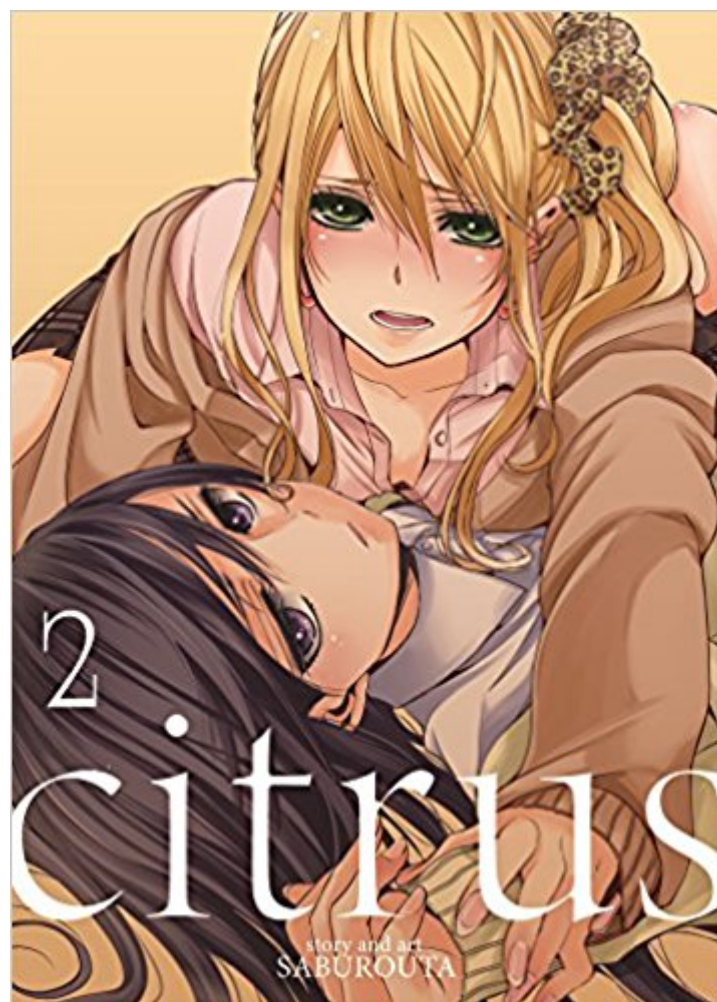


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Citrus Vol. 2



Synopsis

A yuri tale like no other, now a New York Times manga best seller! Yuzu and Mei may be step-sisters, but that's about all the two girls have in common. Yuzu is an outgoing girly-girl who cares more about fashion than school work, while Mei is the serious student council president. Yet despite their differences, or perhaps because of them, the two girls find themselves drawn to each other... Mei has been running herself ragged trying to oversee the school, and Yuzu is worried about her. When Mei's dad comes home from a business trip, however, it looks like the cavalry has arrived. Unfortunately, his presence opens up old wounds between father and daughter, and Yuzu finds herself caught in the middle. Will Yuzu put aside her feelings for Mei to help fix this family feud?

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Customer Reviews

Yuzu has not been herself since the incident in the student council office and she cannot face Mei. When she gets called out by the Vice-president and asked about their relationship. It appears the VP also has a thing for Mei and will do anything to get her for herself. But Mei has been running herself ragged as her grandfather is still recovering from his accident, can Yuzu and Momokino set aside their issues and try to help Mei in her time of need? Then Mei's father returns from overseas, and Yuzu is caught in the middle of a father/daughter feud. Can she help her little sister patch things up before their family begins to crumble? This second book has a lot of character development and back story revelations, from a rival for Mei's love to seeing why Mei is the way she has become (and

find out she likes bears). All the while you feel the tension between Mei and Yuzu as the two feel drawn to each other, but not understanding why and not sure as to how to move forward as they are in a tentative position of being family. Will have to wait for the next installment to see what happens next, especially with someone from Yuzu's past entering the picture.

After the shocking end to volume 1, the story continues to get better. Himeko, who's Mei's childhood friend, questions Yuzu about what happen in the chairman's office, Yuzu doesn't say much about it but you can tell Himeko knows a little about what happened that day, she then tells her to stay away from Mei, Yuzu knows she can't stay away from Mei because she's too involved with her now and because she's her big sister with feelings that will not go away. Yuzu asks Mei if she would like to go see her father, she agrees to go with her but Mei has no idea what's she's about to find out, this makes Mei open up to Yuzu and asks her if there's a chance that her and her father's relationship can be fixed. Even though Mei's father won't be coming back to her school to help her, she still cares for him and says have a safe trip when he left her again because of Yuzu, this makes Mei read all of her father's letters she never opened. Yuzu starts crying because she's happy that Mei's reading her father's letters, Mei then kisses her and the two experience a kiss that was completely different from the other kisses, there are two full pages of Yuzu and Mei with lighting struck expressions on their faces that are just fantastic to look at. Volume 3 doesn't come out til august the 18 and volume 4 won't be out til december the 29, i can't wait to read these when they come out. Saburouta, if you read these reviews, keep on making this one of best manga's ever written, you know how to make the reader read and catch their attention and stay focused on the story. I would like to see this story go to 12 or 15 volumes, it deserves to.

Citrus: Secret Love Affair With Sister, Vol. 2 introduces a love triangle. Mei, the student council president, and her stepsister, Yuzu, have a little bit of a thing going, but when Himeko, the student council vice-president and Mei's longtime friend, makes a pass at Mei, things get complicated. Luckily, Yuzu has her best friend, Harumin, to confide in, but who does Mei have to talk her problems out with? God, I feel so stupid writing this. There are so many better things to read than shÅjo, yuri, and joshi manga, and that's if one supposes that two teenage girls messing around isn't meant for creepy, older guys like me. It's funny. Citrus has great timing, and it's very well constructed. Sure, Mei's always-penitent glare can become maudlin at times (I took teh high-school English! Yeah!), but Mei's the real star of the manga. Yuzu is a bit unbelievable, going from being a regular high-school girl with a boyfriend to being full-on lezu the minute she steps into a boarding

school, but that's the genre in a nutshell. Mei is a bit more complex, often with a sad look upon her face. Sure, it's cheesy, but it's good. ****

I picked up Vol. 1 at a local bookstore, and was hooked. The characters are thrown together rather awkwardly, but that becomes part of the charm. Wondering how such a situation could occur is one thing, but the author makes it believable enough that the mystery if it will bring you back for more. While our main protagonist is definitely an open book, her new step-sister (and love interest!) is so tsundere, I feel a whole new classification ought to be invented for her. You definitely sense a deep pain and a lot of unresolved mental anguish. How will it play out as these two girls move forward with their lives? I can't even guess, and I can't wait to find out!

Just like with Vol 1 in the Citrus series, I finished Vol. 2 in one sitting. It really leaves you wanting more. And the author (AND the translator) are excellent at conveying the complex emotions of these two step-sisters. It's really quite amazingly deeper in fewer pages than the likes of "Girlfriends" or "Strawberry Panic" could ever be. At one point I almost shed a tear myself, because I also have father issues. My hope with the 3rd Volume (is it the last one?) is that Mei and Yuzu finally work out their feelings for each other. The one thing that did leave me questioning/confused in the first volume was exactly how did Yuzu's mother meet and marry Mei's father, if he's been busy traveling all over the place? Maybe this aspect will be more thoroughly addressed in the next volume, maybe not...it's really the emotions between the two girls that interests me the most. And the illustrations are excellent as well. Volume Two has definitely met my expectations.

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