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The Rough Guide to Manga provides an in-depth exploration into what has become one of the most fashionable genres in modern popular culture. For the comic book novice and the hardcore *otaku* (manga super-fan) alike, *The Rough Guide to Manga* is the complete guide to the world of Japanese comics.

Discover the must-read stories, the creators, the animated adaptations (anime) and how manga has evolved from its twelfth-century roots.

Decode manga with an explanation of its unique styles, genres and techniques.

Get started with the canon of **the 50 best manga** including the iconic *Astro Boy*, global hits such as *Battle Royale* and *Fruits Basket* and lesser known and more obscure works such as *Please Save My Earth*.

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6. Genshiken – Kio Shimoda
7. Azumanga Daioh – Kiyohiko Azuma
8. The Drifting Classroom – Kazuo Umezu
9. Paradise Kiss – Ai Yazawa
10. Fruits Basket – Natsuki Takaya

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Manga exploded into popularity in recent years and creations such as the internationally-acclaimed *Dragon Ball* have ensured its worldwide success. With fascinating plots from romance and comedy to action, sci-fi and horror, manga is much more than a battle of heroes and villains, appealing to all genders and generations.

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