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Deva Zan



Synopsis

In Japanese Buddhism, twelve generals—the Junji Jinsho—stood guard over the cosmos at the points of the zodiac. But now they have vanished, and nothing stands between us and the forces of darkness, except Deva Zan, a samurai without a memory. To restore order to existence, he must marshal not only his own fighting skill, but find companions that can cross the boundaries of time and space—to join him in a battle that will stretch from the fields of ancient Japan, to the streets of modern New York City—and to dimensions beyond human comprehension! Dark Horse has the honor to publish Deva Zan, Yoshitaka Amano's first fantasy novel as an author as well as an illustrator! After an epic ten years of planning, Amano has made Deva Zan his personal expression of the legends of Asia for his Western readership.

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Customer Reviews

Gorgeous book! A must buy for any fan of Yoshitaka Amano or art in general.

The book was bigger and heavier than I was expecting, but the illustrations were wonderful.

My son who also admires Amano's Art didn't know about this collection and I think I'm going to have to keep my eyes on it so it won't disappear in his room. Good illustrations! Glad I bought it.

This is a beautifully-drawn, epic story. It is Yoshitaka Amano at his best. The book is high quality and came perfectly packaged, so it arrived to me in excellent condition. This is a book I am proud to

display, and excited to share with others.

At age 60, Amano has taken a while to write his own visual novel. He's been illustrating the work of others for ages, but it's quite refreshing to see what he does without the constraints of someone else's vision. Deva Zan is a tale of Zan, a general in the Edo period who was formally one of twelve gods. They acted under the guidance of Lady Mairu until Moma, the god of chaos, took control of their home, Mt. Sumeru. Banished from their godly place, the twelve gods scatter and live mortal lives, until the time is right to reclaim their status. Deva Zan's main attraction lies in the mountain of new paintings by Amano. While some works are unusually abstract for his style, fans will still see plenty of his signature slim eyes and gorgeous colors. Amano even pays homage to his older works such as Speed Racer in small cameos. This slightly distracts from the story when readers think "Hmm, haven I seen that before?". However, there's more than enough artwork that this point is negligible. On the publishing side, Dark Horse has done a good job on the actual book. It's a larger hardcover with wonderful color reproductions. It would be hard to improve on the quality without having the actual art in front of you. Dark Horse has even kept the imperfect edges of the paper and canvases in the majority of cases. Mr. Amano's first novel of his own no doubt benefited from his decades of experience, because it's one incredible ride both visually and literary. The story is a mixture of Asian-inspired journey through both modern eras and ethereal battlefields. Amano's artwork seamlessly transitions from paintings reminiscent of the ukiyo-e style to modern pop. He switches styles at just the right time and does it in expert fashion. For his fans, Deva Zan is a mandatory purchase. For the uninitiated, the book is a great introduction to Amano's work.

Beautiful!!!

Beautifully illustrated; a must have for any Yoshitaka Amano fan.

Love it!

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