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My Hero Academia, Vol. 1



Synopsis

What would the world be like if 80 percent of the population manifested superpowers called "Quirks" at age four? Heroes and villains would be battling it out everywhere! Being a hero would mean learning to use your power, but where would you go to study? The Hero Academy of course! But what would you do if you were one of the 20 percent who were born Quirkless? Middle school student Izuku Midoriya wants to be a hero more than anything, but he hasn't got an ounce of power in him. With no chance of ever getting into the prestigious U.A. High School for budding heroes, his life is looking more and more like a dead end. Then an encounter with All Might, the greatest hero of them all, gives him a chance to change his destiny!

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Customer Reviews

I can talk so much of how great this manga but I wouldn't want to spoil anything. I'll limit my comments to the first volume. In the beginning I thought, "just your average protagonist that has no power and will need training." Well that is the case but slowly you start to like him and cheer him on. His reasons may seem standard but he stands out from all the airheads and hotheads in shounen mangas. Another reason My Hero Academia stands out is the setting. Superpowers... Yes but the combination of traditional shounen manga with a DC/Marvel comics feel to it just works so well!! Stop reading this and click purchase!

I have been a fan of the series since last November when my friend introduces to me, and I was so excited when the English version of the manga came to North America. The series get better after 55 chapters. I can't wait when the anime comes. God willing.

I'm caught up with this series and it is one of my favorite weekly manga. I like that our main protagonist is very intelligent unlike most air headed main shonen characters. This is just the beginning but chapter by chapter you notice the art and story start to get better and better drastically. There's a good reason why it's selling so good in Japan.

Sure to be the next big thing in the Shonen Jump world, MHA is already gaining enough momentum to be mentioned in the same discussions as One Piece or Naruto. The story is perfect for non-Japanese audiences as well as it has created a world which is both familiar for superhero fans while offering something very new and refreshing. It engages the audience as you feel for the main character Deku as he faces many trials and tribulations with a healthy dose of triumph. The plethora of characters are rich in personality and engaging. After reading the first volume, I'm completely hooked!! I can't wait for the next volume and more!!The translation work done by Caleb Cook is worthy of it's own review. It's too often times the case that the translation is poorly done and god forbid gets in the way of the story. However, Caleb Cook's translation is written in a way that is smooth and beautifully supplements the manga. A way that is NOT obtrusive. In addition, it's clear that Caleb Cook has extensive experience in not only the Japanese language but the culture of Japan as well. As a half-Japanese half-American, I see too many obvious cases of translations being too literal or on the flip side much is lost in translation. This is not the case at all for this series. The subtle nuances of the Japanese language as well as culture is beautifully conveyed. I look forward to Caleb Cook's future works in this series as well as other mangas.

Being recognized as the "next" big thing in Shonen Jump, My Hero Academia puts a spin on the hero genre. Summary: Izuku Midoriya has always wanted to become a hero, in a super powered filled world, but sadly he was born powerless. Not wanting to accept reality or rather his "destiny", Izuku sets out, in anyway possible, to become a hero like his role model All Might. It isn't until he actually meets All Might that he is given his first real opportunity to become one. Pro's:

- Great art style
- Interesting characters
- A likable and well rounded protagonist
- Keeps you wanting more
- A great start for volume 1

 Con's:

- Can be a slow start for some readers
- Has a lot more dialogue than some might be used to.

 Overall I can gladly say that this is a great first volume to start

the series. The story, the characters, and the art style made me fall in love with My Hero Academia and because of this I'm excited to see where the story will go from here. (I already bought the 2nd and 3rd book!) If you like origin stories and need another Shonen Jump manga similar to Naruto or One Piece, and/or are not tired of the hero genre as of yet, then by all means buy this manga!

I have watched the anime before reading the manga, and I got hooked. I know a lot of people compare My hero Academia to One punch Man but it's actually quite different from that one. I like the story line and basically the whole setting of the series. The main character Midoriya is adorable - not just appearance wise but also admirable for his determination to not give up his dreams. If you are triggered by bullying, this first volume is going to be a rather hard read but I assure you it gets better. Much better. Overall its really promising, I love the characters (most of them anyways lol) and the story! I recommend this if you like hero themed comics!

As a long time manga reader and anime watcher. Boku No Hero Academia or My Hero Academia is without a doubt the soon to be top 3 along with Naruto, Bleach and One Piece. Not only despite having roughly right now 4-5 volumes in Japanese out so far but having licensed and it translated already 3 in paper this is truly something to watch. Boku No Hero Academia is a story about your everyday Hero fanatic who wishes to be a hero despite having no ability what so ever. This story is a story worth reading and in the near future I have no doubt that it's name will be heard loud and clear among the anime community.

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