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MIND CONTROL

Ryousuke Akiba calls himself ES, a code name taken from a mysterious scientific experiment. Ryousuke will live to be at least two centuries old and possesses strange mental powers: He can enter people's minds, discover their darkest secrets, even rearrange their memories so that complete strangers will treat him like family. Ryousuke acts not out of malice but for survival—wandering Tokyo for reasons known only to him. No one recognizes him for what he is . . . until Dr. Mine Kujoyou, a determined researcher, meets someone who challenges everything she knows about science—ES, possessor of the Eternal Sabbath gene. But is he the only one?

## ES: Eternal Sabbath, #1 Details

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## **From Reader Review ES: Eternal Sabbath, #1 for online ebook**

### **Stewart Tame says**

Very nice! A most intriguing beginning. A young man has the ability to "hack" people's brains and basically control their thoughts. His abilities work on most, but not all. This is very faintly reminiscent of Death Note in that we have an inherently supernatural premise that's treated very seriously and realistically. Can normal humans who are immune to his abilities discover his secrets? There are some hints as to where this is all going. The story stumbles a bit in how seriously it seems to take PSI powers in the real world, but I'm still liking it so far. I very much enjoyed the other Fuyumi Soryo manga I've read (Mars), and it seems as though this one will be equally enthralling.

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### **Emiley says**

I am a great fan of Fuyumi Soryo, and above all, this particular work. Within ES, she has woven a thought-provoking story that explores the ethics of human experimentation. Along the way, she touches upon the themes of women in science, the lines between personal and professional life, and the meaning of identity. It is amazing how well the text complements the artwork, and vice versa.

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### **Nek0 Neha (BiblioNyan) says**

ES is a very good manga. The art is crisp and lovely, as expected from Fuyumi Soryo. The plot is different and intriguing. It immediately caught my attention and kept me glued until the very end.

The story revolves around people who have the ability to read and manipulate feelings of others around them. It's very heavy on neurological science, which I found to be very fascinating. It has a wonderful flow to it from one page to the next, one volume to the next.

I have read the series in its entirety, which consists of 8 volumes total. So consider this my review for the series, not just this individual volume. Highly recommended to manga enthusiasts and science fiction lovers alike.

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### **Francine says**

What can I say? I'm really into it. The characters are interesting, the pacing is good and the drawings are gorgeous. I've also never seen anything quite like ES's powers before (if you have, let me know: I want to read more like this). I really must pick up the rest of this series.

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### **Niratisaya Niratisaya says**

Artwork: 5/5

Story: 5/5

Plot development: 5/5

Didorong rasa penasaran dan keinginan untuk menyempurnakan diri, manusia berusaha mendekati Tuhan dan menggantikan-Nya. Salah satunya adalah sekelompok peneliti di Jepang yang diceritakan oleh Fuyumi Soryo berhasil membuat klon manusia dengan kesempurnaan gen dan antigen yang sanggup membuatnya hidup 200 tahun, tanpa diganggu oleh mutasi dan penyakit.

Para peneliti itu menamakan klon itu Shuro, sesuai dengan nama sebuah daun dalam alkitab yang mengisyaratkan permohonan maaf mereka kepada Tuhan karena dengan egois ingin menggantikan posisi-Nya sebagai seorang pencipta.

Tak ingin merusak Shuro, prototipe klon yang sempurna itu, para peneliti itu pun menciptakan klon kedua: Isaac--yang menurut alkitab anak yang dikorbankan oleh Ibrahim untuk Tuhan. Bedanya, Isaac (Izaku) diciptakan oleh para peneliti sebagai pengorbanan mereka dengan dalih atas nama kehidupan dan ilmu pengetahuan. Namun, siapa sangka Izaku justru membuat para peneliti itu kuwalahan karena ia tidak hanya mewarisi kesempurnaan gen Shuro, tetapi juga kekuatan telekinesisnya yang mampu mempengaruhi cara kerja otak manusia dengan menelusup ke dalamnya.

Bravo Soryo-sensei!

Sebuah bacaan lain yang bukan hanya dilengkapi cerita yang tertata rapi, tetapi juga data yang menciptakan fondasi kuat untuk dunia rekaannya.

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## **Lauma says**

My review applies to all ES volumes.

I read it somewhere in my late teens or early twenties, and then it was a favorite of mine both in the sci-fi and romantic manga genre. The core idea was revolving about something I liked to phantasize about in childhood, and one of the protagonists was young woman - a scientist and a rather reasonable person - what more could I dream about?! Also I was hopeless romantic then, and ES resonated well with my romantic side.

Even though, I am not sure, if I were equally amazed, if I had read it 10 years and lots of books later.

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## **Alex says**

[scientific (hide spoiler)]

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## **Rabia says**

This will control your mind.

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## Hilâl says

(Yorum ve puan tüm seri için, yani 8 cilt içindir.)

4.5 Puan.

Ha.Ri.Ka.ʔdi.

Ne söyleyim? Türünde harika bir eserd. Psikolojik-seinen olduʔunu her cümlesiyle hissettiriyordu. Seinenlerin genelinde iʔlenen statü farklarʔ, ʔiddet, iyi-kötü-adalet üçgeni, modern insanʔn yalnʔzlʔʔʔ, korkusu vb. duygularʔ mükemmel iʔliyordu ve ana konusu çok özgündü. Biraz tʔp, biraz bilim-kurgu, derken ortaya harika bir iʔ çʔkmʔʔ, niye puanʔ düʔük, anlamʔyor insan.

Favori mangalarʔma eklenecek gibi.

*" Hayatʔn ne kadar önemli olduʔundan bahsetmeden önce ilk olarak bana ʔunu söyle. Neden bir yaʔam deʔerli ama diʔeri deʔerli deʔil? "*

ʔüphesiz serideki en vurucu kʔsʔmlardan biriydi, insanlar bunu anlayabilseydi, dünya ʔu an daha iyi bir yer olabilirdi, ama insanlar *hep aynʔ*, ~~beneil~~.

Eʔer manga seviyorsanʔz, bu seriyi atlamamanʔzʔ öneririm.

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## Miss Ryoko says

**Actual rating: 3.5**

Wow! I am really surprised! I found two series that started with the letter E to do for the ABC Challenge in the Manga Book Club, but really neither series sounded interesting to me. They both sounded a little too sci-fi and techy... but I picked ES over Eureka Seven because it sounded a little more interesting... I was really surprised to find I found it pretty awesome!

I'm not a huge fan of the art style, but the storyline is pretty interesting, and I think it'll make an awesome series. The human brain is an amazing entity that can cause the strangest phenomena, so it's really interesting to read a series sort of based on that phenomena but when it's being controlled by someone else and it really just isn't "all in your head."

I expected to trudge through this volume, mutter over and over in my head it'd be over soon... I was not expecting to be so intrigued. I can't wait to see what happens in this 8 volume series!

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## Mark says

Ryousuke Akiba calls himself Eternal Sabbath, a code name taken from a mysterious scientific experiment. Akiba is a genetically engineered human with the power to hack into peoples brains, discover their darkest secrets and reprogram them to his liking. Those who try to resist him suffer harsh mental and physical

punishments. But to readers' delight, Akiba does not use his power for malicious acts but for his survival in Tokyo.

He may have finally met his match, though, in beautiful and brilliant scientist (a Harvard graduate, what else!) name Mine Kujo.

The main characters are compelling. The melodramatic techno-thriller plot should interest fans of both the romance and science-fiction *manga* genres. The story moves along rapidly. With more action than dialogue, this volume perfectly illustrates *manga*'s wide appeal among older teens.

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### **Mike says**

A mysterious person who can manipulate the minds of others seems to wander aimlessly, altering the thoughts and fates of those he encounters arbitrarily. But when he runs into one of the few people who he can't affect, something strange happens - he finds this person interesting...

I read Eternal Sabbath as part of a book challenge and didn't know much about it going in. I'm delighted to have found what seems to be a captivating, character driven paranormal story with heavy sci-fi and mystery elements. The two main characters are highly intriguing, and this first volume sets up a good amount of groundwork for future developments while keeping things moving at a nice clip. I can't describe the story in more detail without getting into spoilers, so I'll simply say I enjoyed it and am looking forward to reading more.

The art isn't spectacular nor elaborate, but is solid and suits the story. Characters are distinct, consistently drawn and easily identifiable, and the straightforward style lets the artist really make an impact when called for.

Overall ES Vol. 1 is a strong start to what looks to be a great series.

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Edit 1/8/2015: Just as intriguing on subsequent reads, and there's some interesting foreshadowing I'm picking up on now that I know where the series is heading.

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### **Sakuranko says**

Me gustó bastante este primer volumen y quedé intrigada sobre que va suceder más adelante. Bastante gráfico así que me gusta.

4 Estrellas!

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### **Conan Tigard says**

I found ES (Eternal Sabbath): Volume 1 to be a very interesting graphic novel. First of all, I love stories

about super humans. So, to have a story about a genetically engineered human being is pretty cool.

The artwork by Fuyumi Soryo is better than most other manga books and the storyline is quite intriguing.

The translation and adaptation are very good as the story flows along nicely.

What are the full extend of ES's powers? What can he really do? This is something I really want to know. I am sure that over time we will learn all about Ryousuke. Patience is a virtue, right? And how does Dr. Mine Kujoyou fit in with all of this? There are some hints about her near the end of the book, but I cannot reveal those here. You will have to read it and find out for yourself.

Overall, I really enjoyed ES (Eternal Sabbath): Volume 1 and thought it to be quite excellent. I look forward to learning more about Ryousuke in ES (Eternal Sabbath): Volume 2.

I rated this book a 9 out of 10.

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### **Jessica says**

first off..

my thoughts on the book: art work is as per-usual very good, the story is very catchy, which I know to some people that's completely irrelevant, but usually when I am sitting here reading a manga it takes me not long to read, where as with this series so far its taken me half an hour.

synopsis of the story:

Ryousuke Akiba or Shuro, or ES (Eternal Sabbath) is a human who was genetically created in a hygenic's lab in order to study eternal youth.

Ryousuke will live to be at least two decades old, possessing strange mental powers, entering peoples minds, discovering their deepest darkest secrets, and ever rearrange a persons memories for survival instincts, getting people to act as though he were a friend or a family member, as he wanders the streets of Tokyo for reasons unknown only to him,

no one recognizes him until he meets a woman researcher Dr. Mine Kujoyou, a determined researcher who challenges everything she knows about science.

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