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Sakuragi. Au collège, Hanamichi Sakuragi s'est fait jeter par 50 filles. Il est ensuite entré au lycée, mais il est resté sous le choc du refus de la 50ème fille qui lui a répondu : « Je suis amoureuse d'Oda du club de basket. » C'est alors qu'est apparue l'âme salvatrice : Haruko Akagi. Il a suffit que, dans le couloir de l'école, elle lui demande : « Tu aimes le basket ? » pour que son cœur s'enflamme. Les choses ne sont malheureusement pas si simples puisqu'elle est amoureuse d'un garçon qui ne le sait pas: Kaede Rukawa. Ce garçon, véritable as du basket-ball du collège, va devenir le grand rival de Sakuragi.

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Koichi Mashita says

Are you interested in sport manga in Japan? I really recommend you this manga “Slam Dunk”. I think that it is one of the most popular and famous manga in Japan. The main character is Hanamichi Sakuragi. He was an amateur of basketball. One day, he met a girl and she asked him. “Do you like basketball?” He became to love her, so he wanted to join basketball club. As I said he was not good at playing basketball, but he had a high quality of exercise capacity. Through manga, he gradually grew and learned many things, the importance of friendship, victory, and so on.

Zafie says

This..I have to say is an ***ABSOLUTE PURE CLASSIC*** for Manga/Comic.

Even if you're not a fan of basketball or any sort of sports, this is not to be missed.

It begins with a red-haired super tall freshman delinquent, Sakuragi Hanamichi who happens to been rejected by 50 girls. Seriously 50?? That's a record! LOL

Anyway, he was madly head over heels when he met Akagi Haruko. Haruko was so taken by Sakuragi's physique and thought that he could be the saviour for the School's Basketball team (her older brother, is the captain).

Thinking that she's the one, Sakuragi agrees to join the basketball team in order to win her heart.

But there's a problem.....

Sakuragi knows nothing about basketball!! He only knows how to fight!

But his determination to learn (boy he is a super fast learner..but hey, this is a manga. Anything is possible) took everyone by surprise. It's all thanks a freshman Ace, Rukawa Kaede.

You see Sakuragi hates Rukawa all because his angel, Haruko is madly in love with him...(note that Rukawa doesn't even care about others but basketball). This also lead to constant bickering between the two sportmen and it never gets old! Surprise cos I'd usually would get sick after a while.

Along the whole series (I think it was 31 vols all together and I owned the whole series along with 4 side complementing manga based on a short movie anime of it - (I owned the Malay edition version btw).

In this manga, we get to learn the ups and downs to be the best of the best in sports (basketball in this case) as well as some painful life journey by a certain former Ace and how he bounce back. Growth by the rest of the characters and of course, crazy humour/antiques thanks to the red-haired Sakuragi himself!

Although physical characteristic of the characters are so over the top...A red-haired Japanese? (OK maybe he dyed his). But a basketball captain who looks like an African descend (even his skin tone gives that off)

while his sister is adorably passable Japanese? (He could be adopted..no?)

OK who cares?... This is a top notch! I've never enjoyed this series as much as other mangas I've came across. It always brings laughter to me whenever I'm down. Not to mention, this is *shonen* genre which is targeted to boys and I'm a girl! OK, maybe *One Piece* came a close second.

So go, **READ IT!**

Eva Najeh says

That was hilarious , I laughed out loud ..

it was long time since I laugh at something like that ,
Oooh this a New Love <3

Jokoloyo says

The rating is for the first volume. The review is for the whole series.

This manga is (arguably) the most popular basketball sport manga. Even after more than a decade, I haven't found a better sport manga for the art or for keeping thrilling matches (especially THE final match of the manga).

I don't know what manga that started it, but it is popular to start a sport manga by telling juvenile delinquent theme for multi volumes before switching into sport theme. *Slam Dunk* used this approach too. I personally don't like this approach, that's why I gave 3 star for first volume. And there is the mandatory silly jokes by silly characters at the beginning.

After endure the delinquent theme, the sport theme of this manga is still one of the best! Even with the formulaic matches (I believe many of the sport manga fans can predict which games the protagonist team will lost), the thrilling is still working for me.

(view spoiler).

But if I see the sport plot, I saw flaws. For examples: There is an opponent that introduced but then unused for the main story; in another extreme, there was not enough background for some tough opponents.

In conclusion, I recommend this sport manga. This is one of the classic in sport manga.

Jedi JC Daquis says

Slamdunk is a golden example on how you introduce an excellent manga series. While balancing humor, story and basketball, Takehiko Inoue I believe perfectly executed two things that make his sports manga series stand out: first is characterization and the other, panel study.

Inoue nailed it in introducing (most of) the main characters as colorful as possible in the most efficient way, giving them personalities that are highly likeable despite their quirks and imperfections. Central to that of course is our red-headed protagonist Sakuragi, who is way more annoying, dedicated and hilarious than the one we have seen in the anime! Inoue made sure that Sakuragi and basketball will always be the central point in the series.

The panels are carefully constructed. They are funny when things are supposed to be goofy and awe-inspiringly serious when the plot needs to.

Goldilocks Reads (Jenna Value) says

I was at the library with my niece for Baby Story Time for the first time in a year and it looked nice. They had book covers painted on ceiling tiles and widened their young adult/ manga section. They were twenty books in the Slam Dunk series and I chose to pick up the first five. I had never read a manga written by a man before and I know virtually nothing about basketball. I had zero expectations and it was a fun ride. The first 50 pages were done with red and black inking because the main character was a ginger. He was over 6 feet tall and had broad shoulders: babe status. It was funny and I can't wait to see what else this series has to offer. It's a nice change of pace from all the frilly mangas I've read in the past with minimal drama this time. I'm looking at you, Peach Girl! I may watch the anime in tandem but who knows if I have time for that. I'm taking my layup shot with this first installment and I'm ready for a slam dunk!

Maria says

Hilarious! I'm such a sucker for sports anime/manga. Sakuragi and his gang reminded me of Josuke and Okuyasu from Jojo part 4 and those iconic meme worthy facial expressions - of One Piece. Definitely going to continue with this series.

Yani Daniele says

En realidad es una re lectura, andaba con ganas de reírme un rato y al mismo tiempo leer algo livianito.. y nada mejor para reirse que las aventuras del pelirrojo Hanamichi Sakuragi.

Un manga divertido, lleno de graciosas escenas, ideal para los amantes del basket. Sakuragi es un chico que comienza la preparatoria Alta y que ha tenido muchos fracasos amorosos, la cosa parece cambiar cuando conoce a Haruko Akagi pero... al parecer al pobre nunca se le da...

En este primer tomo conoceremos a Hanamichi y sus amigos, Haruko y los miembros del equipo de básquet (al menos a la mayoría) y nuestro pelirrojo amigo deberá aprender lo básico antes de hacer un Slam Dunk

Roy says

Not a massive fan of sport manga I've realised. Also the main character just annoyed me a little too much.

Karina says

Rasanya saya lagi mood untuk membaca komik nih, jadi saya bernostalgia ke dunia basket SMU Shohoku bersama dengan Sakuragi dkk. Saya masih ketawa terbahak-bahak membacanya!

Voldemort says

I don't usually enjoy mangas with stupid people (excluding Naruto here) and I did get pissed often of Sakuragi's way of thinking or not thinking at all (should have counted how many times Tensai was used) and yes the quotes are never that striking or meaningful but... compare this manga with your favorite food. Mine's spaghetti. For me, it doesn't matter if they're too salty, or overcooked, or too spicy or too saucy, or if they're incredibly delicious but I'm so stuffed I feel like puking, because if there's still another spoonful in that plate I'll definitely eat it even if it's the last thing I do.

Reading a chapter of Slam Dunk wasn't enough because you had to read another page, another page and another one until you find out it is four am and you have an exam tomorrow and you're like Fuck it, this here is way better than *Staphylococcus aureus*.

It's a manga about basketball yes. But it also teaches the pleasure of loving a sport, a good book, a trusty friend, an ideal. I want to live in Hanamichi Sakuragi's world not because of the stupidity or Rukawa's hair but because I like to give my all to something I love and believe in. Nice work, Takehiko-sensei!

Julie (Manga Maniac Cafe) says

4.25 stars

Review to follow

Dani (??) says

This was hilarious...I was laughing so much. Also, Rukawa is hot af!! ❤

Nicolo Yu says

Growing up, Takehiko Inoue's Slam Dunk was an anime that has truly captured my imagination. Primarily

because it features a basketball playing protagonist and the sport is entwined into the socio-cultural fabric of Philippine society. I frequently saw myself as Hanamichi Sakuragi, especially the way he bumbled around learning to play the sport.

The source material, the manga has the more complete story as the animated series covered only around two-thirds of it. We may never know the reason why such creative decision was made. This only made the 31-volume series required reading for the Slam Dunk fan.

I recently started on rereading the entire series again and this time, I'll be documenting my progress here on Goodreads.

The first volume is as funny as I remembered it. It has always been a gut-busting laugh every time I read it.

Guguk says

I remember when at college, I had an exam where we could use as many textbooks as we could carry, and my friends shocked with my bulging bag, tried to find out what kind of books I brought.

And it turned out to be these Slam Dunk mangas which I borrowed from book-rental (? ?|||)

What can I say~ I need refreshment while doing an exam!

And, yeah...my exam got a C ""(_ _)
