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Lum: Urusei Yatsura- Perfect Collection





Synopsis

Rumiko Takahashi's first serialized manga series, Urusei Yatsura, was originally published in Weekly Shonen Sunday in 1978. This collection features the first 18 volumes of the original manga in a huge 400 page book.

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I don't think that you can stress the importance of Rumiko Takahashi's Urusei Yatsura (which translates to Those Obnoxious Aliens)manga and its anime TV and film adaptations enough when talking about the history of the medium. The number of major talents who had their careers spring boarded due to this series it astonishing really. An incredibly influential smash hit in Japan, Urusei Yatsura has mostly flown under the radar among the majority of US anime fans, and that is doubly true of the manga which was handled by Viz. The Urusei Yatsura manga was released in the very early 90's in two series, Lum and The Return of Lum, by Viz. The series didn't really take off, and Viz only translated a tiny fraction of the total Urusei Yatsura series, which originally ran in Japan for nearly a decade. Initially published in the US as comics with two chapters each, this edition collects the first 18 chapters of Urusei Yatsura, and is really a great way to jump into what is a dauntingly large universe. The story revolves around the incredibly lecherous Ataru Moroboshi, who after being selected to as the earth's champion against the invading Oni alien race, must engage the titular Lum Invader in a game of tag where Ataru has 10 days to tag Lum, during which time Ataru accidentally proposes marriage to Lum who eagerly accepts, thus creating a living hell for Ataru. That's just the first chapter and all of that sentence is basically one Japanese pun and cultural reference after Japanese pun and cultural reference. This book is dense with that sort of thing. Over the rest of this

collection, we are introduced to a growing cast of aliens, Japanese folkloric creatures, miscreant teens, and other obnoxious situations.

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