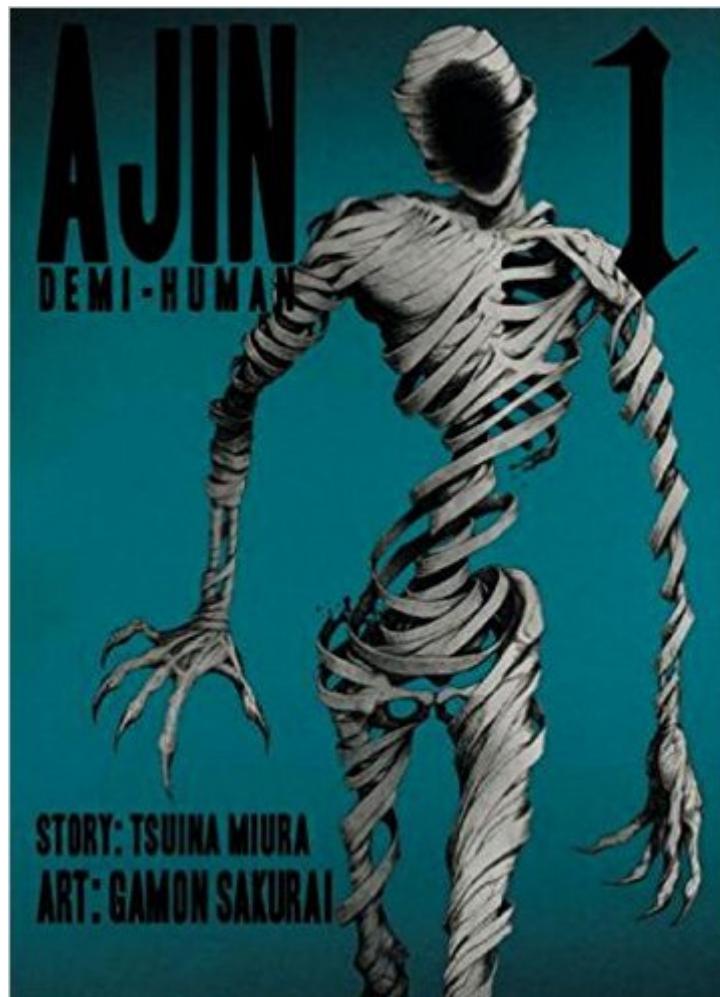


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Ajin, Volume 1: Demi-Human



Synopsis

High school student Kei Nagai is struck dead in a grizzly traffic accident, but immediately revives to learn that he may not be like every other human. Instead, he may be a mysterious almost immortal being granted not only the powers of rejuvenation but the abilities to see super-natural beings. Scared, he runs away, and is aided in his escape from society by his friend. Unfortunately for Kei, the manhunt is on and he will soon be caught within a conflict between mankind and others like him as they prepare to fight a new war based on terror.

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Customer Reviews

Sometimes I think 'do I REALLY need to get sucked into another series?'. And then I find (or have people wave it in front of my face) a series like Ajin, which has a premise that sucks me in - people who are 'demi-human' in that no matter what you do to them, no matter how much damage their body takes, they don't die. Then it shows how the world reacts to these people. Kei Nagai discovers that he is one of these beings (if I have any issue with the story in the first novel, it's the set up of how this goes about, it's a bit pat, but other than that, the story moves along rather well). This is a dark series, there's some mature themes along the lines of torture, unethical studies and of course there's a good bit of gore, but it has some very good world building in it and motivations behind the characters' actions. It's one that leaves me very eager for the next volume.

I just started back reading manga, and saw that this title was recommended on a few manga/anime

sites. Seeing that volumes 1-5 were out, I went ahead and purchased all 5 and preordered 6. I will caution that it is very fast paced, and seems like it starts in the middle for some reason. What I mean is, it seems that volume 1 should be volume 3. There isn't a whole lot of back story on the Ajin, at first. It's like you should already know what they are, and why they're here on Earth. The back story is slightly explained throughout the series, but, I still believe that they could tell more about the Ajin. It's not a bad manga, but I wouldn't recommend it for folks just getting into manga. I'm excited to read more of the story and hope that it fleshes the creatures out a bit more. If you're a fan of manga, then I would really suggest picking this up.

I bought this manga on a whim a few months ago. Very interesting start which got me hooked immediately. I love the art and the story so far. I plan on getting the rest of the volumes even though I have so many series I'm reading at the moment.

This review will not include any spoilers. Being relatively new to manga I had to take a few shots in the dark to figure out what series I would follow. This is one of the series that I'm so happy I purchased! All avoid describing what the story is since you can read the description easily enough. Instead I'll tell you what my impressions were of the overall story. Early on this manga reached out and grabbed my attention and managed to hold it throughout the entire first volume. There is a very clear story laid out straight from the get go, and things move fast. I hope you're not looking for a relaxing story because this one definitely moves fast and keeps you on your toes. I thought the story was very clearly explained while still leaving some things to future volumes. One thing that did bother me was how cold and heartless they portrayed most people in the manga. I suppose people can be that way it just felt a little over-the-top sometimes. The art itself is very well rendered, making good use of black and white to leave the pages at just the right shade. Sometimes mangas can get a little too dark and it makes it hard to follow what's happening in each panel. I never had that issue with Ajin, and I could always clearly tell what was going on even during some intense action sequences! There were some awesome action panels so but I hope you don't mind stylized violence because there is a lot of it. Overall I gave this manga 5 stars. I found the story fresh and exciting and it was backed up with clear and direct art. Warning: I wouldn't recommend this for anyone under the age of 15 or 16. While not being exactly gory it is very violent and there are some extended torture scenes.

Well this was an unexpected story. I bought this on a whim and was pleasantly surprised. Very great

set-up in this first volume. The artwork is top notch and the writing holds up just as well. Lots of hints and teases for what may transpire in future volumes. My only issue with this volume is how fast minor characters get introduced, and then cast aside so other minor characters can be introduced. But, I expect with subsequent volumes, most of the characters will be given time to shine in their own ways. Regardless, I highly recommend checking this manga out if you want something a bit more mature and darker.

Extremely solid start so far and I'm looking forward to the coming volumes! It's a little fast-paced for my tastes, but it does add to the overall intensity of the story. Without being too spoilerific, I also really enjoy how demi-humans are treated in society--it adds intrigue and depth to the characters and the world they live in. The art is also fantastic and fits the theme, and while there is gore, it's never over the top and still remains cringeworthy when it's there. I'd also like to note the quality of the book itself--it's wonderful, as expected from Vertical. The first couple pages are in full-color, and everything is crisp and clear. It's also a little differently-sized than "standard" manga, and fits nicely in my hands. It's definitely well worth the price, for both the content and superficial aspects of the book. If you're looking for a series with a dark, gritty theme but with more going on than your average "dark and gritty" series, give this one a shot!

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