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Slam Dunk, Vol. 17



Synopsis

Get ready for the greatest sports manga of all time! Reads R to L (Japanese Style), for audiences T As the boys from Shohoku watch from the sidelines, the much-anticipated game between Ryonan High and Kainan High continues to heat up. Kainan superstar Maki's stellar play helps swing the momentum back in his team's direction, aided in no small part by a key player from Ryonan getting into foul trouble. However, Captain Akagi and company leave the game early when they receive an alarming bit of news: Coach Anzai has collapsed and is now in the hospital!

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Customer Reviews

Takehiko Inoue is the creator of one of the most popular manga of all time, Slam Dunk, which has sold over 100 million copies worldwide. He followed that series up with two titles lauded by critics and fans alike--Vagabond, a fictional account of the life of Miyamoto Musashi, and Real, a manga about wheelchair basketball. Inoue is the recipient of numerous awards, including the prestigious Tezuka Osamu Cultural Prize and the Media Arts Festival Award. In addition to his work on manga, Inoue has worked on television commercials, character designs for video games, and is the founder of a scholarship to foster Japanese basketball talent.

If you love basketball, you will love "Slam Dunk"! With volume 17 of the popular basketball manga series, this latest volume is broken up into two arcs. The continuing matchup between Kainan High School vs. Ryonan High School and the second arc featuring Shohoku High School vs. Ryonan

High School. From volume 16, we learned how Sakuragi had undergone intense training to become a better shooter, but will he be prepared in the next matchup? Or will his cockiness get the best of him? For the most part, if you are into basketball, "Slam Dunk" volume 17 will definitely interest you as Takehiko Inoue manages to capture the excitement of the game, especially between the superstars of Kainan vs. Ryonan high and their matchup. With Shohoku having to take on Ryonan, it's the first half and will be continued in volume 18. With that being said, reading this volume will go quickly because the illustration do take up a big part of the pages versus dialogue but if you appreciate basketball and Takehiko Inoue's work, you know that this style works and the efficacy of competition of competitive high school basketball is captured amazingly well. We do get a few pages of learning about Sakuragi and his father and how it relates to his coach collapsing while he is practicing. So, it's one of the few flashbacks of Sakuragi's troubled life that we get to see in this latest volume. As for the manga series, Takehiko Inoue's illustrations have always been a highlight for me and I was always amazed of how he captured movements, the offensive and defensive stances to how the players penetrate the perimeter and score. He also doesn't step back when it comes to capturing the players during competition. He fully includes detail of profuse sweating and the fatigue a player goes through from start to finish. Overall, "Slam Dunk" is an enjoyable manga series and if you are a basketball fan, "Slam Dunk" is definitely recommended!

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