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Attack On Titan: Before The Fall (Novel)





Synopsis

Before the fall, and before the trials of "the Titan's son" Kyklo, a young smith by the name of Angel Aaltonen grappled with the giants as only a craftsman could...The first of the three-part Before the Fall light novels, whose second and third installments have been adapted into a manga of the same name, this prequel of prequels details the origins of the devices that humanity developed to take on the mysterious Titans.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Ryo Suzukaze is a professional novelist, comicker and screenwriter. Upon graduating high school Suzukaze entered a technical school only to quickly transition to work in Japan's rapidly exploding YA fiction scene. His first work was on the novelization of the mega-hit video game series: Shin Megami Tensei - DEVIL SUMMONER. He would then go to write novels for the following series: .hack//CELL, the IdolM@ster, and Attack on Titan. Suzukaze would also write the script for the IdolM@ster sci-fi spin-off comic and animated TV series XenoGlossia.Thores Shibamoto is well known amongst Japan's YA fiction scene. Shibamoto's art can be seen on and inside the covers of a number of major works over the last 10 years including Trinity Blood and Bionic Solder.

For some odd reason, linked the review sections of books 1,4, and 7 together. I tried support but there won't be a change so I will add both to this: Book 1: Like any fan of attack on titan; I wanted more while I wait for the next installments. This is supposed to be some kind of prequel to the main story. As typical of the Survey Corps, there are casualties. A wife joins a cult (probably the early stages of the wallests) and they demand to leave. A titan attacks and a baby is later found in titan puke. It quickly becomes the child of the titans. A curiosity but is he really a titan? Time goes by and Kuklo is acquired from a cage only to be locked in a dungeon cell. An item of abuse, someone takes pity on him (hmm Frankenstein's monster?). He starts planning to escape. This is supposed to be a prequel. I am not sure I like it but I am still interested....Book 4:Sharle continues her discussion with Carlo and they learn a few things about each other. Kuklo ponders his fate in prison and meets a prison buddy.Kuklo is sentenced and tossed on a wagon to meet his fate. An unknown person slips him a knife. Is his supposed to escape?Punishment is banishment and once outside the wall they escape. Kuklo's ability to sense titans kicks in and they run for it. The titans give chase and Kuklo has to be the hero again. Things don't go well and they find themselves surrounded. A strange rope becomes their rescue and they meet their helper from the wagon who in turn takes them a way in a wagon.Kuklo learns his new friend is a soldier and their rescuer is a legend. They also learn of a device. I can say now I am taking a liking to this story line. The characters are getting interesting and the titans have a different look to them which avoids the same look of Attack on Titan. Book 7: Xavi deals with the Titan Worshipers and we get to see the "character" of the MP Captain Bernhart. She requests something of him and it appears to involved the industrial city. Jorge is back and it's decided to field test the device with Titans. The problem? How to get him outside. The plans work without a hitch and we get to meet a new person who might be reason Wall Maria has it's name. As field tests are prone to have problems; such is the case. Kuklo and Cardina must deal with several titans. What is interesting is we get to see why the gear is the way it is in AoT. We even get to see the fledgling tactics of maneuvering. Kuklo learns the identity of one of the titans and he confesses what drives him which can be seen as some of the driving values of the Survey Corps in the future. There is an extra story which explains the relationship of Maria, Angel and Sorum. On to the next one.

I wasn't sure if I shall buy this series or not, but after reading the first volume I am hooked and super hyped. This series is amazing! If you liked Attack on Titan believe me you will enjoy this too!Artwork is beautiful and story line intriguing! Fast delivery. Recommend! Not bad, but I don't see where this is going. The art is not as good as the original Attack on Titan, but not bad either. My biggest gripe was the dialogue panes had no indication of who was talking at all. I had to reread pages several times to figure out who was talking. Very bad design.

There's potential here. I like the story so far and that's been a constant in the series. The story has always been interesting and always managed to keep me wanting to find out what happens next. So there's no issue there. My real issue is the lack of length. This book is mostly art and can be finished in 20-30 minutes, If that. I don't feel that I got my money's worth out of it and that's pretty disappointing. I get that art is a big part of it but it's called a graphic novel for a reason. There should have been more of a story behind it. There should have been a bit more dialogue and exploration rather than the kind of bare bones that we got. I don't wanna waste 8 bucks a pop on a volume that I am gonna finish in minutes. I'd rather just borrow the books off someone or download them. Now if these were 5 bucks or even 6 at the most, I wouldn't really mind. Anything more than that is a bit much for a very quick read and it's very rare to ever revisit these volumes once finished.

Purchased as a gift, arrived, and they love it. This is more of a 'comic' or graphic novel as it is all illustrated. They have already read it and are bugging me for the second book. I flipped thru it, and may read it at some point in time :-)

Easy review of you love attack on Titan you will love this. Sometimes the action is a little hard to follow but who cares. They could write a novel and I'd read it. Awesome series.

A decent book, not much happens in this volume but I'm curious about whats going to happen next. The art is usually pretty good but sometimes it gets a bit abstract for my taste. Either way a promising first volume and an interesting read for any Attack on Titan fan.

I bought this book for my daughter. She loves attack on titan and said this book was really good. She would like me to continue buying them in the future.

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