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Manga Shakespeare: Macbeth



Synopsis

Praise for Manga Shakespeare ALA Best Book for Young Adults ALA Quick Pick for Reluctant Young Adult Readers • "Reluctant readers who appreciate manga and who would not think of picking up the work of Shakespeare are sure to gravitate toward these titles. Even if the text puts them off, they will be drawn to the illustrations. These adaptations would make wonderful additions to any school or public library's manga collection." • "VOYA • "Refreshingly clear, this adaptation is recommended for all libraries serving teens." • "Kirkus Reviews • "This fresh new way of looking at a classic will draw new readers to Shakespeare, hopefully to discover that his plays are really quite entertaining." • "YAbookscentral.com • Shakespeare's most commonly studied plays, now the latest additions to the innovative Manga Shakespeare series • "Double double, toil and trouble, fire burn and cauldron bubble . . ." • So say the eerie trio of witches in Shakespeare's Macbeth, a story full of ghosts, witches, bloody ambition, and nonstop action. After Macbeth hears the witches' prophecy that he will be king, he will stop at nothing to make it so. Vividly adapted using Shakespeare's own words in the fast-paced and immediate style of manga, Macbeth is the perfect addition to the Manga Shakespeare series • "ideal for students and manga fans alike. F&P level: Z

Book Information

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Grade Level: 7 - 11

Customer Reviews

Even though I have read most of the material William Shakespeare wrote I am always interested in new approaches to his many plays. I recently purchased this graphic novel (Manga Shakespeare Macbeth illustrated by Robert Deas) version of Macbeth for a bargain price on . The wonderful illustrations really make the story come alive. I found this 207 page volume fascinating because this graphic novel series takes a Japanese manga approach to the story and play of Macbeth. This tragic story is the same with various dialog scenes using many well-known quotes from Shakespeare. This story is about murder, revenge and power hungry greed. Macbeth and Banquo have won a battle over an invading army, and the traitorous Thane of Cawdor is among the prisoners. On their way home Macbeth and Banquo run into three witches, who made some prophecies. They predict Macbeth will inherit the title of Thane of Cawdor and will become King. Banquo will father a dynasty of Kings, but he never becomes king himself. I never give away too much information when reviewing a novel because it spoils it for the reader. If you are into the Japanese Manga series and also love reading Shakespeare's works you may want to check out this Manga Macbeth volume. Rating: 5 Stars. Joseph J. Truncale (Author: Zen Poetry Moments: Haiku and Senryu for special occasions).

There is a whole series of these books illustrating Shakespearean plays. They are wonderful in getting students to understand the plots. However, Several of them have pages coming unbound and falling out after only one or two readings.

I showed my students the manga versions of Shakespeare's tragedies, and several of them borrowed these editions to read overnight. I plan to keep a deep inventory of these versions in my classroom's bookshelves so that my students might continue to become "hooked on Shakespeare."

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