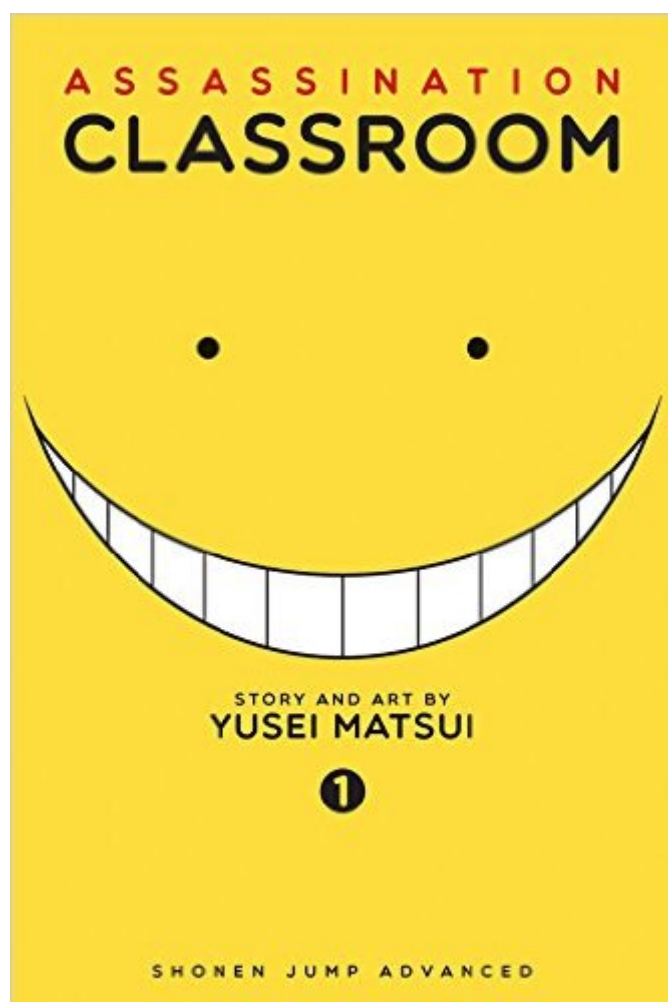


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Synopsis

The students in Class 3-E of Kunugigaoka Junior High have a new teacher: an alien octopus with bizarre powers and unlimited strength, who's just destroyed the moon and is threatening to destroy the earth unless they can kill him first! Meet the would-be assassins of class 3-E: Sugino, who let his grades slip and got kicked off the baseball team. Karma, who's doing well in his classes but keeps getting suspended for fighting. And Okuda, who lacks both academic and social skills, yet excels at one subject: chemistry. Who has the best chance of winning that reward? Will the deed be accomplished through pity, brute force or poison...? And what chance does their teacher have of repairing his students' tattered self-esteem?

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Customer Reviews

Fantastic offering from Viz on one of the newest big series coming from Shonen Jump in Japan. The classroom setting is a setting that has been done many times before in media and in manga. However, with the touch of assassinations on it as well as a nice message on quality education and helping the kids rise to their best in adverse conditions, it feels fresh and new. It is fresh and new too with its mix of characters. I enjoy how their class also doesn't have the usual suspects, like a jokster or a bully, but instead offers one of cohesiveness and camaraderie. Everyone is working together. The volume features 7 chapters. There is an extra two page omake of sorts. In between chapters there are character profile pages, and some other little drawings too. There is no color insert like what is offered with some of their other Shonen Jump Advanced manga. In terms of

names, everyone seems to be kept the same as they were in the JPN version, honorifics aren't there (so no more Karma kun), however they do call the teacher Koro sensei (which is a pun), and one that I'm glad for. Volume 2 will introduce another challenge for the translators and a western version, what will they call Irina...

A manga based around school is nothing new, but this title manages to put a whole new take on this old trope. In this title, the students are encouraged to kill the teacher! You see, the teacher is not your ordinary everyday run-of-the-mill educator; in fact, he's not even human! He's a super-powerful tentacled creature who blew up the moon and threatens to destroy the earth, unless the students of Class 3-E of Kunugigaoka Junior High can kill him within a year. The world governments have agreed to let the creature (named Kuro-Sensei by the students) teach at Class 3-E for his own reasons at the classroom. Class 3-E where the worst of the worst go when students act up or do terrible in other classes, and the entire school looks down on the class, which makes it the perfect cover so no one gets suspicious. Karasuma of the Military of Defense asks the students to help him assassinate the teacher. At first, the students were shocked at the aspect of killing their teacher, but after witnessing the creature's abilities (and being offered a 10 billion Yen reward for the elimination of the creature), they accept the challenge. Kuro-Sensei has a lot of bizarre powers, making it impossible for the students to kill. He can travel at Mach 20, regenerate his tentacles from the specialized weaponry designed to destroy him, and a friendly attitude that's dedicated to teaching and fixing students' problems, even though he says he will destroy the earth. This truly is a fun yet weird title! This is surely going to be a great title for the discriminating comic fan. It's not a typical Shonen manga, and that's why I like it! And I hope you like it too!

Great and funny series to read, with semi-suspense twist now and there. If you want to just laugh your stress away, this series is perfect for you. PS: There's a lot of wordplay in this series, I'm not sure how Viz is translating it since I buy the book for collecting purposes. I hope they don't try to localize it, and end up killing the joke.

I'll keep this short. The first volume is great. It's funny, sweet, with some great action and an interesting story to tell. The art is solid, the characters detailed, and the writing is witty and fast-paced. Seriously, read *Assassination Classroom*. It's as good as you've heard.

I bought this after having already watched the anime and I love it. The art is wonderful and the

writing is silly. This is a pretty lighthearted story addressing more serious issues. The main theme throughout the series (that I have seen so far) is that everyone has potential and you just have to believe in yourself. The premise of this story is that a mutant...thing blew up a portion of the moon, and then says he will blow up the earth...but he has a request that is beneficial to humanity. He will hold off on the destruction of the earth if he is allowed to be the teacher of a prestigious highschool's E-class, a class of the school's rejects. He will teach this class proper school studies, and grant them alone the right to kill him. If these students can kill him before the school year ends, humanity is saved. As the story progresses, students attempt to murder him, and when they fail, they tend to feel inadequate, thus, as a teacher, the enemy of earth gives them pointers and shapes them up to be confident in their ability. There is plenty of darkness in this story, but overall, it's a fun read full of likable characters. Especially the teacher, Kuro Sensei.

Kooky premise with entertaining characters and fun story lines. An ensemble of students give it all they got to kill their teacher, an octopus-looking figure with a round, color-changing head. Yeah, it's that kind of weird. The string that pulls you along is the mystery of Koro Sensei and will the students really have to kill their teacher in order to save the world?

It's refreshing. It has so much action and is super funny too. At first I thought it wasn't going to be a good series and now like *bam* (a sound) I love it. It's addicting. Once you give it a try you'll understand how juicy this manga is.

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