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JoJo's Bizarre Adventure: Part 1--Phantom Blood, Vol. 1



Synopsis

The legendary Shonen Jump series, now available in English for the first time, in a deluxe edition featuring color pages and newly drawn cover art! JoJo's Bizarre Adventure is a groundbreaking manga famous for its outlandish characters, wild humor and frenetic battles. A multigenerational tale of the heroic Joestar family and their never-ending battle against evil! Young Jonathan Joestar's life is forever changed when he meets his new adopted brother, Dio. For some reason, Dio has a smoldering grudge against him and derives pleasure from seeing him suffer. But every man has his limits, as Dio finds out. This is the beginning of a long and hateful relationship!

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Customer Reviews

Hirohiko Araki made his manga debut in 1981 with the Wild West story *Buso Poker*. He experimented with several genres, including mystery (*Mashonen B.T.*) and action-horror (*Baoh*), before beginning *JoJo's Bizarre Adventure* in 1986. Propelled by imaginative storylines, weird imagery and individualistic artwork, *JoJo's Bizarre Adventure* is one of the longest-running and most popular shonen manga ever. Araki's current works include a new series set in the *JoJo* universe, *JoJolion*.

As an avid JJBA fan in the States, I highly suggest others, like myself, to buy this official English translated version of *Phantom Blood* so that we may continue to receive more official English

translated volumes of Jojonium, aside from the planned releases of volumes 2 and 3. Shilling aside, the quality of the pages and art on the hardcover are impeccable! I know that most fans do not like Araki's new style, but I welcome it as I grew to love it throughout Steel Ball Run, and currently Jojolion.

Jojo's Bizarre Adventure is a very long-running manga; its 8th arc is currently being serialized in Japanese comic magazine "Ultra Jump". Although VIZ had released the 3rd arc in its entirety, the other arcs have not seen American shores...that was until now! Phantom Blood is the very start of the story. Even though it wasn't so much until the 3rd arc where the "stand" ability was developed and the story began to embrace its full craziness, Phantom Blood still manages to stand out. Araki draws very detailed images of muscular and flamboyant young men. Even if his art is a little rough, you will still find yourself spending plenty of time looking at it. There's just so much to look at! With more and more popular manga and anime titles embracing minimalist style, JOJO is a pleasant surprise. In addition to the art, Araki shows his eccentricity through his story. Romance, tragedy, violence, humor, friendship, morality, the supernatural... these are all themes he managed to incorporate into the story. As for the physical release, Viz has done a very nice job. A sturdy hardcover with new images from the artist, colored pages interspersed throughout, good quality paper with clear printing, and even a little bonus interview from Araki himself makes this a lovely addition to your JOJO collection or your manga shelf. I hope this level of quality continues throughout Phantom Blood and any subsequent releases of this unique series. I'm looking forward to the release of volumes 2 and 3!

If you've already read the manga through 'other means' you will already know that this is great. The series is a lot of fun overall, and the art is a lot better than I expected. I've only seen the anime, so I expected this to be much lower quality in the art department. As for the book, it's hardcover. The binding and stuff all seems to be fine (although I'm not an expert on stuff like that) and the print is pretty much perfect. As for stuff they changed (or I'm assuming they changed) from the original, a lot of things have an orange highlight on them. The highlight work seems great, though I've only read through the first chapter so far. Overall, if you're a fan of the series whether it's through the original manga, through the anime, or just something you want to get into and don't know where to start, this is a great choice. I highly suggest it.

I think it should be worth mentioning that this is NOT just an English version of the Jojonium books.

If I remember correctly the Japanese Jojonium books are paperback and have green ink on the outer edge of each page. This version, on the other hand, is hardcover, and the pages are normal. In addition, there is no slipcase like the Japanese kind does, so you don't get the extra art of the slipcase. That being said, it's still very good! So far no ink rubbing off like I heard about with the Japanese version. New Jonathan is looking great, although the same cannot be said about Danny. Araki's dogs are looking weird lately. Dio is rocking the pink hair on the back cover, though.

Fantastic series. This is a must buy for people who are already familiar with the series as well as newcomers. It packs around 250 pages per volume, which is a decent bang for your buck, especially for a hardcover series. The extra art and snippets from the author are also a welcome bonus. The art itself looks great with some color pages thrown in and the translation is top notch. As for the story itself, it's Jojo, just read it already!

It came in time, ordered the 20th at afternoon (almost night) and got it the 24th in the morning. OMG I LOVE JOJO'S it is my favorite manga! I started watching the anime in mid June 2015 and caught up with the manga in late or mid August, I cannot explain how much I love this series, the manga is definitely a MUST HAVE if you are a fan. If you are new to the series and don't know if you should keep reading, you definitely should because you will be missing out in something amazing.

My nephew loves this manga. He is really into Jojo. Loves the old ps1 game. He has at least five of the books. And is waiting for the new one to come out. Glad i got him these.

The series is most likely one of my all-time favorite book series. The plot can easily be labeled as weird, but that is exactly what the author, Hirohiko Araki, is going for. There are currently eight parts in the series and each of the parts are lengthy and consist of multiple volumes, but that does not mean that it is repetitive. Somehow the author manages to go even more over the top than the last part and it is enjoyable. I definitely can recommend this series to others.

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