

# CHOUJIN X

by Sui Ishida

Published in 2023

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

The following is how it feels to read Choujin X:

1st + 2nd volume: Ohhh is he basically doing Tokyo Ghoul again? Also what the hell is going on??

The rest of the series : Okay I finally understand the hype this is amazing.

Choujin X is a story which strikes the balance between a typical American superhero story and your average Japanese shonen. While very different from both, it's similar enough to where if you enjoy either, chances are you'll really enjoy Choujin X.

Choujin X is, in my opinion, the greatest new-gen manga (of course this depends on what you consider new-gen). Choujin X, while still very different from Tokyo Ghoul, still carries an essence of Tokyo Ghoul which Ishida carries with his writing and art. The writing is still very character driven like Tokyo Ghoul's, though some may argue a little weaker than Tokyo Ghoul. However, in almost every other aspect, I would argue Choujin X is greater. Ishida's switch from drawing digitally back to pen and paper manga for Choujin X makes the art absolutely beautiful to look at.

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The world building is absolutely excellent, with the history of Choujin X's world being extremely interesting (though somewhat hard) to follow. Some series like to dump their world building onto you all at once, whereas Choujin X likes to sprinkle it in as it helps the plot. This allows the story to focus more on the characters, and boy are the characters great. It's hard not to like (most) characters for one reason or another. Tokio Kurohara may not be a perfect or entirely unique MC, but the way he fits into the story and interacts with the other characters around him makes the story so enjoyable. Tokio goes through real struggles, debating between what to do in ways which make him feel real and relatable. Part of what makes Choujin X so good in my opinion aswell is the weird line it strikes between a modern and fantasy setting. The history is different, with certain historical events just not happening with others in their place, while the world still lives in a modern setting despite the some what fantastical history and setting. The power system itself is technically basic, but the powers which Ishida gives the characters is what makes it as interesting as it is. One problem I do have with this series is that it's start just isn't the greatest. While not bad it certainly isn't as great as the rest of the series, which may throw many people off the series before getting to what really makes it amazing.

This is a series that I could not recommend enough. If you are a fan of Tokyo Ghoul, this series is absolutely for you. But also, if you're someone who is a fan of the typical superhero-esque shonen manga, this will absolutely be something you enjoy. If you like explorations of what it's like or means to be a hero, this is also for you. People who appreciate well written stories that have a good balance between light heartedness and their slightly sadder/darker moments would absolutely get a kick out of Choujin X.