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His Favorite, Vol. 1 (Yaoi Manga)



Synopsis

Awkward Yoshida is hated by all the girls in school for his perceived closeness with hot guy Sato, who uses hanging out with Yoshida as an excuse to turn them all down. If Yoshida is merely an excuse, why does Sato taunt him in private about his favorite? Is it possible Sato's feelings run deeper than friendship? And what could he possibly see in the funny-looking Yoshida? Watch Yoshida's life turn upside down with hilarious results!

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Customer Reviews

I'll come out and say first off that this isn't one of the more explicit yaoi books out there, if that's what you're looking for. What you do have is the first book of a truly hilarious series about some great characters that makes you wait ever so impatiently for each new volume (up to five currently in Japan, and Sublime seems to be doing a good job of scheduling the releases in English as long as there's interest) to see how the relationship between Sato and Yoshida (and that of the people around them) develops over time. I sometimes wonder how much thought the mangaka, Suzuki Tanaka, put into picking out Sato's name, because he is *such* an 'S' - for sadist. He definitely enjoys tormenting the heck out of poor Yoshida - who already has the world stacked against him for being short, considered unattractive and scarred (which is important). Also, for some reason he

keeps referring to Yoshida as being his 'favorite' while making the poor guy the target for their female classmates' anger (as Sato is the most popular guy in school). It doesn't take long for one revelation to happen (not to be too spoilery, but something to do with Sato and Yoshida's past), though the mangaka does a good job of not revealing everything in the first volume. This series is a wonderful mix of romance and humor that should have you laughing out loud and going 'aww' a lot, and just feeling plain sorry for Yoshida while egging Sato on. Said humor can be delightfully warped one moment and totally absurd the next - I'll be honest, I never thought that this series would be picked up for English release and I'm so delighted that it was. If you're looking for something a little different (and a bit safer to read in public), please give this book a try.

I'd like to nit-pick a little before getting to the bone of the matter. I'm a little tired of manga being advertised as yaoi when it's in fact SHONEN AI. The difference is, yaoi has definable sex scenes. Shonen ai implies it, but doesn't explicitly show it. It's not a big deal for me in this case because I knew going in what it was. But I do wish that people would stop masquerading shonen ai as yaoi, because it's misleading to those looking for a good steam session. That aside, I really like this manga. The characters are interesting, the art is attractive, and the plot manages to give you what you look for (in a shonen ai) without relying on stereotypes. All in all, while not ingenious, this is one of the few shonen ai that can hold my attention and actually induce enough desire to purchase and own. (And hide from my parents) I will definitely be buying the next volume. So if you're looking for a nice, light read with some BL to give it flavor, I would highly recommend this manga.

This is one of the most overall entertaining manga I have read in a long time, not to mention it's a great BL story. The plot is mostly lighthearted and humorous, but there is enough character development and plot to keep you interested in the characters and feel invested in their thoughts and problems. Story: Basically, the super-popular stud Satou professes his romantic interest for Yoshida, an unpopular kid who is constantly teased for being an "ugly midget." As the story progresses, we are introduced to a host of amusing side-characters, see Satou and Yoshida's relationship develop, and learn more about their past history. Art: I love the art of this manga, actually. It's clean and basic, but is still extremely expressive. I love the contrast between the way Satou is drawn (typical handsome shojo protagonist) and the way Yoshida is drawn (uh...endearingly goofy/ugly looking). There isn't a lot of sparkly eyes or bubbles-and-flowers backgrounds. The cover art (mostly Yoshida's "unique" appearance) was what drew me to the book in the first place. It looks different than typical BL titles and it's very refreshing. Rating: This is a

probably a teen+ title. Although sexual acts are hinted at, there's nothing explicit. I really recommend this manga to anyone. Of course, those who like BL will definitely want to pick it up, but overall I think it's just a really sweet and hilarious story that could appeal to anyone with a sense of romance. It goes a little into how some people cannot look past outer appearances whereas others can love what is inside a person, no matter what they look like on the outside. Come on, how nice is that?

Since this was an e-book rating the shipping is a little silly. This is a fun story about these two characters. Sato knows Yoshida in his past as we find out and he does like him but he certainly loves to tease and torment him. All the girls hate Yoshida for taking up all his time, but he tries to tell them it is all Sato's doing. They don't believe him. This is a very funny story and not at the moment much Yaoi but things to change in the coming books. Love this series.

This is the first time I have read a Suzuki Tanaka book but I loved it it was fun and cute. You fall in love with the characters as they try to find themselves and discover their love for each other. It is also very funny and playful that makes it so good to read. It is another book that I will treasure and read over and over again.

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