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This exciting prequel to VIZ's best-selling fantasy series FUSHIGI YUGI tells the story of the very first of the priestesses of "The Four Gods"-the Priestess of Genbu!

As referred to in Volume 12 of FUSHIGI YUGI, Takiko Okuda was the first of the priestesses to enter "The Universe of the Four Gods." With this latest work from the pen of best-selling artist Yu Watase (ALICE 19TH), Takiko's full story is told.

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Yume Yoru says

Aparece una de las estrellas con esa aura de misterio que en realidad nos encanta. Con ello surge el otro "bromance" de la saga: Tomite y Hikitsu. Amigos de la infancia separados por un malentendido y que se vuelven a encontrar. Quién puede pedir más, si encima Hikitsu viene acompañado de una hermana muy adorable y sienta las bases para su reaparición en la serie original. Quizás la autora se haya pasado a la hora de darle poderes, qué se le va a hacer.

Ashley says

So much happened!!

There were more characters introduced. I like learning about each warrior and the love part of the story has progressed further as well. it left off on a big cliff hanger and I can't wait to read the next one!

E.S. says

Some of this stuff is like straight up porn at times (light porn) but oh man, I have never shipped a couple more than Limdo and Takiko. Also, the author writes in her little note that Tomite thinks of Takiko more as a big sister and to that I say: bullshit! He gets turned on when he sees her naked and I feel like that is not something that would have happened if he thinks of her as just a big sister.

Leila Anani says

I adore Fushigi Yugi but so far Genbu Kaiden is blowing it out the water - Takiko is a far more mature heroine than Miaka and less annoying. She kicks ass with her Naginata and is always prepared to stand up and fight for those she cares about.

I love the characters too - The celestial warriors are really interesting from super cute silent rock monster Namame to timid fat boy Hatsui who creates a basket like shell and shoots quills when he becomes afraid or angry.

The romance between Takiko and gender switching Limdo is beautifully played out and well balanced with the rest of the story.

Have volume 5 on hand though, as this one ends on a real cliff hanger.

Kogiopsis says

EDIT: I was going to give Genbu Kaiden four stars, but then I got to volume 6 and Takiko made me want to stand up and cheer, so five stars it is. She makes up for Miaka so much. Go Takiko!

I moved directly from Fushigi Yûgi to this series, with only a very short break in between, and as a result skipped about a decade of Watase's career...

...and I'm so very, very glad.

From one series to the next, everything has improved. True, I'm only four volumes in, but I can already tell you I like Genbu Kaiden a lot more than I liked Fushigi Yûgi at the same point. The art is more interesting, the enormous shojo eyes less exaggerated, the character designs compelling. Takiko, priestess of Genbu, actually and legitimately kicks ass. She's brave, and she knows how to use a weapon, and she *does* use it. She's also got that deep inner strength that Watase argued was Miaka's sort, but in Takiko it's much more compelling. Her love interest is fascinating, and frankly not the least what I would have expected from this series. Every character has inner conflicts, and there are parallels between the troubles of the Genbu Celestial Warriors and Takiko's own father problems.

The formula is basically the same: Girl sucked into book, becomes priestess, meets her first few warriors, searches for others with the help of various supernatural characters, gets sucked back into real world when things get truly tense. It could have been trite and boring, but the amount Watase has improved in her storytelling, characterization, and art make it refreshing and new.

While probably best for someone who's already familiar with Fushigi Yûgi, this series could stand on its own and is definitely better than the original. (So far, that is.)

Kathy says

JUST READ IT!!!

Maria says

I started this series forever ago. I think it was like in 2003. I never knew what it's about & just picked it up at my library. I was not even old enough for the rating that they gave it, but I was intrigued. I believe they only had up to volume 5 so I just stopped reading it. Somehow (thankfully) I was reminded of this story and so I began re-reading it online and oh my gods I feel in love. It's great Takiko is such a great priestess and I love her connection with all the Celestial Warriors.

I didn't have any idea that it was a prequel, & I'm very tempted to read it just so I can see if the other priestess lives up to Takiko & her journey with the Celestial Warriors. I seriously feel in live with these characters & I'm pretty sure they will be hard to live up to.

--M

•Planetarium-- Ai Otsuka

Kathy says

Hagus appears ready to get them, as Yuruki is discovered by Ziyi and Feiyan to be a Celestial Warrior and not their companion, Tai Yi-Jun a smiling boy who controls a dragon rescues Takiko and the warriors just in time. The dragon is the only dragon of heaven left of the 4 there once were. They go to an ice cave where the Celestial Warrior Hikutsu can control water. He is bitter that Tomite (Chamka) froze his sister when he was attacking the maws (monsters) by freezing them. That was when his power was new and he didn't understand it. Hikutsu wears an eye patch because he has an over seeing mirror eye. He waits in the cave to stay by his frozen sister and wait for revenge on Tomite. Tomite has suppressed this memory. It is hard but he uses his power in reverse for the first time, and he unfreezes the ice. As Hikitsu's sister is unfrozen, then so too are the maws! They reunite to fight the maws, and at that instant Takiko is transported back to her home in Japan.

Alisha says

Ohhh this volume was gooooood

Kimmy says

"You truly are like the wind... it's not possible to hold on to you." - Takiko, Legendary Priestess of Genbu

Holly Clark says

same as 1-3

Cress says

I got eight more volumes to read. I CAN DO IT.
The feels are getting stronger. God. It's only going to get worse from here with Uruki joining the party and Takiko getting that first cold. Excuse me as I sob in a corner.

Princess says

Now I can't wait to get the next volume....but I don't have it with meeee >3<

Kala says

3.5 stars

Pearl Angeli says

I've read this in 2010 because I simply could not move on with the Fushigi Yugi: The Mysterious Play. I really had fun. So nostalgic!!!
