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The Kobayashi twins, Megumu and Mitsuru, were named after historical figures, but only Megumu has grown up with a taste for history. So when Mitsuru is in danger of losing his weekends to extra history classes, he convinced his sister to swap clothes with him and ace his tests! After all, how hard can it be for them to play each other?

But Megumu can't rely on just her book smarts in Mitsuru's all-boys, delinquents' paradise of a high school. And Mitsuru finds life as a high school girl to be much more complicated than he expected!

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# From Reader Review So Cute It Hurts!~, Vol. 1 for online ebook

## naya says

I find it adorable! The plot is a little awkward imo at the first few pages of this volume but I really love how it turned out at the end!

Definitely would recommend this manga to people who love rom com animes and fluffy romances

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## Brittany says

Megumu Kobayashi is a huge history buff who has a thing for males with eye patches.

Mitsuru Kobayashi is a ladies man who is a top fighter at the school he attends.

When Mitsuru is about to flunk history he comes up with a plan to switch places with his twin so that his Sundays won't be filled with extra lessons. This is the story of their love stories.

Definitely a cute story. When the twins are cross-dressed it is mentioned enough so that the reader doesn't have too hard of a time figuring out which twin is which. I will say that I think Megumu playing her brother is a little lack luster, I do know she was forced into it, but she didn't even try to change her girlish tendencies when she was dressed as a male. Mitsuru definitely takes up dressing as his sister like a pro and has a personality that will make him shine no matter what his disguise is.

Definitely a quick fun read that is So Cute It Hurts! :)

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## Kristin El says

Could not follow the plot.

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## Evelyn says

Twins (identical girl and boy) cross-dress as each other and switch places at school. Magically, they meet someone with whom they fall in love. The girl falls for the eyepatch clad bad boy while the boy falls for the deaf damsel in distress.

The love strings (not exactly triangles yet) extend and connect characters to characters. Partially adorable, partially awkward. 100% delightful.

This series has 15 volumes.

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## Jason says

Lighthearted and fun. Works the cross-dressing angle well.

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### **Guylaine Boisvert says**

Cross-dressing twins. What else is there to say? This series, while built on a standard plot found in mangas, manages to avoid cliches and keep the reader interested. There is a good dose of humour vs drama and, as you read the volume, each character gains in uniqueness.

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### **Stacie says**

This was okay. The basic story was kinda cute but over all the characters and comedy weren't anything special. I'll most likely pass on continuing the series for more exciting titles.

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### **Beckiezra says**

Cute enough story and art, I'm interested in where things go, but find it more painful from second-hand embarrassment than from cuteness. I imagine that feeling will only get worse as the cross-dressing continues (or ends depending on the situations that leads to) and the relationships get stronger. I'm sure they'll drag out the secret longer than necessary just to make things more awkward...

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### **Soobie's scared says**

I really like G? Ikeyamada as manga artist. She's able to create believable characters and strong female protagonists and she usually adds a touch of fun which is perfect. I've read all of her works translated into English, or German, or Italian.

This manga deals with cross-dressing, which I'm usually not a fan of, deaf girls (probably the first manga I've ever read with a deaf girl as a protagonist), a guys with an eye-patch, which I don't find particularly alluring. So the start of this series wasn't that interesting for me.

Still the two main characters are interesting and I'm pretty curious about the deaf girl portrayed as a love interest of the male twin. The guy with the eye-patch is the love interest of the female twin but we still don't know why it has the eye-patch.

I'll read the second volume as well and then I'll make up my mind about the series. But I guess I'll keep on reading because of G? Ikeyamada.

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### **Jennifer says**

Cute and funny situational comedy. Megu and Mitsu have nice strong personalities. Looks like a funny

series.

3 1/2 stars

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## **Cecilia S says**

### **THIS BOOK**

Cross-dressing in manga tends to be a really fun and comical concept, so I picked up this book solely for this reason. As a first book, it was really fun! The male twin Mitsuru is a lot more fun than the female twin Megumu as he's a flawed character who's not great at school but knows how to bend the rules to accomplish what needs to be done. Megumu is pretty typical, she's naive and innocent and isn't the most developed character, which is a bummer because she ends up as the series' focus. The two opposing settings (a nice girls school vs. a tough, yakuza-type boys school) make the swap really stand out. I'd read this first book again!

### **REVIEW OF THE SERIES**

While the first book is full of comical situations and hijinks, the series gets bogged down by really slow relationship progressing and soap-opera plot twists (there's entirely too many characters that are revealed to be related). Almost every twist is unrealistic. Additionally, the series only tends to focus on the female characters- Megumu becomes the sole main character and Mitsuru's two love interests get more page time than he does. It's up to you but I would recommend only reading the first volume.

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## **Holly says**

Despite being twins, Megumu and Mitsuru Kobayashi have strikingly different personalities. Megumu has a taste for history and video games, and she's quite shy, to the point of awkwardness around boys. Mitsuru, on the other hand, is very out-going, and he is not shy around girls. At all! When Mitsuru finds himself falling behind in his history class, he turns to his sister for help... by stealing her school uniform and making her switch places with him for a week! Mitsuru just knows that Megumu can pass all of his make-up tests for him, and he's pretty confident that he'll do just fine pretending to be a girl. But it's not as easy as he thought it would be; Mitsuru finds himself standing up to one of the school's mean girls and making a new friend (and perhaps falling in love!), while Megumu discovers that not all boys are scary... especially one boy in particular!

Volume One of "So Cute It Hurts!!" by Go Ikeyamada is, quite literally, super cute. With a playful storyline, awesome artwork, and fun characters that readers will want to get to know better, the first volume in this new manga series will no doubt delight a wide variety of readers.

(Review originally written for San Francisco Book Review.)

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## **Kim says**

I liked this so much more than I thought I would. Light hearted and fun, especially since cross-dressing twins is sort of a trope.

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## **Selena says**

I'm not sure how to feel about this one.

I find the brother, Mitsuru, to be highly entertaining, and I love that he's so dang comfortable in a skirt. Megumu, though, I'm not so sure about. Admittedly, I'm fond of the more outspoken shoujo manga heroines, so Mitsuru in drag is the kind of shoujo girl I can get behind. That doesn't mean I dislike the quieter types, but Megumu's crying at everything was getting a bit much there.

"So Cute It Hurts" definitely falls under one of the stranger shoujo manga I've read lately, and it's definitely one of the sillier I've read too. I'm not sure whether I like it yet or not, but it's good enough that I'll give volume two a chance.

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## **Lara says**

Somebody turned in a bunch of these at work today and Chanel asked if I'd read this series. I looked at the title and said, "No, but it sounds like something I would read!" I was then given the assignment to read the first volume and tell Chanel if it's good. Challenge accepted! I was needing something dumb to read anyway, booyah!

Sooooooooo, this goes about like you'd expect a manga about boy and girl twins who have never been in love switching places at school for a week to go. They both fall in love on the first day! Comic mayhem ensues! Blushing and tears and that gesture where someone sticks out their tongue and pulls the bottom of their eye down with one finger...you know that gesture? That happens a lot. It's so cute it hurts! Ha! Hahahaha!

Um. Anyway, Chanel, I am totally putting volumes 2-5 on hold right now.

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