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Najika is a great cook and likes to make meals for the people she loves. But something is missing from her life. When she was a child, she met a boy who touched her heart--and now Najika is determined to find him. The only clue she has is a silver spoon that leads her to the prestigious Seika Academy.

Attending Seika will be a challenge. Every kid at the school has a special talent, and the girls in Najika's class think she doesn't deserve to be there. But Sora and Daichi, two popular brothers who barely speak to each other, recognize Najika's cooking for what it is--magical. Is either boy Najika's mysterious prince?

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Lottie Eve says

This manga was so cute! I love how the manga includes cooking. I got this manga because the cover seemed so cute and the synopsis made the story seem pretty cute also. This manga just screams out cuteness! There are also recipes at the end of every volume of the foods that Najika makes!

I loved Najika! She reminded me a lot of Tohru Honda from the manga, Fruits Basket. She shares almost the exact same personality. She is sweet, always wants to help, selfless, and never gives up. She does have her moments where you can tell that things are tough for her. Her passion for cooking is very admirable. Sora and Daichi are the two boys that Najika thinks might be her prince. I can't guess which one it is. Both of the boys have their redeeming qualities although I am leaning towards Sora. I wonder what made the two brothers dislike each other so much. There is a mean girl, named Akane in this manga but I think there is something we don't know about her.

The story is very sweet and simple. Najika goes to a special academy to find her prince. There is a whole lot of cooking involved to! This story is about all the characters and I do like it so far. All the characters are likeable...well except for Akane and her two annoying and hateful followers(another similarity to Fruits Basket).

The art is really pretty and cute! I loved the all the characters were drawn and the backgrounds were good to. I absolutely hate it when a manga has next to no backgrounds. I always drop manga like that. The art is good to look at and I flipped through the pages after reading it just to stare at the pretty pictures.

Kitchen Princess is a really cute story and I enjoyed it a lot! I found the story to be a very sweet one and I will definitely read the next volume.

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Nina {????s ??? ?????} says

The art really irritates me, maybe it's because I've read other manga - not so great - with a similar kind of art where the plotlines were irritating. I don't usually like my characters young and fourteen. With the exception of **Fly High!** (Which I really loved. Kitchen Princess has a similar feel actually). But there is something

familiar and sweet about this. I like that there is some tragedy, and that the relationships are deep. I like the protag, she's happy and not pathetically sweet. She's like Tohru from **Fruits Basket**. Happy-go-lucky and never down, yet wants to help others and never gives up. And I can't help but like this.

Emily says

I finally found a Manga series I like! Najika's parents died when she was young, and she now lives at Lavender House, a home for orphans. Not long after their deaths, she was comforted by a boy who gave her flan. The spoon he left behind is the only clue she has to her "Flan Prince" but she is determined to find him and make him the best dessert in the world. She traces the spoon to Seika Academy in Tokyo, where she earns admittance in the 7th grade based on her enormous cooking talent. At the academy she becomes friends with 2 brothers, the sons of the Director. Could one of them be her Flan Prince? Each chapter has a particular food that Najika cooks, and there are recipes at the end of each book. I like this better than other Manga I've read for several reasons: there aren't that many characters so it is possible to keep them straight; the plot is relatively simple; and I can generally tell which characters are male and which are female. And, of course, it's food fiction! (Review is pretty much for the whole series)

Selena says

This is one of those manga you look at and go, "Did they seriously make a manga about a girl cooking?"

Well, I saw it and said the same thing, then bought it. XD

It follows the typical shoujo mold. Girl in love with two guys (who happen to be brothers and complete opposites!), girl gets enemies because both boys show interest in girl, girl eventually becomes friends with enemies because she understands them, etc.

It's so typical, but it's just so cute. And besides, it has very yummy looking food. Plus recipes in the back.

Nur says

Komik-komik awal yang berseri, selalu kelihatan desain karakternya masih kaku ya kkkkk~ Tapi makin ke sini-sini, desain karakternya jadi semakin luwes (Daichi makin ganteng :>) wkwkwkwkwkk

Suka banget sama seri yang satu ini; tentang memasak. Dari baca komik ini (dulu pas SMP) aku jadi tau banyak hal soal makanan dan filosofi makanan juga :") Dari cara memasak, dengan siapa kita makan, memikirkan orang yang akan menyantap makanan yang kita hidangkan, kebahagiaan saat orang tersebut menyukai makanan yang kita sajikan; semua itu aku dapatkan dari membaca komik ini.

Di volume pertama ini, Najika datang ke Seika Gakuen untuk mencari Pangeran Puding yang dulu menyelamatkan hidupnya. Seika Gakuen ternyata sangat luar biasa bagi Najika yang selama ini hidup di pedesaan. Belum lagi kenyataan bahwa Najika dimasukkan ke kelas khusus di mana siswa-siswanya adalah mereka yang menjuarai lomba minimal tingkat nasional. Najika di volume pertama ini, masih belum tahu kemampuan yang dimilikinya apa; apa yang membuatnya masuk ke Seika Gakuen dan ditempatkan di kelas

khusus pula. Tapi Najika tidak mudah menyerah! Dia akan membuktikan kemampuannya dengan masakan-masakan miliknya :> (dan dengan bantuan dua cowok tampan; Daichi dan Sora ehehehe)

p.s : di dalam komik, disertakan resep untuk makanan yang ditampilkan di dalam komik. Aku penasaran ingin mencoba Rainbow Colored Jelly dan Christmas Cookie. Sepertinya itu mudah :3 Oya, resepnya disertai ilustrasi yang lucu khas Natsumi Ando. Gemas lihatnya :3

Krissysch says

Die Story und der Zeichenstil sind etwas kitschig, aber super süß. Besonders toll finde ich, dass die Rezepte, die die Protagonistin kocht und backt, auch enthalten sind. Schöne leichte Geschichte für zwischendurch.

Sylwia (Wish Fulfillment) says

This contains an enjoyable protagonist (reminds me a bit of my cinnamon roll Tohru Honda), the story and writing flow smoothly, there's a love triangle that is already breaking my heart (and I normally dislike love triangles!), and I enjoyed reading this volume very much! I'm not down with the girl-hate bullying stuff, but that's a typical manga trope that will most likely be resolved and the current female antagonist will most likely become our protagonist's best friend, so I'll allow it for now!

Theresa ? says

I finished all 10 volumes of this series quite a while ago, and I totally loved it! :) 4 stars!

Basically, Kitchen Princess is about a girl named Najika who is admitted into Seika Academy's Special class because of her excellent talent of cooking. During her time at Seika Academy, she meets Daichi and Sora Kitazawa, and her adventures start from there.

Kitchen Princess was a cute story with the plot that had to do with romance and food. :) I can't spoil too much, but Kitchen Princess included romance, jealousy, tragedy, a bit of grief, a bit of suspense, and food.

I loved this series because it was highly original. I've never read any of these kinds of ideas in American novels before, so I really love how Kitchen Princess is so original.

It represents jealousy with Akane--Najika's fellow classmate, and there are a few love triangles included in the story as well.

It also represented how two people who look exactly alike could be so different from each other.

Overall, I loved Kitchen Princess. I totally recommend this to shoujo fans in search for a realistic fiction romance that includes cooking and romance, as well as tragedy and a couple of valuable life lessons. :) Go read!

I didn't spoil anything in this review because I'm lazy today. :P

~I'll show you a sweet dream next night.

Mary says

When I first saw this, my expectations were:

After I read it, I was like:

Guys, this was actually pretty good! Maybe it's because I can connect so well with Najika that I enjoyed it so much! I want the best for everyone, but am not afraid to put someone in their place if they hurt someone, or myself. Najika spoke up and defended herself when she was bullied, and I approved!

If you enjoy Nanami Momozono's spunkiness from Kamisama Kiss, you will love Najika! Kitchen Princess is a cute manga, one that I liked so much that I actually went ahead to Barnes and Noble to pick up the next two. This series is as good as Kamisama Kiss, except sweeter, and with a pretty good love triangle. I really really want her to end up with Sora though....she even blushes around him and stuff, sooooo come on, make it happen!

If you want a shoujo that's light and fluffy and makes you want to cook, try Kitchen Princess!

If you want a light and fluffy manga that slowly becomes dark and makes the heroine a badass, check out Kamisama Kiss.

Guys, I believe I have fallen in love with Shoujo again! Kitchen Princess was good!

Lauren says

Kitchen Princess is about a girl named Najika who has an extremely positive and upbeat personality. She has been admitted at Seika Academy's Special Class because she has a talent in cooking. Through various adventures and mishaps she struggles to find her way along with the help of Daichi and Sora Kitazawa.

I read this series on a whim; I was really into cooking at one point. It is cute and fun, just pure enjoyable reading. I was delighted to find out that there are even recipes for what she makes in the back! I am totally going to try them.

Najika reminded me a lot of the Fruits Basket character Tohru Honda, having a love of life and everyone/everything around her even though tragedy has clouded her past. Najika is selfless and always the first one to offer a helping hand.

I also like how this manga has a direction of where it is going and a direction for the characters to take. They know what path they want to go and what goals they are searching for. It is one of those manga stories that seems to be really inspirational to me and inspires me to go and try to find out what I want to do with my life.

Amber says

Najika has been accepted to Seika Cooking Academy. When the students think she doesn't belong there, she tries to prove them wrong and her magical meals brings her to the attention of brothers Daichi and Sora who think she is something special. Is one of them her prince? Read on and find out for yourself.

This is a pretty good cooking manga and I look forward to continuing the manga in the future. Definitely check this manga out wherever you read manga at online, at your local library and wherever books are sold.

Jerry says

This is the first non-fantasy manga I've read...but it was great! Like a Disney Channel Original Movie, this first volume featured a likable heroine, a cute story, a dash of romance, and plenty of fun! I look forward to reading more like this!

Carrie says

simple and cute. I like it but it also didn't wow me.

Sesana says

Kitchen Princess has a romance plot that is similar to so many other romance manga that I won't even try to list them all. That's ok. What makes Kitchen Princess enjoyable is the execution. Najika is sweet, and I love her passion for cooking. (Isn't it nice to read a romance plot where the girl is passionate about more than just the boy in her life?) The romance is actually starting off slow in the first volume, and I really like when authors take their time developing relationships. The art is very cute, and especially good when illustrating the food. It's a very fun read, and I'm eager to continue the series.
