JOJO'S BIZARRE ADVENTURE: PART 1 PHANTOM BLOOD

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Rating (0 stars is the absolute worst, 10 stars is the BEST BOOK EVER)



JoJo's Bizarre adventure is an ongoing manga series that is split into nine different parts that each follow a different member of the Joestar family bloodline. Each part follows a different member of the family, in which they go on bizarre adventures, with mystical abilities encountering challenging and mysterious foes. This book specifically is the first volume of the first part, which follows the first member of the Joestar bloodline Johnathan Joestar, and his journey against a mysterious foe: Dio Brando. Dio is a poor orphan, who tries to use his cunning and villainous ways to inherit all of the riches of the Joestar household, while Johnathan has to figure out a way to capture him in the act.

I think this book is a very good introduction to the Jojo's bizarre adventure manga series, but a weak book by itself. I decided to read this book because I myself have watched the Jojo's anime, so I decided to read the manga to see the differences and get the full experience. This volume covers the first three episodes of the anime series, and honestly I perfer the manga better than the anime counter part. The reason I say this, is it because it gives a prologue that was cut out of the anime, as well as extra scenes that express Johnathan's character development way better than the anime. The only downside of this book by itself, is that its only exposition, with barely any fighting or adventure the series is known for. Despite that, I still highly recommend this series to people who are a fan of the show, or who just love action manga in general, because this series is amazing overall, and this book is the perfect way to start.

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