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LOVE AND DEATH

The bloody battle to rule Japan has begun: The Iga and the Kouga clans are locked in a fight to the death. Driven by a centuries-old hatred, each clan will do anything to annihilate the other. The Kouga clan is engaging in a little espionage, and has planted a shapeshifter, disguised as an Iga ninja, in the Iga palace. Meanwhile the Iga clan turns to its last, best hope: their new leader, Gennosuke, the only one who can defeat the Kouga's formidable leader, Oboro. But is she willing to kill the man she loves? As the war grows more desperate, will true love be the next casualty?

Includes in-depth translation notes and a preview of the next volume!

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Christine Jones says

I enjoyed this classic Manga, reminiscent of Shakespeare's tragedies and Japanese traditional tales, and I am glad I found the series.

Karissa says

This is the 2nd book in the 5 book long Kouga Ninja Scrolls series. This book was very much like the first book in the series; lots of ninjas and lots of fighting. I enjoyed reading it for the most part.

This book continues the story of the battle between 10 Iga and 10 Kouga ninja who are vying for the position of Shogun. In the last book we were introduced to a number of ninjas as well as Oboru an Iga ninja who has a passive fighting technique (her eyes basically stop all ninja powers). In this book we get to see her lover's powers; Gennosuke has a power that he can use with his Enchanted Eyes and it is much more vicious than Oboru's power.

There is a lot of nudity and violence in this series, so I would recommend for older teen or adult only.

I enjoyed meeting new ninjas and seeing their powers. The idea of a list of ninjas that has to be eliminated before either the Iga or Kouga can take power is strangely compelling. That combined with the rather strange and disturbing powers of the different ninjas makes this a very engaging read.

I will say that so far the female ninjas have been pretty lame. Also there is a lot of emphasis on the...uh...bustiness of the female ninjas... The majority of the female ninjas use their naked body in some way to fight. Either that or they are airheads like Oboru. One of the female ninjas also fights with butterflies...I mean that is kind of seriously lame.

Aside from the above complaint, I have been enjoying this series and will continue to read it. I would recommend to those who like action packed fantasy manga and ninjas...lots of ninjas.

Jeni says

Well, you knew the other side had to start getting some licks in. You know, when I started this series, I was surprised it was so short, but now I'm wondering how it could go so long? They are killing off the 20 ninjas pretty quickly. (I guess that assumes they'll all die by the end, but this is reading like Romeo and Juliet aka a tragedy not a romance.)

Then again, everyone knows what's up now. No more surprise attacks, so the kills will be harder to earn now. Also, now that we know Oboro's technique...yeah, the only person who can probably take him down is the one who's in love with him.

Should be interesting...

Suvi Tartia says

There's a lot of action - somewhat on the expense of the plot - but the story proceeds nicely and I liked the drawing style. All in all, a pleasant read.

Maud says

Action is very well illustrated, very cruel too. Gennosuke's skill is amazing.

Dominique "Eerie" Sobieska says

I've read this series maybe 3 times already and I watched the anime twice. And I am always unhappy that Yashamaru dies!

The Kougas finally found out the treaty has been broken. Gennosuke leaves Oboro with heartbreak, to which she seals her powers for 7 days.

You realize that certain characters wish for peace even if they want to exterminate the other side. The example used Yashamaru, he loves Hotarubi, wishes for peace so that they may be happy. But at the same time, want to slice a few of them open for pure pleasure....

Iga - 7 Remain

Kouga - 5 Remain

Dopeimmortalsoul says

Well, there's lots of action, but the story is the same. This manga is about art and decisions and customs. If you are gonna read because of the argument you are not gonna be happy, but the art of the story is amazing. I'm loving the manga all the way. Looking forward to the 3rd. Gennosuke is the master.

Carole Rae says

Ahhhhh, I needed a nice good manga. It's been years since I read this series and I'm glad I've decided to pick them up again.

The war is just beginning to get heated and everyone is enjoying themselves, except for the lovebirds Oboro and Gennosuke. I feel bad. They just announced their intentions to marry and everyone was just getting used to the idea, but the stupid emperor wants both clans dead, so he created this challenge for them. Sighs. As

more blood spills on both sides, you can feel the heartbreak slowly shattering. So tragic, so good though.

The drawings are fantastic! I love how they depict each character. Warning, though, it is a graphic novel, so young kids should not be reading this. Sometimes its overly graphic, but what can you do? There were a couple scenes that were over the top for my liking, but hey...it does warn you on the cover.

Anyways, I can't release much for I fear of spilling any major spoilers. In the end, I grant this 4 stars.

Favorite Character(s): Gennosuke, Nenki (he's cool), Yashamaru, Koshirou (^.^) and Okoi.

Not-so Favorite Character(s): None I can really say

Elvira Atvara says

Boobs and muscle, very little in the story department. Really, I am disappointed. I couldn't decide how I liked the first volume, but, in comparison, this one is crap for sure.

Gianfranco Mancini says

Lots of action (and ecchi/fan service... *Groan*) more than first volume.

It took a lot to see it, but Gennosuke's ninja-skill is awesome/badass/overpowered!

Melanie says

I think this tries to hard to grab the ninja-loving community (which is quite large and fanatic, really) and thus sacrifices plot for action (and nudity).

Tuatara says

Kaksi klaanillista yliluonnollisia kykyjä omaavia ninjoja toisiaan määttämässä. Ihan viihdyttävä näyttämö Romeolle ja Julialle, mutta jokin sellainen taso puuttuu, joka tosissaan saisi kiinnostumaan siitä miten näissä verikekkereissä lopulta mahtaa käydä.

Conan Tigard says

I have read a lot of Manga book that Del Rey Manga publishes, and the artwork in Basilisk exceeds all other

series by far. In fact, there really isn't a comparison. The entire book is a work of art.

Once again, Masaki Segawa proves that he is one of the best, if not the best, manga artist in Japan. I absolutely love his layout and the depth of his vision. He has taken a wonderful story written by Futaro Yamada and created a series that I will always treasure.

As for the storyline, sure, the names are hard to remember, but you really don't need to memorize them to enjoy this story. The battles are action-packed and I hated to see Okoi die . . . (sigh). The thing I find impressive about this book is that I didn't put it down throughout the entire time I was reading it.

I found that had to soak in every page, take it all in in one sitting, revel in the wonder of the artistry, all in one shot. And you know what I did when I reluctantly finished this awesome graphic novel? I picked up Basilisk: Volume 3 and read that all in one sitting.

Overall, Basilisk: Volume 2 is another spectacular book that rivals Basilisk: Volume 1. Totally awesome! And since I have already read Basilisk: Volume 3, I can tell you that is just as good as this book. Wow . . . what a series!

I rated this book a 10 out of 10.

Michael says

The continuing battle of ten ninja against ten ninja, a ceremonial contest to determine the next ruler of Japan, but there is nothing ceremonial about the rules, last one breathing wins!

Angel says

The series continues as one clan places a shapeshifter in the enemy camp in an attempt to get an edge in the battle. Two feuding ninja clans, and a love story as the leaders of those two clans are in love. The thing I like about this series is that it reads very fast. Once you get started, you pretty much go to the end. For me, I also find neat to read about the different ninja techniques each ninja masters. From the power of vision that can cause enemies to turn on themselves to various combat forms. And given there was a cliffhanger at the end of the second volume, I will be looking for the next one. The fight continues, and the numbers of fighters on each side are decreasing.
