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Kiyo is a brilliant junior high student whose inflated ego has made him a major target for teasing at school. So his father sends him a bizarre birthday present - a strange little boy named Zatch Bell - to help him make friends and reform his bad attitude. Zatch brings with him a mysterious red volume of spells.

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José Monserrat Vicent says

El modo de lucha me ha parecido muy original, al igual que las batallas entre los mamodos. Vamos, que tiene un argumento muy bueno. La estética del dibujo me ha gustado mucho, aunque no sabría decir por qué, porque yo de dibujo, ni idea.

Nicholas Wilson says

This will be a review over the entire Zatch Bell manga, as a whole. In the story of Zatch Bell, strange creatures, A.K.A. Momodos, are sent to Earth to find the owner of their spell book. These spell books enabled h Momodo to unlock spells that they would use to battle other Momodo, and burn their books. If a Momodo's book is burned, they are sent back to the Momodo World. The last remaining Momodo would be crowned King of the Momodos. One of the Momodo's is Zatch Bell, and he wants to become king in order to create peace and ensure that they would no longer need these wars. Out of all the manga I've read, this is one of my favorites. What really grabs my attention is that they set up a story where Zatch has memory loss, and continues to learn more throughout the entire series. If you enjoy stories about epic battles, or an underdog story, where the least likely man for the job is the victorious one, then Zatch Bell is a great manga for you to read.

Kind Konfetti says

Chose this at random from my local library as I wanted to try some manga. I really enjoyed it.

It moves at a fast pace, the main story arc deepens and ends on a twist which makes reading the second book a priority, and I enjoyed the black and white drawings. The characters begin developing and there is so much scope in manga which ordinary novels don't have.

Being new to manga I cant compare Zatch Bell to others, but I enjoyed it and thought it was worth 5* and reading the rest of the books

Sarah says

This manga is a good light read, mostly aimed at junior high ages. Very action oriented, it reads quickly and the plots are fairly simple until the end. Super-intelligent junior high student Kiyu becomes responsible for Zatch, a mysterious child who can shoot lightning when Kiyu uses a spell from Zatch's book, but has lost his memory, including the fact that these powers are his and not Kiyu's. Zatch decides that Kiyu should be a hero in order to become popular. Lots of lightning blots ensue. The last few pages of the final chapter promise some interesting future developments as some of the mystery of Zatch's origin is revealed. While

light on character overall, the few character moments we do get are interesting and nicely done.

Ambersanders says

I have finished this anime and loved it. It had a good amount of comedy and action and drama. I fell in love with Zatch's stupidity and Zeno's wickedness. But it didn't explain what happened after they won. So I have decided to read the manga. I figure that it will show Zatch as king.

Nicola Mansfield says

I found the first five volumes of this series, which I had never heard of before, at my library so decided my son and I would give it a go. We both really enjoyed the first volume. Humor is used to great effect in both the text and the typical old-style manga over dramatic illustrations of emotion. This is a good first volume in that it both serves up a good beginning plot and introduces us well to the two main characters. It zips along at a fast pace with action moving the story along rapidly. While starting off mysteriously, not knowing who Zatch is or what the red book means, by the end we have quite a satisfactory explanation and our characters are set for their mission and the plot of the series to continue. Zatch is adorable, very cute to look at, he has a cute naive personality with a huge violent anger streak when he feels dishonoured. Kiyo starts off arrogant but even by the end of the first volume we are seeing his character change already. Zatch has already battled two other kids like himself and the book ends in the middle of another such battle but with a bit of a scary twist that makes reading volume two a priority.

Jade says

I used to watch this when I was younger and loved it but they stopped showing it which made me sad. But starting high school year I got an iPad and I downloaded a manga reading app and I started reading it over again. I love the concept, clean drawings, the author himself. Me likes this;9

Natalie says

Title character Zatch Bell is sent to teenager Kiyo as a birthday present from his absent father; Kiyo is uninterested in the boy and his friendship until Zatch presents a mysterious book and shoots a bolt of lightning out of his mouth. From there, the action kicks up - these scenes are well-paced and the humor offsets the seriousness of the series. Though marketed as an action manga, *Zatch Bell* isn't afraid to get emotional: this volume alone touches on the desperation of feeling like an outsider for both Zatch and Kiyo; it portrays emotions well (even if the crying faces look a little scary sometimes!).

The downside is the overall juvenile nature of some of the humor. Zatch tells a bully that Kiyo isn't there to save him because he's busy pooping. **For real.** For a manga marketed at teens, the humor remains juvenile; this manga walks a fine line between the ratings All Ages and Teen. For me, it falls closer to All Ages and might be better marketed as a kids' story. Teens and older readers will recognize the tropes that this series relies on: Zatch's amnesia (when will amnesia grow old?) as well as the lack of character depth; everyone is a

caricature instead of a complicated, fully-developed character.

I'll give the manga three stars from my middle school self, who enjoyed both this manga and the anime; as an older reader outside of the target audience, it's closer to two stars.

Madison says

i only have the first two books, but watched the series.. its not that its bad, but im not that excited about it. anyways you should still look at it you never know u cood like it.. still not the bestest though!!

Khalil Omran says

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Review by kal i oran

In modern Tokyo there a young men named kiyo takamine he meets a mystery boy named Zatch bell. He give kiyo mystery book it has mystery letter kiyo read words of the book then zatch shoot lighting of his mouth. then he founds out zatch is a mamodo a demon child zatch forget his mamodo world. Then they random meet a mamodo with the ability of wind zatch fight after defect he explain why there here “One hundred Mamodo go to Earth every 1,000 years to battle to be the king of the Mamodo world. Each Mamodo needs a human partner in order to use his or her spell book” the best part was when kiyo get a new spell.

Tyler says

I remember reading this shortly after watching the show, and my 13/14 year-old self totally being in love with Kiyo. *snort* Today, while rummaging around in my boxes of junk under the bed, I found a bunch of old manga I had bought in middle school. Prince of Tennis, Naruto, and -whaddya know- Zatch Bell. So I read a few of them and re-lived my dark, er, middle school days. Zatch Bell is quite.... goofy, but still a light, comical read that put me in a good mood, despite what the old mangas symbolized for me. Ahhh, my childhood...

Hannah Belyea says

Due to his egotistical nature, Kiyo's father sends him a strange boy carrying a book full of odd spells - thrusting the duo into a strange game surrounding other similarly powerful books and powers that are showing up around the world! Raiku begins a humorous and colourful adventure with this fun entry. Just where has Zatch come from?

Yuki says

Real rating: Infinity stars. It is THAT good. Expect spoilers since this is my fandom.

I love mangas since you notice something new every time. This time I realized that the bird that brings Zatch to Kiyo's house is named Owashi. The annoying thing about reading the English version is that they take the liberty of editing out nudity scenes and violent scenes. The violent scenes are realistic so should remain. And you wouldn't understand the weirdness of how the first time Zatch met Kiyo he was stark naked with the English version. Obviously there are differences from the anime like not having Hyde and Eido and how in the anime Reycom was the one robbing the bank not this random guy. The first few books could have some work on their art but he writes so many that it gets better later on. Since I guess this is shonen, there are way too many black lines you know for action. It's like everything's a crisis...which to them, it kind of is. Kiyo is so rude to Suzume! And it's weird to think of Kane as a bully. "Who the heck poops like THAT?" I don't know, Kiyo, you took an awful long time to get there..."Freeze! This is a stick up! Everyone get down!" Suzy=keep on smiling...I feel sorry for Reycom. Zatch is so CUTE sometimes, oh my gorsh. I really like the friendship between Gofure and Gash when Gash and Kiyo were fighting like brats. Here's the thing: Gofure was actually trying to be friends with Zatch. If you see Gofure, he's sad when Renji comes. You know how Kolulu was injected with this fighting personality since she didn't want to fight? Well, the same thing happened to Gofure. Now Sherry and Brago are amazing. Sherry is so beautiful and strong, a good role model. Brago is...well, it's not smart to say anything bad about him. It's weird to think that Brago is shorter than Sherry. And they take their shoes off in Kiyo's house like they own it! I don't know why Sherry and Brago would bother telling everyone what's up with the mamodo battle, and go all the way to Japan from France to boot. They should just wait for everyone else to burn their books-they don't need to go the trouble. Still, I guess it helps them train and gets Sherry's anger out about Zofis manipulating her bestie Koko. I love how Sherry and Brago acted like they came there to talk not fight then end up torturing Kiyo with Gravirei!

Asif Iqbal says

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Firiel says

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