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THE INVISIBLE GIRL

Kasumi is a special girl and not just because she's a super-cute high schooler with a heart of gold. She has a major secret: She can turn invisible when she holds her breath. But when she transfers to an elite private school, it gets harder to keep her superpowers secret, especially when she catches the eye of the handsome student-body president, Ryuuki, and becomes the target of his number one fan, mean girl extraordinaire Reina. Can Kasumi keep hiding who she really is?"

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Selena says

Two words: Bitch Brigade

I hate bitch brigades.

It requires far too much suspension of disbelief for one of these to work for me.

1. It requires teachers (all teachers) that are careless and or just don't give a shit.
2. It requires a small group (say, 3 or 4 girls) to rule the *entire* school of 300+ students *and* teachers *and* administrators *and* parents.
3. Last but not least, it requires all members of the B*tch Brigade to be that and nothing else. They are defined by their b*tchiness and nothing else. They must be pure evil and nothing else.

No thank you.

I'm... just going to skip this. It angers me too much.

Fatima says

This is the first manga I've read in a while and I love it!!!! I picked it up at the library just by chance to try it out and it's really good. I love the style and story so far.

ayanami says

This takes pretty much every single shoujo manga trope and packs it all into one story. I was wondering at first if it was just a parody meant to comment on the mahou shoujo genre but nope, everything is played straight and that is where it fails. Kasumi doesn't stand out at all in the multitudes of shoujo manga protagonists and the supporting characters are all one dimensional stereotypes. The humour is completely stale, being rehashes of the kind of obvious and familiar jokes found in other works of this genre. The story moves fairly quickly without any real emotion or depth, and ends with a cliffhanger at the end of this volume, but there's nothing there to hook you in for the next. My advice? Skip this and go read Cardcaptor Sakura, Volume 1 or Gakuen Alice, Vol. 01.

Rachel says

An alright series, though, seemingly filled with cliches. Enough like-ability that I would be alright with reading the next one.

Riv says

Not a unique plot line, are particularly good writing. It was long, which is nice when reading manga, since they usually only take 20 minutes to read.

The drawing style wasn't anything fancy or complicated, but pretty simple and pleasing to look at. The characters were drawn very "cute."

It's good "brain-candy" if you're looking for a manga that won't make you emotionally invested or drag you into a whole long saga.

Bethany says

The manga is great, but unfortunately the story stops after the second book and due to issues with the publisher will most likely never be finished.

Stacey says

As always, I want to read the second book before I decide on this series, but it is promisingly ridiculous while seeming to be serious. Ha!

Ember says

Meh. It started out great, but by the end, I didn't really like it as much.

Corwin.haley says

This was so cool! I never would have thought that her power would be to hold her breath and then turn invisible, and Ironface has powers too! That was a shock. I love the style of the drawings and can't wait to read the second one.

emilie.♥ says

Edit: 7/4/2016

I wish I could rate this 3.5. *Kasumi* was the first manga I ever bought and yeah..it's a bit nostalgic.

I really liked the concept for the story at the time of buying it, even if it is overdone. To my 15 year old self who had never actually read manga (I only drew it) or seen anime before, the story felt so new and different and "cool" to me. Kasumi, Yuuta and Maiko are pretty likable. I also thought Kasumi and Yuuta looked awfully cute together, heh heh.

Sure, the art doesn't look so great compared to, say, Junji Ito, Naoko Takeuchi, or CLAMP. The illustrations are simply average at best, but it was Surt and Sugimoto's first shojo manga after all.

I would also like to know how Kasumi climbs up a huge tree, follows the light only to nearly fall to her death, sleeps the whole day, goes to school almost as soon as she wakes up, then proceeds to meet "The Populists" and her immediate thought is if one of them was in **last night's** drama. Did no one else notice this or am I the only one?

Shame Del Rey Manga is defunct. Or did the mangaka cancel the series altogether? I'll never know how the story unfolds, but I'm thankful *Kasumi* got me more curious about manga and anime as a medium. I've discovered many incredible movies and shows that way. :)

Miss Ryoko says

These seems like it has the potential to be a fun series. I enjoyed the first volume. Kasumi is a fun character - I really enjoyed how she was fighting back against the bullies.

There is only one more volume, so I'll have to see how it all ends.

Nick says

Overall Rating: A

Summary: In this fantasy sh?jo manga written by Surt Lim with art by Hirofumi Sugimoto we're introduced to Kasumi, a normal high-school girl. Well, almost normal anyway. Kasumi and her father move away from the city when he gets a new job, and Kasumi gets enrolled in an elite private school. Fairly typical manga plot so far, but Kasumi isn't a normal girl. On the way to their new home, Kasumi and her father stop in some woods so her father can look at some plants (I think I remember correctly that her father is a Botanist), and Kasumi falls out of a tree she has been climbing. The tree is high enough that the fall should kill her, but she is saved by mysterious lights.

*After recovering, she discovers she can turn invisible, but only for as long as she can hold her breath. This power comes in handy when she inadvertently pisses off the fan club of the class president Ryuuki (this is very similar to the fan club in *Fruits Basket* for Yuki). Led by the Vice President, Reina, the club makes Kasumi's life hell, and tries to get her to leave the school. Fortunately, Kasumi makes friends with Yuuta, whose nickname is Otaku-Ken because he is such a nerd and tries to help her. Kasumi also meets Maiko, a fellow student who seems to have a connection to the mysterious lights, and what is the enigmatic Ryuuki up to?*

I actually enjoyed this one a lot, even though some of the plot was *very* familiar. The plot and characters were different enough from *Fruits Basket* that I really enjoyed it, and the art is very cute (though the lack of noses on some characters distracted me occasionally). Overall though it's a good start to a sh?jo series, and I will definitely be checking out the next volume.

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Cassie says

To be honest I'm a little disappointed in this manga. Don't get me wrong, I enjoyed it. But after further research I hate to think that I read the first book and only the second in this series has come out in the past few years. The series is at a dead point and not going anywhere. Which kinda sucks. Makes me think I was fooled by a pretty cover. Lol

Jennifer says

Thanks to all the setup, this was a little slow, but it's a promising start to a new series. Now that we've been introduced to all the main characters, I'm looking forward to seeing how they'll interact. There were also several hints at some of the more mysterious parts of the world building that apparently will play out in the next volume as well (There are other people with powers! Someone with feathers gets involved!). I'd say this was fine for younger than high school if it weren't for the see-through bathing suit prank that gets pulled on our heroine. I think the fantasy elements will appeal to fans of *Fushigi Yugi* and *Ceres, Celestial Maiden*, while the high school and romance angles will appeal to fans of *Peach Girl and Boys Over Flowers*.

Alyssa says

He's amazingly good looking but secretive and shes loud and weird but super sweet <3 love it
