

STAFF PICK

ATTACK ON TITAN

MANGA BY HAJIME ISAYAMA

My first impression of *Attack on Titan* by Hajime Isayama was: "It is very grotesque!"

My daughter recommended this series many times, and I often heard good reviews about it. But when I started reading it, I couldn't follow the story and stopped reading after volume 10. Then one day I saw a TV show that featured *Attack on Titan* and they said that some people, like me, couldn't follow the story. But many fans also recommended to "keep reading and the story will become more interesting." So I started watching the animated version for a while. I found the plot very interesting in the middle of Season Two, which encouraged me to try the manga again.

The plot takes place in a world where humans have lived inside three walls for over 100 years, hiding from Titans who attack and

eat humans. One day, a new Colossal Titan invades the walls. The main character, Erin, witnesses a Titan eating his mother and decides to enlist in the military to destroy all Titans. While reading, you'll keep wondering: "What is the truth? Does humanity have a future?" Not only is the story intriguing, but there are some bonus features in the book as well. With the original Japanese edition (also available at JFT Library) if you take off the book jacket and turn it upside down, you can see a hidden message (if you can read Katakana). There are also references to Norse mythology and historical facts in the story and it's fun finding such things while reading.

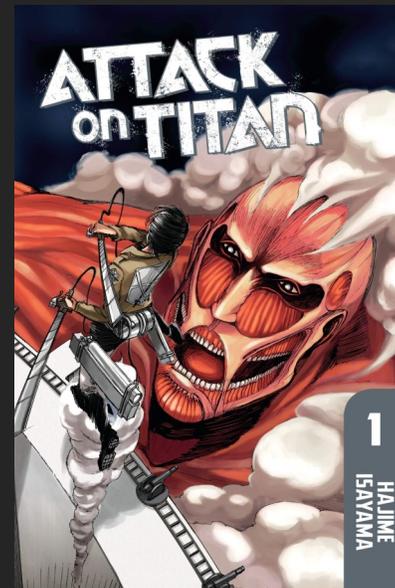
According to Isayama, *Attack on Titan* will end April 2021. I look forward to seeing how it will end.

— Hiroko, Library Staff
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ABOUT AUTHOR

Hajime Isayama (諫山 創) first published *Attack on Titan* in *Bessatsu Shōnen Magazine* in 2009. It became a sleeper hit and won the Kodansha Manga Award in shōnen category in 2011. This is his first manga.

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