

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):

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Contemporary/Realistic

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Action/adventure

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Science Fiction

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Fantasy

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Romance

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Horror

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Mystery

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Nonfiction

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Historical fiction

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Other: Manga

Tokyo Ghoul, written and illustrated by Sui Ishida, follows Ken Kaneki, an ordinary college student whose life is never the same after an encounter with a ghoul. The story takes place in a different version of Tokyo where ghouls hide among humans, while certain humans fight to eliminate them—creating the main conflict of the story. Ishida builds a world that feels tense, dangerous, and different from our world.

Overall, I liked how deeply the author explored the theme of identity. Kaneki's struggle to accept that he is a ghoul while still wanting to protect the people he loves ends up splitting him into different parts of himself, which I think is one of the best uses of the identity theme in manga. I also really enjoyed Sui Ishida's art; it's realistic but also anime-like, and honestly some of the best art in all of manga.

I'd recommend Tokyo Ghoul to readers who enjoy character-driven stories with emotional depth, fans of dark stories, and anyone who enjoys reading manga.