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Dragon Ball Z 'It's Over 9,000!' When Worldviews Collide



Synopsis

Akira Toriyama's Dragon Ball is the world's most recognized anime and manga series, having entertained millions of fans across the globe. The legendary rivalry of the last two full blooded Saiya-jins, Goku and Vegeta, is the iconic example of a lifelong conflict that inspires fans to burst through their own personal limits. With a foreword by Ryo Horikawa, the Japanese voice of Vegeta, Dragon Ball Z's Over 9,000! When Worldviews Collide is the first e-book to explain where Over 9,000! came from, how the original video spread to receive over 7 million views, and why it continues to be such a popular catchphrase. Featuring a thoroughly researched analysis of Goku and Vegeta's colliding worldviews, this e-book helps the reader better understand why conflict is necessary for profound personal growth and character development. Referencing East Asian belief systems and high tech futuristic paradigms, Derek Padula, the author of The Dao of Dragon Ball book and blog, provides a deeper understanding of this epic story and the inherent values within it. It will forever change the way we look at Dragon Ball Z.

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Customer Reviews

I bought this book on a whim because I used to be a huge DBZ fan and it was less than 3 bucks to download. After wading through a brief discussion of the "Over 9,000!" meme, the book blew me away with an in-depth character analysis of Goku and Vegeta, as well as a discussion of how these two characters illustrate certain principles of daoist and buddhist thought. If you liked "The Dharma of Star Wars", then you'll find this book very fascinating.

Essentially the first part covers how an internet meme comes to fruition second part (which is the bulk of the book compares the worldview of of eastern spirituality (Goku) versus an almost nihilistic viewpoint (Vegeta). And the last part which is short essentially advertises the authors blog which is worthwhile to read in its own right. The 100 or so pages are a great reanalysis of the series from the perspective of persona clashing and the book doesn't delve too deeply into the issues but rather the constant character development that opposing worldviews may provide. Personally I thought it was a nice little read but at the same time would have appreciated a deeper analysis of the issues which may or may not be covered in the authors other work "The Dao of Dragonball" which is in itself a significantly longer text.

I finally got around to getting a physical copy of It's Over 9000! recently. It was gifted to me from my girlfriend, whom, never saw an episode of Dragonball, until we started dating that is. We started watching it chronologically, from the Bardock Movie, to Dragonball, to Z, to Battle of Gods, and all things in-between, and recently finishing it just the other day! Still on the fence if I want to start GT for her yet though, (Although I don't hate it.) (A two year adventure for her, but she is now proud to call her self a fan.) As for myself, Dragonball was like for you and others, a massive part of my childhood, from when Toonami first aired it all those years ago. It got my through a lot of tough times, and for several occasions was my foundation for keeping sane as a youngin. Goku was and still is a massive influence in my life, and my path of almost 10 years in Buddhism, I think in part is probably influenced by him as well. This book, really tied everything together for the inner kid in me, and re-kindled the already burning flame of Toriyamas masterpiece in my heart. This book ties together the depth and magintutde of the deep roots of Dragonball and it's massive influences in Chinese cultural stories, Ch'an Buddhism, Taosim, and countless other traditions from the mystic history of Japan and China. Derek ties all of this together in a wonderful way, exposing the roots that shows the genius of Toriyama in beautiful way. I personally wanted to thank you for writing this, it was an absolutely pleasure to have the chance to read something like this. Thanks, Derek. You

always have a fan in me! I look forward for more to come!

Whether you have enjoyed Dragon Ball for years or are just getting into it or just want to know why the heck people say "It's OVER 9,000!" then this book is the book for you! It is an incredible tribute to the series and gives the reader a very in depth look at the cultural significance of the competing views between the two main characters of the series and why their story is so poignant and loved on a level that goes unnoticed!

Much like anything mainstream, "Dragon Ball Z" has had its share of lovers and haters. One of the most common criticisms is that the series lacked character development, a complaint that also dumbfounded me because the characterization has always been one of the series biggest selling points for me. Although "Dragon Ball Z" has a wide cast of character, this book focuses much on two characters: rivals Goku & Vegeta. The two of them have literally been through everything together: tried to kill each other (more than once), saved each others lives (more than once), and even fused together! What's most appealing about the book is the author goes in-depth the two characters psych to explain why they are the way are, why they changed, and what made them so appealing to fans across the world. The book is a short, but easy-to-follow read that shows that "Dragon Ball Z" is more than just big muscle dudes fighting each other. At an easy affordable price, I would recommend this book to anyone who likes DBZ.

Ever since I was a little kid I knew there was a reason I gravitated towards this. Now as I become wiser and older, I see just what the culture of Akira Toriyama was about. The subtle and powerful when harnessed energies of chi/qi/ki are the essences of life. The vital forces. It's amazing to see how this entire culture has permeated this beautiful comic. Mixed in with the physical and mental fitness and toughness of these characters, it's like a superhero, except that it is achievable. In real life.

I bought this book just because I love dbz. Picked it up and couldn't put it down, so i ended up finishing it the night i started! if you love DBZ this book is well worth the money. It was very interesting having the series I love so much through a deep eastern philosophy view.

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