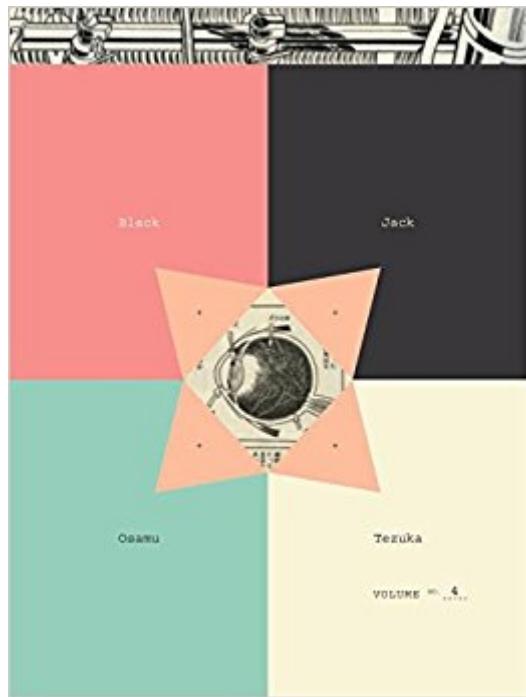


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Black Jack, Vol. 4



Synopsis

Black Jack is a mysterious and charismatic young genius surgeon who travels the world performing amazing and impossible medical feats. Though a trained physician, he refuses to accept a medical license due to his hatred and mistrust of the medical community's hypocrisy and corruption. This leads Black Jack to occasional run-ins with the authorities, as well as from gangsters and criminals who approach him for illegal operations. Black Jack charges exorbitant fees for his services, the proceeds from which he uses to fund environmental projects and to aid victims of crime and corrupt capitalists. But because Black Jack keeps his true motives secret, his ethics are perceived as questionable and he is considered a selfish, uncaring devil. The Black Jack series is told in short stories. Each volume will contain 16-20 stories, each running approximately 20-24 pages in length. Black Jack is recognized as Osamu Tezuka's third most famous series, after Astro Boy and Kimba, the White Lion.

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Customer Reviews

Black Jack is a unique series, there is a lot of stuff most other series don't have. The feel is one of its own and I would recommend reading this series. Just start from the first volume, you won't be disappointed.

If you're reading this review, you probably already know that Osamu Tezuka is known as the "God of Manga" in Japan. You know that before becoming an artist full-time, Tezuka graduated from medical school. Tezuka's most developed character is "Black Jack," a "super doctor," an un-licensed maverick who is a fantastic surgeon. His exploits are so over-the-top, he must be

Tezuka's dream of what a doctor could be. He has his flaws, such as his scarred face, and his greed for money, which at this point in the series we don't really understand. You may be wondering "does Tezuka keep creating the magic in this volume of Black Jack stories?" The answer is a resounding Yes! In this volume, we get to know Black Jack on a deeper level of course, but not only that, we get to understand Pinoko. Tezuka has subtly increased Pinoko's role throughout the series. At this point in the series, she is often an integral part of each Black Jack story. By the end of this volume, Pinoko is acting as his assistant in the operating room. Did he teach her this? When did this shift occur? I'm not sure. Especially touching in this volume is a chapter called "Pinoko Love Story." The character arc from irritating self-centered 2-year-old to her willingness to make the ultimate sacrifice is complete. Pinoko becomes a living, breathing, real character in this book.

Once again, Tezuka turns out an engrossing set of stories that capture surprising hints at the depth of his understanding of people. The art just keeps getting better as he gets used to drawing Jack and Pinoko. I'll definitely keep reading this series!

Sure the characters may start looking the same after a while, but the fact remains, the moral teachings of each story is always new and fresh. Planning on collecting the whole Black Jack series, this review can be placed on any Black Jack volume.

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