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A family with an ancient curse...

And the girl who will change their lives forever...

It's Valentines Day and you know what that means - lots of chocolates for the cutest boys at school! In this case, it's a pretty close tie between hot-headed Kyo Sohma and "Prince Charming" Yuki Sohma. Of course the kind-hearted Tohru, guest of the Sohma family, has chocolates for everyone! But when White Day comes around, what will the Sohma family give her in return?

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From Reader Review Fruits Basket, Vol. 3 for online ebook

Ferdy says

3.5 stars - Spoilers

- Pretty good but not as enjoyable as the previous two volumes.
 - Tohru was still as likeable and ditzy as ever.
 - Yuki was blah. Definitely not a fan of the potential Yuki/Tohru pairing.
 - Loved Kyo and Momiji. Haru was pretty good too.
 - Liked the onsen tour, and the double date with Kagura/Kyo and Yuki/Tohru.
 - The only thing that was disappointing was the dialogue/story didn't always flow well or make sense. — it made for frustrating reading.
 - Hoping volume 4 will be a bit better.
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Cath says

5/5 stars!!
I'm falling more and more in love with this series all over again.
And Haru! We got to meet Haru! :)

Krystal says

Not gonna lie, I'm still a little bit in love with Kyo Sohma to this day.

Corinna says

I'll give it one more shot with Volume 4, but I really don't know that this series is for me.

Sylwia (Wish Fulfillment) says

Another great addition to this series. Again, we meet more of the family, but most importantly the subtle

larger plot continues to grow and we find out who is pulling which strings. I loved this and cried during it, as seems to be normal for me during this series. I look forward to the next volume!

Inés Izal says

Andrea says

I am hardcore shipping Tohru and Kyo and it's only VOLUME THREE. I have no shame!! (This from a previous Tohru x Yuki shipper til like the very end too) Every time they have one of their deep conversations and get to know each other better or Kyo does something really nice for Tohru, it makes my insides go all gooey <3

Something is going down with Shigure and Akito. They are conspiring to do something with the curse and it somehow involves Tohru, Yuki and Kyo. I hope to find out more in the next volume, because it was pretty vague in this one, but I was fascinated. I don't want any of my precious babies to get hurt.

I also love seeing these new characters come in such as Haru and having Momiji come back and visit. The growing relationships Tohru has with all the members of the zodiac are awesome to watch and I love seeing the other zodiac members comment about how Yuki or Kyo have changed for the better because of Tohru.

<3

Merb says

? This volume is Kyo! ?

In the third volume of Fruits Basket, the story and characters really begin to get into their groove. The illustrations, both chibi and realistic, are just perfect at capturing the feel of this story. During this installment, we follow Tohru as she attempts (and due to certain events fails) to complete her schools endurance test, makes Valentine's chocolates for her friends and all those from the Zodiac she has met, goes on a double date with Yuki, Kagura and the emotionally blackmailed Kyo, and has a nice and relaxing trip to the Sohma hot springs with Momiji, Yuki and the once again, emotionally blackmailed Kyo.

We are introduced to Haru in this volume, who brings a refreshing and very Fruits Basket-esque humour to the story. We get some insight into his past growing up as one of the 12 Zodiac, and are give another snippet into what seems to be a rather lonely childhood of Yuki's. Momiji also appears segnificantly as well, discussing the story of 'The World's Most Foolish Traveller', who was so kind he ended up giving away not only all his posesions, but all of his body until only his blindless head remained. This is used as symbolism as to whether Tohru's selflessness makes her foolish or endearing. When does someone become so kind they are just a fool? Or is it even possible to reach that point? These ideas are symbolisdd throughout this volume, as we see Tohru do countless kind things that make us question whether we should celebrate the sacfrices people make for others or see it as stupidity. Is kindness something to respect? This volume of Fruits Basket makes us question just this. I love you Tohru!

? Next volume is Shigure! ?

Mitchell says

Continues to be readable. But still too hard for me to keep track of who is whom. I liked the trip to the Hot Springs and the hostess, though not when she was all crazy monkey. I'd like the book better if it was more detailed, more chance to see the setting. And if so much of it wasn't repetitive. And on to the next one.

Rain Misao says

Flails OH MY GOD!!!!!!! HARU WAS IN THIS VOLUME AND IT EXCITES ME SOOOOOOO MUCH TO SEE HIM IN ACTION!!!! HOW I LOVE THIS MAN! BOY! COW! WHATEVER! YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN!!! *Piano falls on head* Oof! @_@ ...thanks. I needed that. I got a bit too fangirly there... heh? *Ahem* Anyway, as you probably already know... I love this volume of *Fruits Basket*. Mostly for Haru but also because more things were revealed. Seriously, it's painful seeing how slow things get revealed in this manga but that's what makes it so good! You want to KEEP READING until the end so that way you'll be able to find out! Why do you think I've been reading them back-to-back? Because I am dying to know what's going to happen next!

I really enjoyed Takaya-sensei's humor in this volume. I mean, her humor in all the volumes is just hilarious but in this one it really just shot to the roof! I know I've said this before but I love her comments throughout the story. She's always breaking the fourth wall and I really do love seeing that. I don't think I've talked about her artwork before but I must say it's very nice. It's not the most gorgeous I've seen but I think that's what adds to the charm of it. Her art style is so simple and cute and I enjoy that so much. However, she does draw people beautifully. The way she drew Kyo in that one scene where he smiles brightly... I nearly died. He was THAT gorgeous! I was close to losing my head because I wanted to go into the manga and squeeze him to death! Or at least until he started purring~ XD

Speaking of characters... OH MY GOD!!! DID YOU SEE HOW AWESOME HARU WAS IN THIS VOLUME BECAUSE I DID AND I JUST WENT ALL MAD FOR HIM BECAUSE HE IS BEYOND SEXY AND CUTE AND WAH!!! IT PLEASES ME TO SEE HIM BE SO GUTSY! HE INSPIRES ME TO BE MORE OUT THERE! HOW CAN ANYONE NOT LOVE HIM!? ILOVEYOUHARUPLEASEMARRYMEYOUSICKFREAK!!! *Anvil falls on head* Oof... okay... @_@ ...I'm back. Well, yes. I do think Haru is a fracking awesome character!!! <--- My failed attempt at not cursing. Haru is crazy! No really... he's crazy. Split personality and whatnot. He's so sweet when "White" then so twisted when "Black," it's amusing! Personally, I like him better when he's "Black" but that's only because he's so kickass! So... I can't even properly say how much I love Haru. My words will not show how badass he is. And this is nothing. He gets even more badass as time goes on, i.e. future volumes. Seriously, read this manga so you can see how amazing this character is.

Okay... I ranted about Haru and he's not even the main character so my review is a bit out of order this time around but... I can't help it... we'll get back on track now. Okay... let's see... Tohru is still awesome/sweet/cute. Her ability to accept everyone is out of this world. I don't know how she does it but she does. Yuki reveals more about himself towards the end which is nice. Kyo... awwwwww!!! My baby Kyo! He's going through such a rough time. I want to give him big hug!!! Wait... didn't I say that already? O_o Anyhow, you might be a bit confused as to the way he acts towards something but it's simple enough to

figure out that your head won't hurt much. We get introduced to a new character and she's... weird. XD I like her! Okami-san is just funny. I love how she over-reacts to EVERYTHING!!! Momiji... so adorable! Though we still don't know much about him in this volume, you get to see that he has a very keen insight. A character that we do get to see more of that we haven't really known is Shigure! Finally, right? I do love him but... there's something about him... something he's planning that we do not get to know until WAAAAAAAAAAAAAY later on in the series. ACK!!! It's driving me insane not knowing what is going on! I need to read more to better understand him because I refuse to believe he's really bad. I know he's doing some questionable things but... there must be a reason to it, right? Hatori makes a cameo! Talking to Shigure and if he's not his enemy then... neither will I be! Oh, and fuck Akito. <--- Failed at keeping review clean. So we don't know him per say but... I just really can't stand him. -_- " Whatever... I'll try not to hate him too much... no promises.

Yeah... I ranted a lot in this review. I'm sorry for that... not the ranting just that I couldn't structure this into a better review! XD It's difficult writing a review for a series you love so much about characters you love so much. It's nearly impossible. For me, completely impossible but you know what I mean. XP I tried. I know for a fact my future reviews for this series is not going to get any better so... you've been warned. Just save yourself the trouble and go read this manga! It is worth your time and effort and love and money! However, I feel that I must warn you. This is published by Tokyopop and since, I'm sure you know, it's out of business, you should probably get your hands on it soon before it's OOP. I know that's what I'm going to do the moment I gets me my money (Parents buying it for me, in case you wondered). Go buy it now! It needs to be on every manga lover's bookshelf!

Farhin says

In my previous Fruits Basket review, I advised anyone reading to take caution. If you haven't already seen the anime (in which case you should) or read the previous volumes (in which case you should), I'd highly advise avoiding this particular review too.

...You're welcome.

So anyways, Volume 3 of Fruits Basket!

After being briefly introduced to Hatsuharu Sohma in the previous volume when Shigure makes a trip to the main house for New Years, naturally we want to know more about the guy and this volume give it to us in the opening chapter.

Hatsuharu is perceptive and younger than both; Kyo and Yuki Sohma. We find out a little about his relationship to those two which involves some comedy and some seriousness too... enveloped in comedy. Nonetheless he was an enjoyable addition and I enjoyed learning more about him.

We also got to see a perhaps more vulnerable side to Kyo in this volume. Shigure teases him to the point where he runs off and whilst he sulks, Tohru gets the feeling that there's more to why he gets upset than he gives off. It's nice to see a vulnerable Kyo so early on in the series because it gives hope of some serious

character development.

We also see what Shigure gets up to and some mystery behind his relationship with Akito (the head of the Sohma House). This is by far the most interesting thing yet since this part of the plot for FB was definitely not explored in the anime due to the length of the series. (Much like the cap that Tohru has as a precious keepsake from the boy who helped her find her way when she got lost as a child).

Valentine's day also occurs and unlike in the anime, Kyo, Kagura, Tohru and Yuki go on a double date to see a movie! It was nice to see both girls interacting.

Naturally, Valentine's Day has to come hand-in-hand with White Day which after a little Google search...I found it is held one month after Valentine's Day in many of the East Asian countries.

It is a chance for the boys to give the girls gifts and yes our lovable Tohru gets to go to the hot springs with Momiji, Kyo and Yuki as her White Day gift.

The readers are then revealed to the fact that Momiji and Hatsuharu are the same age (both a year younger than Kyo and Yuki) and will be attending the same high school as them in the following term!

I had no qualms with either the art or plot. This will be my favourite series of all time for a long *long* time to come.

I look forward to volume 4!

Victoria says

I loved this addition to the series. It was so funny and entertaining. The banter between the characters is the best. I love all of the awkward and embarrassing moments that the characters experience frequently makes this series hard to put down.

Cath says

5/5 stars.

First book of the year! I've just decided to reread this series again, I love it so much. :) Third time rereading it and I still notice things I never noticed before. :D

earthy says

Introduces the punk-tastic Hatsuharu and a bit of his backstory, as well as giving Momiji a chance to show off his extreme wisdom in the story of "The Most Foolish Traveler in the World." Fabulous Shigure/Hattori interactions, and I especially love the very last page of the book where Shigure is gleefully proud of his present for Tohru (a maid's outfit), and Haru warns him not to get himself arrested. Added bonus: the introduction of Mogeta, the extremely silly Pokemon ripoff movie which has Kagura and Tohru in tears and Yuki and Kyou wondering why girls are so weird. Good fun. ^_^

Ijeoma says

As usual, I am never disappointed with my Fruits Basket journey.

There are major developments in this book. Several characters are experiencing growth and learning to come to grips with who they are and how they feel.

We continue to meet more members of the peculiar Somah family. I find that I am intrigued by the members and their association with the different members of the zodiac sign.

At times, the storyline appeared quite childish; however, this manga is strictly for entertainment. There is nothing (for now) to take away from this reading experience.
