

TOKYO GHOUL

by Sui Ishida

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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

What does it mean to be human? If you've grown up all your life living as a human, what would happen to you if that were to change? What type of person, or rather, ghoul, would you become?

Tokyo ghoul is an absolutely amazing series which doesn't suffer from one of the biggest issues which affect many manga series, a lackluster first volume. Not many series have pulled me in as much with their first volume like Tokyo ghoul has. While there are other series which I prefer over Tokyo Ghoul, there aren't any first volumes which I prefer. The character developments don't feel rushed or random, but instead they feel rather well paced and thought out. The twists and turns that come with Tokyo Ghoul had me, at several moments, shouting "WHAT?" out loud. While some were obvious, there were SEVERAL which were not. The world building is decent, while maybe not as good as Ishida's work in Choujin X, it's still really well executed. While the CCG are one of the two main antagonistic groups of the story, the time spent with Amon helps you feel for them and understand them, making the times in which the Ghouls and CCG fight so much more interesting to read, hoping that your favorite characters from both sides make it through. The power system was both easy to understand and not, with Kagune and Quinque on the surface being easy to understand until they explored the different types of Kagune which really confused me and threw me off. However, the story isn't reliant on the power system to carry the narrative. My biggest gripe with the series is it's ending. It's obvious upon reading it that Ishida had Re in mind from the start, but it does lead to a bit of disappointment when you get to the end and realize it really isn't the end.

Overall, this series is 1000% something I'd recommend others. If you're someone who likes a twist between horror and action, Tokyo Ghoul is absolutely for you. I would argue that Tokyo Ghoul is an absolutely essential series for any manga fan to read. While it may not be a perfect series, it covers all the bases of a great series, and makes for an unforgettable read.

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