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Manga Shakespeare: Romeo And Juliet



Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

Adapting Shakespeare's plays to a graphic-novel format isn't easy, as the language needs a particularly firm scaffolding of expression and gesture. As part of the new Manga Shakespeare series, this adaptation, set in modern-day Tokyo, does a competent job of combining manga-style art and abridged dialogue to immerse the reader in the world of the play. Although the richness of the language may be lost, the script keeps the spirit of the story intact, hitting all the major speeches. The art is occasionally muddled by too-similar gray-scale patterns, but the layout and characters are energetic and iconic. By situating the play in modern Tokyo among rival yakuza, or organized-crime families, Appignanesi and Leong present manga fans with a world they will recognize. Robin Brenner

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The tragic story of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet has no doubt inspired

countless spin offs of the same story told in different ways. The musical *West Side Story* is probably the most obvious retelling of the same theme. I recently purchased this book (Romeo and Juliet: A Manga Shakespeare graphic novel illustrated by Sonia Leong) on for a bargain price. This play was one of the most popular plays during his lifetime. The original play takes place in Verona, Italy. This graphic novel story version begins with a street fight between the Montague and Capulet clans two feuding mafia families. Romeo is the son of Montague and Juliet is the daughter of Capulet. They fall in love with each and like all of Shakespeare's plays; there are conflicts, twists, turns and tragedy. I never like to give away too much information when reviewing any novel because it spoils it for the reader; however, if you are familiar with Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet you already know the ending. If you are into Shakespeare and like graphic novels you should check out this book. Rating: 5 Stars. Joseph J. Truncale (Author: Zen Poetry Moments: Haiku and Senryu for special occasions).

I loved it the book took me right back to when I read it the first time :)

This was a great revamp of the classic story in manga form. I enjoyed this so much.

Thanks

My non-reader read this 5 times.

Exc.

this is exactly what I wanted for my anime loving teen. She loves the drawing and Shakespeare's language proves eternal once again.

I expected a completely different rendition of the classic story. Instead, it was pretty much the same dialogue with mediocre art styles accompanying it.

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