

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)



Genre(s):

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| ☐ Contemporary/Realistic | ☒ Action/adventure |
| ☐ Science Fiction | ☐ Fantasy |
| ☐ Romance | ☐ Horror |
| ☐ Mystery | ☐ Nonfiction |
| ☐ Historical fiction | ☒ Other: Manga |

JoJo's Bizarre Adventure is an ongoing manga series that follows the adventures of different generations of the Joestar family. In this first volume, the story focuses on Jonathan Joestar and his growing conflict with his adopted stepbrother, Dio Brando. Dio, an orphan taken in by the Joestars, immediately begins his plan to become the heir of the Joestar estate. His goal is to break JoJo emotionally and socially so he can replace him. This conflict between the two brothers becomes the driving force of the plot and creates a strong sense of irony, since the boy the Joestars tried to save becomes the one who threatens them the most.

Since I'm just starting this volume and haven't watched the anime, everything about JoJo's Bizarre Adventure is completely new to me — but from what I've read so far, I'm really enjoying it. The dynamic between JoJo and Dio is especially interesting, and this volume does a great job introducing the characters and setting up their motivations. Overall, I'd recommend this as a strong starting point for anyone interested in reading manga.