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SEE THE WORLD WITH ME!

Kakashi is a small-town boy with a big dream: to travel around the world. He's so determined to leave his little island home behind that he stows away onboard a marvelous zeppelin—one that just happens to be loaded with treasure and a gang of ruthless criminals!

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Justyn Rampa says

Read this as part of my graphic novel thesis project and it was quite by accident I even came across it. A young girl who was checking out some Fullmetal Alchemist also had this series, so I picked it up and was intrigued.

Turns out is a steampunk adventure story based off of "Wizard of Oz".

I don't really want to go into details as it may spoil some of the surprises but the run is only five volumes long so I intend to try and make it through all five eventually.

A wonderful series for all ages!

Jerry says

A Quickie Review

L. Frank Baum's timeless fantasy tale continues to inspire new entertainment; if you've seen the fairly recent miniseries *Tin Man* or *The Witches of Oz*, you know what I'm talking about. It's not just in the States, though, as this manga proves. It isn't a direct interpretation of the original story or the early film adaptation, though; it's a totally different spin altogether. I enjoyed this one, and look forward to reading further installments.

Ottery StCatchpole says

I'm in the process of rereading this again and all I can say is that this book is a delight. Not just for fans of the original Wizard of Oz, which this book plays on. The dog is obviously Toto, and the boy hero is the Scarecrow but it goes from there and it doesn't take place in Oz or anything like that which is kind of cool. I wouldn't have minded if the book was a continuation of the Oz tales but every now and then its nice to see a different take. Which, if you're interested in might interest you to know about this book here, *Oz Reimagined* which I'm also in the process of reading.

But back to this books review. The artwork, which is ever important in comic books and manga adaptations, is stunning to say the least. The characters are imbued with so much detail and such life and vibrancy, they are completely dynamic. The art is wonderfully detailed, yes even for a manga. It is bold and beautiful in its rendition of backgrounds and characters and it is a pleasure to look at, which is always a favor when reading a good comic book story.

And the story is excellent. In typical manga hero style our intrepid boy jumps headlong into an adventure that will take him travelling around the world. Sadly, the series is only five volumes, all of them translated and available in the states, thank God, because there is nothing I hate more than an unfinished series. Yes, I'm looking at you *The First King Adventure*.

Overall a good fun read, and a great, if too short series, that I highly recommend. Enjoy good manga.

Ziyangwu says

i like this book because it is kind of cool and it is about the 12 animal of the chine year like the dog, chicken,pig,rabbit,snake,dragon,ox,rat,monkey,tiger,horse and sheep.
<http://www.goodreads.com/images/close...>

The Third Place A Teen Library says

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Cindi says

likable characters, good art, great allusions to Oz

Shazza Maddog says

This is the second time I'd picked up this manga to read. The first time, I couldn't get past the screaming of the main character, Kakashi. The second time, I persevered, and I think this could be an interesting story.

The world is recovering from some sort of apocalypse, and Kakashi lives on an island in the middle of nowhere. He dreams of traveling the world, like his father did. His father left him a journal detailing his adventures, and Kakashi wants to be an adventurer, like his dad. When a dirigible makes a forced landing on the island, Kakashi stows away to start his traveling. The problem is, the hold is very cold, and Kakashi is freezing. He stumbles upon a lop-eared puppy, and picks it up to take with him, as the puppy's cold, too.

And then the dirigible gets hijacked by the Man Chicken Family, who throws everyone off the dirigible, though Kakashi refuses to go. When Kakashi tries to escape the Man Chicken Family, he winds up overboard, and nearly falling into the propeller with the puppy. Only something happens, and a strange beast appears, destroying the propeller, and sending Kakashi back into the dirigible. The Man Chicken Family scramble for parachutes to bail out of the dirigible, and the boss shoves Kakashi in the final one and throws him out of the dirigible.

Kakashi wakes up in a field, and decides not to let his misfortune stop him. He starts off, but get stopped by the sight of a lunch packet, which he and the puppy steal from a little girl. They hide when the girl appears, though the puppy wanders out, and is found by the girl, who promptly names him 'Toto'. Kakashi leaps out then, angry that she's taking his puppy, and he and the girl argue over who the dog belongs to. While they're arguing, a military troop appear to steal the puppy and tie up the girl - Dorothy - and Kakashi. Their escape forms the cliffhanger - especially with the reappearance of the strange beast, a manifestation of the puppy, Toto.

There are a lot of nods to L. Frank Baum's *The Wizard of Oz* in this story - not just Toto and Dorothy, but

Kakashi means 'Scarecrow' in Japanese, and Dorothy is trained in martial arts and uses a tornado attack. One assumes there were be other nods throughout the story.

I have the second book in this series to read, and am hoping an explanation for Toto is forthcoming.

Fahd says

i have read the first book i loved it i wanted to to read the second book but couldn't find it anywhere

Conan Tigard says

Toto!: The Wonderful Adventure: Volume 1 transported me to another world . . . and I absolutely loved it. I enjoyed the entire premise of a boy living the life of adventure and seeing the strange and wonderful world that is beyond the boundaries of his small town.

This adventure takes place in a world that is not our own, as 50 years have passed since a war devastated the entire globe. Right from the first few pages, I knew that I was in for something special with Toto!: The Wonderful Adventure: Volume 1.

The artwork is brilliant and reminds me of some of the artwork in Mad Magazine. What I also liked about the artwork is the background in all the panels. So many artists do not take the time to put in any backgrounds, but Yuko Osada sure does.

With the storyline, it is packed with action and adventure as young Kashika begins the trip of a lifetime. The characters are well-developed, and boys will instantly bond with Kashika while girls will fall in love with Dorothy.

As for Toto, he sure is cute, except for when he mutates into this humongous, veiny monster of an upright-walking, muscle-bound man-dog. I was absolutely enthralled by the story and cannot wait for the next book to come out. Wow! It really blew me away!

Overall, Toto!: The Wonderful Adventure: Volume 1 is an utterly spectacular manga book that has jumped right to the top of my favorites list and I look forward with great anticipation to reading Toto!: The Wonderful Adventure: Volume 2. Bring it on!

I rated this book a 9½ out of 10.

Jenna says

Hm. Interesting concept. Not sure if I want to read more though.

Erykah Dixon says

LOL, I LOVE THIS MANGA NOW, WISH I CAN FIND MORE~!

Haris Firmansyah says

Pertama baca Toto di Shonen Magz zaman SMP. Dan ternyata versi volume ini tampil dengan cerita berbeda. Gak sekelam versi majalah komik. Di sana, teman Kakashi yang namanya Norse mati tertembak tentara Nasso Raya. Di sini malah gak ada Norse sama sekali. Jadi, gak perlu ada yang mati di awal.

Cerita awalnya agak mirip One Piece ya. Ada adegan om-om yang berkorban demi anak muda ambisius. Bedanya antara bajak laut dan bajak balon udara aja.

Smaileh says

As you can probably guess from the title, this story has ties to The Wizard of Oz, but it is not just a manga version of that classic book.

Kakashi is a small-town boy with big dreams. He is an orphan; his father was an explorer who left their small island years ago and never returned. Kakashi has one memento--his father's journal which ends "The world is vast. You don't need a reason. Go on an adventure." Kakashi reminds me a bit of Luffy from One Piece--he is unfailingly optimistic and determined to get off of his island.

Kakashi's chance comes in the form of an airship which needs to stop for repairs. When it leaves, Kakashi stows away. In the cargo hold, he meets and befriends a darling little puppy with an intriguing collar. The airship is overtaken by a mafia group who eject the passengers over open water but decide to let Kakashi stay aboard. Kakashi sees a world map for the first time and is stunned at how big the world is. The airship comes under attack by the military and is destroyed but Kakashi, along with his puppy, manage to parachute to safety in a corn field where they meet a young girl named Dorothy.

The puppy, now named Toto, is more than he appears, and is the target of the military search. Kakashi, Dorothy, and Toto, fall into the clutches of the Great Nassau Imperial Army but you know they won't stay captives long.

Translation notes point out some of the various Wizard of Oz references. I caught most of them, but was happy to be told that Kakashi's name also means "scarecrow" in Japanese. I'm sure in upcoming volumes we will encounter the Tin Man and the Cowardly Lion as well.

H.P. Holo says

While some may find the 'Wizard of Oz' references in this series tiring (It seems like there's no shortage of 'Wizard'-inspired comics these days), fans of adventure-for-adventure's-sake comics will get a kick out of this one. 'One Piece' fans might enjoy it especially, as the art and mood in the two series are similar.

Tyler says

This was more than a bit fantastic.
