like as well as Nightmare. They are both intriguing and mysterious character. I'm excited for the next book, but sad that it is the last.

Amber says

Darker and grittier then the first but also filled with plenty of humor. One can never keep things serious for too long in Wonderland after all! Peter White was less annoying (and his bunny form was rather cute), Boris and Blood are definitely my favorite characters, and Ace turned the creepy factor up a notch. Even Julius opens up a little more in this volume. So entertaining and funny! I'm dying to see the final volume!

Andrea Herrera says

After many days I finally finished this manga. I liked it, however I don't know if it was my copy or if it was a

yenpress mistake but the pages of chapter 18 were in the wrong order and it was impossible for me to read that chapter.

In this volume we learn more about this crazy world and its rules, some of the characters were annoying me, but it's nice to see how Alice is changing the inhabitants of this world. I really don't have much to say about this volume, I'm still upset about chapter 18.

Judy (Geeky Reading) says

~3.5/5

[Also available on my blog.]

I am really liking this series. It's not like a five star, ohmygod this is the most amazing, well written, book I have ever read, but at the moment I would rate it at a very solid, high 3.5, but it's a very good, very enjoyable 3.5.

Oh, before I really get into this review, I want to say that there will most likely be more spoilers than there were in the first books' review. In that one, since it was the first in the series, I was trying to be vague; in this one, not as much. I don't know how detailed I will be, since there is just so much to go over, as so much happens in each book, with two volumes, and I'm not going to go over every little detail; I'm going to keep some of it open and vague, so there's still the experience of reading the book to look forward to. Also, I do plan on going into detail of each character, especially the love interests.

A lot of this book, much like the first, was just scenes of Alice getting closer to all of the men in Wonderland. And I'm a bit frustrated to say that I kind of really like all of the men. In the first book, I liked some of them and found others cute, but now I'm kind of a fan of almost all of them, and I don't know what to think of that. I haven't really read a book before where I actually liked all of the love candidates and could see the heroine with each of them.

In the first book, I found Peter White, the rabbit, to be a bit annoying, and wanted him to back off of Alice, even if some of it was humorous. But then, almost immediately into this book, I saw more of him, and found that his desperate love for Alice was really adorable, and then he turned into his bunny form 'cause Alice wanted him to, and I just kind of almost love him now. He's still a bit too pushy for my taste, but he's adorable.

Then there's Julius, who I just liked in a simple way in the first book, but now I see is actually a love interest. I like him, and there was one really sweet moment between him and Alice in this book, but I still don't really think of him as a huge love interest. I mean, I guess it could work, but I see them more as platonic friends, in the way that she could go to him for help, that he's there for her if she needs him and she would repay the efforts, but not so much in a romantic way. Although, now that I think about it...

Next there's the hatter, Blood Dupre. He's not really crazy like I think the hatter should be, but he does seem dangerous and I don't think I'm a huge fan of him at the moment. Plus, there was this one big moment between him and Alice in this book that was not good, but that I won't spoil. And then he has this thing with the Queen... So, I'm a tiny bit intrigued, but not too big a fan of him at the moment. I do suspect him to become a bigger contender, though, or something to be revealed about him that is supposed to make me like him in the last book, so we'll see.

Oh, Elliot March. I like Elliot, he's sweet and cute, kind of an innocent contender even if he knows how to shoot a gun. I don't see him as a big romantic interest, either, but I guess it could work. I do like him, and find him rather adorable.

A bit like Elliot and Julius, I actually see even less potential in Gowland. He just doesn't strike romance, or any kind of heat, in me, and I don't really think there's been anything to cause it between him and Alice either. So, I don't think he's very big in the competition, so maybe they're just going to be friendly with each other?

Ah, Ace. In the first book, I really liked him and found him interesting, and was expecting him to become a bigger love interest, to fall for him even more. That is not what happened. Instead, he took a rather dark turn in this book, and now I'm feeling very wary of him. He's dangerous, and quite crazy, and there's something very off about him, and I don't like it. Dangerous in a way that, one wrong move, and he'll kill you, not even joking. I don't like it, and I don't like that I don't like it. I was actually even expecting something very bad to happen to him in this book, but it didn't. We'll see if he gets any better, or worse, in the last book, I guess.

Lastly (kind of), Boris. I love Boris. I found him to be adorable when I first met him, and then there was just something about him that I liked, and those feelings grew by a lot in this book. He is just so freakin' sweet and adorable and I love him. I want more of him. He is probably my favorite of the group at the moment, even if I doubt he's even in one of the top spots realistically for who Alice is going to choose.

Now, onto the characters that aren't in the main guy group. Dee and Dum. Those two are cute little boys, but they are rather dangerous. I like them, but I'm also a bit wary of them, especially after a certain scene between them and Alice in this book that I won't spoil.

The Queen, Vivaldi. We got to know her a bit more in this book, and I'm kind of 'eh'y about her. I don't really mind her, I don't find her to be too dangerous at the moment (although that could always change), I don't dislike her, I feel a tiny bit of sympathy and interest toward her. I'm just 'eh' about her, mostly. One thing I do like about her, is the way she calls herself 'we'. I usually find those little eccentricities interesting, and I find it especially works here. I mean, it shows that she holds herself in high regard, but it's also just a neat tick of hers, and it fits.

And, Nightmare. He, I guess, love Alice as well. He's not really in the competition, we don't see very much of him, and I honestly don't really have much to say about him. I'm pretty sure he's sick or something, as he's always coughing up blood, but I don't know why. Maybe if I got to know him more...

We found out in this book that, I'm assuming, everyone in town gets to dream and speak to Nightmare. Particularly, we see Peter and Julius talking to him, conversing about their wanting Alice and what they want for her in particular, and we see that they all openly know that the other guys are falling for her. Apparently because only someone who everyone would love is able to enter Wonderland? I wasn't too sure on that, but the whole thing is interesting to me and I hope to find out more.

A lot happened in this book, and it was good, but I'm not going to spoil too much. This book did end off with an invitation to a ball the Queen is hosting, and everyone in town is required to go as part of the Game. Not much more development happened with the Game, though. Mostly the book focused on the characters and some almost-killings, we didn't get to see how much more filled Alice's glass is, and she keeps thinking about home while everyone tries distracting her from it, and she keeps telling everyone that she is set on going home, even if that's maybe not true anymore?

These books are really good, they're entertaining and also a bit dark, but I feel like the dark element of them should be expanded upon. It just seems like it's giving us glimpses of the darkness lying in each person, but not fully expanding on it or showing us it, that it's downplaying it by a lot, when it could be a lot creepier. I wish that it were more creeper, but I am enjoying it nonetheless.

I'm excited to read the next, and last, book, and I'm sure it'll be good, hopefully even better than the first two, but I am wary. I just don't see how everything can get cleared up in one(two) volume(s), that doesn't seem like enough space.

Oh, there was an extra chapter at the end from Alice in the Country of Joker. Mostly, I just don't see why it was there. It was interesting and all, it did make me intrigued to read the rest of it, given that it ended with Alice agreeing to play a Game with the Joker, but why show us this when we haven't even finished this series yet? I mean, I know there are a shit ton of spin-off's of this series (and, yea, I'm already debating which ones I want to read) but you should at least let us finish the original series first.

Lanie says

I don't know if I liked this one as much as the first one or not. :(its very good, there's no doubt about that. And the artwork is beautiful. Its just . . . mostly its Alice. She likes to read, she's kind and friendly. She's not afraid to tell you what she thinks. But she's kind of an idiot. Just bumbling along visiting different crazy people who are all fighting over her. Its very interesting of course. I like watching them all try to win her heart and play this mysterious game and such. But I just wish shed fucking pick one and figure things out, or just find her way home out of the crazy dream world.

Still very good though. The supporting characters are the best part. I love ace, boris, and Elliot the best. I also like that were seeing all the softer sides of all these crazy characters.

And yes, Elliot. Yes, you are a rabbit.

Alison says

I'm continuing to enjoy the series. I definitely have some favorite characters and Peter isn't annoying me as much. Plus his bunny form is so cute!
