

# Midori Days

## Midori Days, Vol. 6

The premise for this brand-new romantic manga comedy is actually sweet, (somewhat) innocent, hilarious, and just a little bit bizarre... Seiji Sawamura is the toughest seventeen-year-old in town, feared by all for his fighting prowess and his deadly \"devil's right hand.\" But at heart, Seiji is a softy and all he wants is an end to his 17-year history of being a lonely single guy. Unfortunately his tough guy reputation only serves to decrease his popularity with the ladies. Then one day, Seiji wakes up to discover his \"devil's right hand\" has turned into...a miniature gal named Midori! Midori is actually a real girl who is just as surprised as Seiji to find out she has now become-literally-Seiji's right hand! It turns out Midori has always had a crush on Seiji, and her desperate wish to be connected to him has somehow really, really come true...

## Manga: The Complete Guide

- Reviews of more than 900 manga series
- Ratings from 0 to 4 stars
- Guidelines for age-appropriateness
- Number of series volumes
- Background info on series and artists

THE ONE-STOP RESOURCE FOR CHOOSING BETWEEN THE BEST AND THE REST! Whether you're new to the world of manga-style graphic novels or a longtime reader on the lookout for the next hot series, here's a comprehensive guide to the wide, wonderful world of Japanese comics!

- Incisive, full-length reviews of stories and artwork
- Titles rated from zero to four stars—skip the clunkers, but don't miss the hidden gems
- Guidelines for age-appropriateness—from strictly mature to kid-friendly
- Profiles of the biggest names in manga, including CLAMP, Osamu Tezuka, Rumiko Takahashi, and many others
- The facts on the many kinds of manga—know your shōjo from your shōnen
- An overview of the manga industry and its history
- A detailed bibliography and a glossary of manga terms

LOOK NO FURTHER, YOU'VE FOUND YOUR IDEAL MANGA COMPANION!

## Midori's days

In this new spin on an old fairytale, Guy Rumpel's golden touch could put a wrinkle in Midori Miller's designs. Former model, Midori Miller, left the fashion world in disgrace and now lives quietly as a small town dressmaker and single mom. When her talented daughter catches the ear of a New York record producer, the last thing Midori wants is to return to the harsh glare of the spotlight. Caught between the producer's charms, her daughter's dreams, and her own new chance at success, Midori isn't sure she can design the right path for herself or her family, especially when the producer makes a play for her heart. After a string of flops, producer Guy Rumpel believes he's lost his golden touch. He needs to turn his career around with a hit record, and the young songbird from his hometown just may be the key. But when his family's gift for finding their one true love shines its light on Midori, he'll have to convince her to make the deal of a lifetime. Rumpel is the second book in Ines Johnson's bestselling Cindermama series. If you love contemporary romance with a touch of magic then this series is for you. Buy Rumpel: a Cindermama Story and bring this modern fairytale into your world today!

## Rumpel

Appropriate for any public library collection, this book provides a comprehensive readers' advisory guide for Japanese manga and anime, Korean manhwa, and Chinese manhua. Japanese manga and anime, Korean manhwa, and Chinese manhua are Asian graphic novels and animated films that have gained great popularity in the last ten years and now are found in most public library collections. Mostly Manga: A Genre Guide to

Popular Manga, Manhwa, Manhua, and Anime is the first readers' advisory guide to focus on this important body of literature. This guide provides information on all of the major manga and anime formats and genres, covering publications from the early 1990s to the present. It identifies important titles historically and provides a broad representation of what is available in each format. Selected major titles are described in detail, covering the general plot as well as grade level and pertinent awards. The author also discusses common issues related to manga and anime, such as terminology, content and ratings, and censorship.

## **Anime and Manga**

Chronicles the adventures of Ranma, a martial arts student cursed to turn into a girl every time he is splashed with cold water.

## **Mostly Manga**

One of the best overviews of the anime phenomenon, its history and cultural significance, ideal for surveys and in-depth study.

## **My life true story**

"Impressive, exhaustive, labyrinthine, and obsessive—The Anime Encyclopedia is an astonishing piece of work."—Neil Gaiman Over one thousand new entries . . . over four thousand updates . . . over one million words. . . This third edition of the landmark reference work has six additional years of information on Japanese animation, its practitioners and products, plus incisive thematic entries on anime history and culture. With credits, links, cross-references, and content advisories for parents and libraries. Jonathan Clements has been an editor of Manga Max and a contributing editor of Newtype USA. Helen McCarthy was founding editor of Anime UK and editor of Manga Mania.

## **Ranma 1/2**

Tyson is a boy with a passion for Beyblades. His enemies are the Blade Sharks, a militant Beyblade group who use aggressive tactics to win at any cost. Tyson has been given a special Dragoon Beyblade from a mysterious stranger and the Blade Sharks are determined to get. Beyblade battles abound in this fantastic first volume!

## **Midori days**

ESSENTIAL COMICS VALUES ALL IN COLOR! COMICS SHOP is the reliable reference for collectors, dealers, and everyone passionate about comic books! THIS FULL-COLOR, INDISPENSABLE GUIDE FEATURES: • Alphabetical organization by comic book title • More than 3,000 color photos • Hundreds of introductory essays • Analysis of multi-million dollar comics' sales • How covers and splash pages have evolved • An exclusive photo to grading guide to help you determine your comics' conditions accurately • Current values for more than 150,000 comics From the authoritative staff at Comics Buyer's Guide, the world's longest running magazine about comics, Comics Shop is the only guide on the market to give you extensive coverage of more than 150,000 comics from the Golden Age of the 1930s to current releases and all in color! In addition to the thousands of comic books from such publishers as Marvel, DC, Dark Horse, and Image, this collector-friendly reference includes listings for comic books from independent publishers, underground publishers, and more!

## **Anime Explosion!**

Rated T+ for older teens.

## **The Anime Encyclopedia, 3rd Revised Edition**

This new edition of the groundbreaking popular book from Susan J Napier, *Anime from Akira to Howl's Moving Castle*, is a must-have for both seasoned and new fans of anime. Japanese animation is more popular than ever following the 2002 Academy Award given to Hayao Miyazaki's *Spirited Away*. It confirmed that anime is more than just children's cartoons, often portraying important social and cultural themes. With new chapters on *Spirited Away* and other recent releases, including *Howl's Moving Castle*-- which broke records in Japan--this edition will be the authoritative source on anime for an exploding market of viewers who want to know more.

### **life true story**

Fierce battle competition, comedy, and an epic coming-of-age story--somehow Kosuke Ueki manages to remain true to himself through it all. A group of powerful beings called tenkaijin are holding a special tournament. The rules of the game--each tenkaijin selects a kid in junior high to be his champion and grants him a special power. The kids take each other on in heated battle, but if they hurt innocent bystanders, then they lose one of their natural-given abilities. Every time they win a battle, they gain a new ability. The ultimate winner of the tournament is granted any power of his choosing, and the tenkaijin who he represents succeeds in becoming the next god. Kosuke Ueki has been chosen to fight in the tournament. His special power--the ability to turn garbage into trees. In a world of powerful celestial beings, an epic contest is being conducted to select the next king! Each Celestial selects a kid in junior high to be his champion and grants him a special power. The kids battle it out--losers are eliminated, and the winners are granted new talents! Seemingly ordinary Kosuke Ueki has been chosen to be a contender in the tournament. Granted the power to change trash into trees, Ueki has two disadvantages to overcome--one, he doesn't know he's a participant in the tournament, and two, how the heck can anyone win a battle with the power to turn trash into trees?

### **Beyblade, Vol. 9**

High-school student Yota Moteuchi is so unpopular that his classmates have given him the nickname \"Dateless.\" So it's no surprise when the love of his life, Moemi, is not interested in Yota but instead is in love with Yota's best friend, Takashi. Yota turns to a video rental shop for comfort, but little did he suspect that the shop was magical and that the cute girl on his rented tape would pop out of the television and try to fix his ruined love life! Brand New Video Girl Sweet guy Hiromu is so shy that wild horses couldn't drag him over to introduce himself to Ayumi, the beautiful new girl in his art class. But Video Girl Len is going to do her darnedest to help Hiromu find happiness with the girl of his dreams! Sequel Hiromu's one-track mind has always been focused on his dream of becoming a manga artist. So when his head is turned by the arrival of gorgeous new classmate Ayumi, Hiromu is totally unprepared to deal with his newfound romantic feelings. But with the help of his girl-crazy best friend Toshiki, his art teacher Mr. Moteuchi, and peppy Video Girl Len, maybe even bashful Hiromu can be lucky in love!

### **Midori days**

An encyclopedia of Japanese animation and comics made since 1917.

### **Comics Shop**

Follows the adventures of high school student Kagome and the feral half-demon dog-boy Inu-yasha as they join forces to reclaim the \"Jewel of Four Souls\" to prevent evil mortals and demons from using its terrifying powers.

## Inuyasha, Vol. 2

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## Anime from Akira to Howl's Moving Castle

In *The Pillow Book of Lady Wisteria*, Laura Joh Rowland once again has written a book in which "an exotic setting, seventeenth-century Japan, and a splendid mystery...make for grand entertainment" (*New York Daily News*). In the carefully ordered world of seventeenth-century Japan, the Yoshiwara pleasure quarter is a place where men of all classes can drink, revel, and enjoy the favors of beautiful courtesans. But on a cold winter's dawn, Sano Ichiro--the shogun's Most Honorable Investigator of Events, Situations, and People--must visit Yoshiwara on a most unpleasant mission. Within a house of assignation reserved for the wealthiest, most prominent men, a terrible murder has occurred. In a room that reeks of liquor and sex, the shogun's cousin and heir, Lord Mitsuyoshi, lies dead, a flowered hairpin embedded in his eye, in the bed of the famous courtesan, Lady Wisteria. The shogun demands quick justice, but Sano's path is blocked by many obstacles, including the disappearance of Wisteria and her pillow book, a diary that may contain clues. The politics of court life, the whims of the shogun, and interference by his long time rival, Edo's Chief Police Commissioner Hoshina, also hinder Sano in his search for the killer. Sano's wife, Lady Reiko, is eager to help him, but he fears what she may uncover. When suspicion of murder falls upon Sano himself, he must find the real murderer to solve the case and clear his name.

## The Law of Ueki, Vol. 1

Nine gods ruled the world, until the ultimate betrayal resulted in their destruction. Now, the world is dying and only by restoring the Lost Gods can it be saved. In the island nation of Kundou, a prince condemned to a dark fate is determined to use it to set free the power his family has long kept enslaved. The fiery kingdom of Pozhar has worked for centuries to forever destroy the god who once tried to kill them, but others are determined to see the last remaining pieces never reach the sacrificial altar for much more dangerous reasons... In Piedre, zealous cults are determined to either kill or abuse the notorious Basilisk Prince, mortal reincarnation of the lost god of death... Verde, the only country to still love their gods, are preparing yet again to try and restore them in a ceremony that instead always ends in violence and tragedy... And far away in Schatten, sealed from the rest of the world by a dark shadow, the long banned powers of chaos begin to stir...

## Video Girl Ai, Vol. 14

In this haunting, richly woven novel of modern life in Japan, the author of the acclaimed debut *One for Sorrow* explores the ties that bind humanity across the deepest divides. Here is a Murakamiesque jewel box of intertwined narratives in which the lives of several strangers are gently linked through love, loss, and fate. On a train filled with quietly sleeping passengers, a young man's life is forever altered when he is miraculously seen by a blind man. In a quiet town an American teacher who has lost her Japanese lover to death begins to lose her own self. On a remote road amid fallow rice fields, four young friends carefully take their own lives—and in that moment they become almost as one. In a small village a disaffected American teenager stranded in a strange land discovers compassion after an encounter with an enigmatic red fox, and in Tokyo a girl named Love learns the deepest lessons about its true meaning from a coma patient lost in dreams of an affair gone wrong. From the neon colors of Tokyo, with its game centers and karaoke bars, to the bamboo groves and hidden shrines of the countryside, these souls and others mingle, revealing a

profound tale of connection—uncovering the love we share without knowing. Exquisitely perceptive and deeply affecting, Barzak’s artful storytelling deftly illuminates the inner lives of those attempting to find—or lose—themselves in an often incomprehensible world.

## **The Anime Encyclopedia**

A darkly satirical tale of the generation and gender gaps in Japanese society, Ruy Murakami's Popular Hits of the Showa Era is a literary karaoke act combining manga and street culture. It's a set-up like a video game: two rival gangs fight to death for the control of a Tokyo district. In one gang, six young losers committed only to drinking, voyeurism and karaoke singing, in the other six tough independent older women. From ambush to revenge, both groups are gradually decimated until the ultimate showdown. In Murakami's inimitably brutal and brilliant style, Popular Hits dissects the gender and generational conflicts of contemporary society in a hilarious satire. Murakami is mercilessly funny as he tracks his characters' evolution from twits to scholars of guerrilla warfare. New Yorker 'One of the funniest and strangest gang wars in recent literature' Booklist Ryu Murakami's Popular Hits From the Showa Era is translated from the Japanese by Ralph McCarthy and published by Pushkin Press. Born in 1952 in Nagasaki prefecture, Ryu Murakami is the enfant terrible of contemporary Japanese literature. Awarded the prestigious Akutagawa Prize in 1976 for his first book, a novel about a group of young people drowned in sex and drugs, he has gone on to explore with cinematic intensity the themes of violence and technology in contemporary Japanese society. His novels include Coin Locker Babies, Sixty-Nine, Popular Hits of the Showa Era, Audition, In the Miso Soup and From the Fatherland, with Love. Murakami is also a screenwriter and a director; his films include Tokyo Decadence, Audition and Because of You.

## **InuYasha**

For his 14th birthday, Kiyomaro received a bizarre present from his father—a strange little boy named Zatch Bell. Zatch's mission is to reform Kiyomaro's bad attitude and help him make friends, but Kiyomaro soon discovers that there's more to Zatch than his dad ever realized. Zatch is a creature called a mamodo, and he has magic powers that are unleashed when Kiyomaro reads from a mysterious red book. With Kiyomaro's help, Zatch must compete against the 99 other imps like him who are vying to become the king of the mamodo world! As the battles with the other mamodo intensify, Kiyomaro's loyalty to Zatch is put to the test. And what will happen when the red book is stolen?

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Chronicles the adventures of Ranma, a martial arts student cursed to turn into a girl every time he is splashed with cold water.

## **Mega Man: NT Warrior**

Seeking global domination, would-be dictator Il Palazzo forms a secret society based deep beneath the streets of Fukuoka, Japan called ACROSS, and his first member is Excel, a teenaged girl smitten with him.

## **Sneak Peek**

This book is the first attempt to provide a global comprehensive review and scholarly investigation into Drive Tourism which is a popular and growing form of tourism.

## **The Pillow Book of Lady Wisteria**

Miki left Tokyo to her old hometown after her parent's death. She thinks she will get a normal life if she live in that small city. But her life becomes upside down after she met Rin in the market. Far from her expectation, now Miki forced to live her last year in high school with running away from delinquents just because Rin interested with her. Will Miki find a peaceful life that she looks after her parent's death? Will Miki able to avoid Rin when they keep pulling each other? Will Miki able to overcome her guilty feeling toward her parent's death?

## **The Lost Gods (Box Set)**

Rated T+ for older teens.

## **Midori Days**

Yomiko's shopping trip at the London Book Fair is interrupted when she is mysteriously contacted by her former boyfriend and previous paper-master Donnie Nakajima. Then, her next assignment is to locate an underground library at the Manshu Academy, said to contain the ancient wisdom of Chinese masters.

## **The Love We Share Without Knowing**

The Routledge Handbook of Japanese Culture and Society is an interdisciplinary resource that focuses on contemporary Japan and the social and cultural trends that are important at the beginning of the twenty-first century. This Handbook provides a cutting-edge and comprehensive survey of significant phenomena, institutions, and directions in Japan today, on issues ranging from gender and family, the environment, race and ethnicity, and urban life, to popular culture and electronic media. Written by an international team of Japan experts, the chapters included in the volume form an accessible and fascinating insight into Japanese culture and society. As such, the Handbook will be an invaluable reference tool for anyone interested in all things Japanese. Students, teachers and professionals alike will benefit from the broad ranging discussions, useful links to online resources and suggested reading lists. The Handbook will be of interest across a wide range of disciplines including Japanese Studies, Cultural Studies, Anthropology, Sociology and Asian Studies in general.

## **Popular Hits of the Showa Era**

With a triple murder on his hands, Sano's search for a killer leads to a clash of wills with Reiko, his headstrong wife. September, 1693, and a cottage belonging to the Black Lotus Temple, spiritual centre for hundreds of Buddhist nuns, monks, priests and orphans, is burned to the ground, leaving three dead. Samuri-detective Sano Ichiro quickly discovers the victims did not die in the fire; they were brutally murdered before the fire began. His investigation of the incident leads him to Haru, an orphan girl found at the scene of the crime. But Reiko, investigating the case against Sano's wishes, is convinced of her innocence. But will Reiko risk her marriage to Sano in order to prove Haru could not be the multiple murderer?

## **Zatch Bell!, Vol. 2**

Volume 7 in the Zatch Bell series from Viz Media and Simon & Schuster UK.

## **Ranma 1/2, Vol. 19**

Excel Saga, Vol. 1

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