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For new transfer student Aoi Nagisa, St. Miator Girls' Academy offers her the chance at a fresh start and a way to redefine herself. But these noble intentions go out the window when she catches her first glimpse of honor student Hanazono Shizuma, whose porcelain white skin and goddess-like beauty leave Nagisa speechless.

It's puppy love at first sight, but naive Nagisa is unaware that Shizuma is a serial heartbreaker who has set her sights on Nagisa herself. Will Nagisa end up as another notch on Shizuma's belt, or does fate have other plans in store for the new couple?

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This was really cute! Since there were so many couples/characters it sometimes got confusing. I didn't know the characters very well because of how many there were. The index/term glossary was helpful but I didn't find it till the end though. I'll definitely read the last volume, I want to see who wins the competition!

I do recommend If you want to read this manga series just get the bind up one with all 3 volumes, because this one only has the first 2 volumes and I can't find the 3rd volume separately.

Bibliomanic Marley says

Welcome to Astrea Hill, where three girls schools are sectioned into three parts; St. Miator Girls Academy, St. Spica Girls Institute, and St. Lulim Girls School. New transfer student, Aoi-Nagisa enters St. Miator Girls Academy, where she encounters the stunning and beautiful Hanazono-Shizuma. Little did she know during their brief meeting, that she is adored by the entire student body and represents all three schools. In other words, this royalty like status is known as being an Etoile. Throughout the story, one of the most revered events in all of Astrea Hill's three schools is the Etoile Competition.

An Etoile Competition is a high status for all three schools, which is a competition produced every year throughout the semesters of Astrea Hill. Nagisa-Chan, the protagonist of the entire story, begins to question Shizuma's true motives for entering here, a first year transfer student, into this wondrous event to which she feels that she can't possibly compete in. In actuality, Shizuma enters in with her not for the glory from the student body, nor for the attention of her status which she had already claimed the previous year. No, her true motives, are more than just what it seems, and how Shizuma feels is more than just friendly.

Other characters in the manga that you will adore hopefully as much as I have is Suzumi-Tamao-Chan, Nagisa-Chan's lovely roommate, Minamoto-Chikaru, St. Lulim Girls student council president, and many others adorable characters. It wasn't a complex read and the pace of the story was very alluring, it was a real page turner for me. The illustrations were quite exceptional, and with this being a Yuri, it was definitely browsing through more than 7 times. It's not like Yuri Hime Wildrose, but because of the story plot, it wasn't even necessary to make it into explicit kind of Yuri. I like how it focused on the relationships developing between characters rather than just focusing on the fact that they're all girls and then next thing you know, there having hot lesbian sex *dramatic gasp*.

Seriously though, it's a nice and satisfying Yuri manga, and what I really admire is the fact that it's a realistic kind of Yuri in the sense of school life, making friends, relationships, etc. My only critique on the manga is how it ended, it had left me feeling slightly empty. It was unfinished, and was supposed to be the complete manga collection. However, there is the complete novel addition, with an actual end, so if you feel compelled to finish the story, read the novel edition. There is also an anime adaptation based on the manga. This is a classic Yuri every Lesbian or Bisexual girl in real life should get to read. A very heart warming story similar to the manga Girl Friends, which you will want to relive again and again.

Ellie says

This was a train wreck of weird power dynamics, improbable high school traditions, and most importantly, there's no ending! The author never finished the series, so it just ends at the beginning of the second etoile competition, and we never find out which school or couple wins the tournament.

Austin Gullett says

This was cute! The plot is fast and sort of flimsy, but I like the fact that everyone just knows that everyone else is gay and that they made an entire festival about it. I've been trying to read some LGBT comics, and this is among the most popular mangas, like, ever, so I gave it a shot. The art was nice and expressive, the couples are cute, and so on, but the weak plot AND the fact that the manga is apparently infamously unfinished kind of took me out of it.

Bibliophile says

Well. Apparently The light novels came first adaptation wise, not the manga. I saw both omnibuses in the store but wasn't sure which to actually get.

Still, I found this pretty enjoyable. It's my first foray into yuri and, you know what, I liked it. I want to read the novels now and possibly even see the anime. Especially because I was left with a cliffhanger...

Would I recommend it? Sure. It's light, fluffy and harmless. It's not like "OMG YOU HAVE TO READ THIS" but it IS pretty much pure concentrate adorableness. So there's that.

Ireadsalot says

Actual rating: 2.5 stars

I randomly picked up this manga one day when I wasn't sure what I wanted to read but I knew I didn't want anything too serious. I just thought it was okay, but my main problem with it was that there were too many story lines and I felt like none of them were really wrapped up by the end of it. I do believe there is an anime of this, so when I have the time I might watch that just to see if the ending is better.

Rose says

This manga is not life-changing in any sense, but it's a fun bit of escapist fluff, especially if you really just want to see some cute girls falling in love with each other. As others have said, the predatory nature of some of the upperclasswomen did bother me a bit, though, and I wish there had been more development to some of the couples and explaining why they're so into each other (as in, it's easy to see why an awkward transfer

student would be swept off her feet by the likes of Shizuma or Amane, but hard to understand why these older girls get so immediately obsessed by these cute transfer students that they're going to pledge undying love to them). But overall, I enjoyed it. Understanding it for what it is, and not expecting deep romance, makes it a lot better.

Ultimately, the fact that it lacks an ending makes it less enjoyable for me, and from what I've heard the final volume of the *Strawberry Panic* manga is probably never going to be written. Oh well, I guess I'll just have to look to the novels and the anime for that!

Jon says

About what I expected. Actually, quite a bit of fun school political drama (sort of *Utena* lite). The *LesYay* could go one of two ways: either the characters are being completely innocent and you're just reading into it (it's obviously written in, with only the characters unaware), or this is seriously twisted. Sort of like *Kimagure Orange Road* in that sense: combination of light innocent and happy with desperately twisted emotional shipwrecks. Plot drops off in the middle...hopefully the novels and/or the anime pick it up. (Yes, I have the anime, and the novels are on order.) Fun guilty pleasure.

Tristyn young says

an amazing manga based off the light novel which i have yet to read. about lesbian high school romance, sisterhood, and friendship! also a lovey rivalry!

Alyssa says

The writing wasn't...uh...great. I liked the anime better.

PigeonSquid says

Absolute bottom of the barrel for-male-gaze girls love trash but still kinda fun. Does end on a huge cliffhanging. I'll probably try the anime or the novels.

Chibineko says

I picked this up to read in my local Borders & I have to admit that I was both impressed & disappointed. I was awfully tempted to purchase this on the artwork alone, but unfortunately there was one thing that stopped me from buying it:

The lack of an ending.

The artwork in this manga is gorgeous. It manages to be incredibly cute & beautiful at the same time, which is great because it captures the personalities of the very different characters very well. The basic story of the series is also great- you have different pairings going on & you can really feel the emotions between the various pairings in the book.

The only downfall is that the manga ends abruptly, leaving you wondering exactly what will happen. There's absolutely no ending- not even a clean one. The story inside of the manga jumps around a whole lot, which left me feeling sort of like I'd missed several pages of plot.

It wasn't until I came on here & read another review, then checked wikipedia, that this manga is based on a series of light novels. The manga was discontinued which explains the ending, but even so the manga just seems like it was just the "greatest hits" of the light novels due to the disjointed feel that came from the manga jumping around from scene to scene. (On a side note, I discovered that the same company also released the light novels, so I'll have to check those out.)

So is this manga worth buying? Yes & no. If I wasn't trying to limit my manga purchasing, I'd have bought it. The artwork alone is worth buying & re-reading for & the pairings in the manga really are very sweet. However, if you're looking for a manga with a clear beginning & end, you'll be heavily disappointed by this series.

Angie says

I read this for work because I had to confirm that it was not, in fact, YA. I've never read any "girls love" manga before, which is what I'm assuming this is. It was cute and kind of surreal, although the upperclassmen are at times predatory and disturbing. Overall it was better than much of the small sampling of manga I've read, although disappointing that we don't see the storyline end naturally.

Kayla Eklund says

I was loving this until I got to the ending. This is the complete collection of the manga, which means there are no more chapters available. However, this ended in a cliffhanger where nothing got resolved. The Etolie competition didn't even end, or have a winner picked. The relationships didn't advance. It felt like reading the manga was a complete waste of time.

Carleny says

There seemed to be a million characters and I had no idea what the hell was going on. Not to mention that it ended with nothing being resolved! Like it was just ... The End? :/
