

JUJUTSU KAISEN

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



Genre(s):

Contemporary/Realistic

Action/adventure

Science Fiction

Fantasy

Romance

Horror

Mystery

Nonfiction

Historical fiction

Other: Manga

How would you feel if you were a weapon? Jujutsu Kaisen follows a high school boy being forced into a huge conflict he previously had no knowledge of, and he is right in the center. After ingesting an ancient artifact, he is given power to combat cursed spirits in a pseudo-horror/action series that spans 30 volumes, but this comes at a cost.

Jujutsu Kaisen is an incredible idea, but suffers in execution. It immediately had me hooked, with intense and intuitive battles, interesting politics, and funny characters, with the series starting off incredibly strong. It introduces an overarching plot that has consistent goals and things to discover that is incredibly interesting to begin with. However, it becomes clear later on that the author bit off more than he could chew. The battles remain interesting and intuitive, but much of the questions proposed and potential plotlines remain just that, proposed and potential. The final arc of the story feels rushed into, and despite being long, not much happens to progress the story. The final battle lasts almost 4 volumes, and the villains felt underexplored and largely unmotivated.

The story starts easy to digest, but with clear themes and messages being conveyed, as well as visible character development. Unfortunately this ends fairly quickly, as the story begins to focus almost purely on fighting and struggles to develop further past that. Jujutsu Kaisen is phenomenal at remaining entertaining throughout the series, however, with the battles being expertly crafted to keep your emotions swinging. My final rating for this series is a 7/10, because although the ending becomes lackluster and characters do not develop, I was never bored reading this series. If you are looking for an easy to digest, thoroughly entertaining series, Jujutsu Kaisen is for you.

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