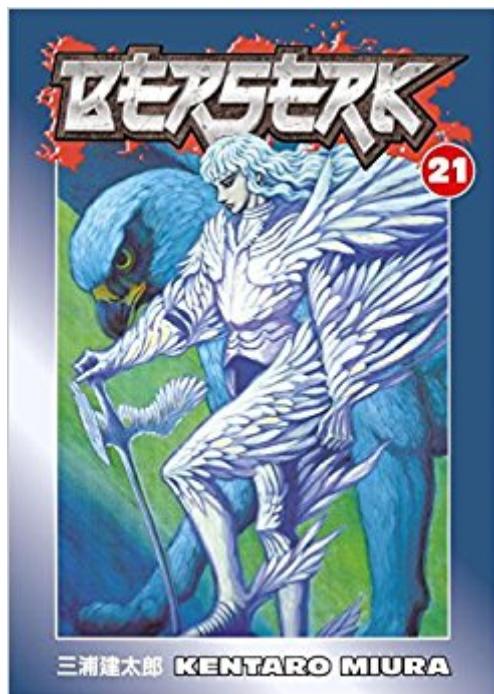


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Berserk, Vol. 21



Synopsis

Guts, the feared Black Swordsman, is on the rampage — and it's personal. Mozgus, the malefic master Inquisitor of the Holy See, in his murderous campaign against heretics, has captured Guts' former lover Casca and has her at the ready to be burned at the stake in the Tower of Conviction, little knowing that Casca's demonic Mark of Sacrifice is drawing hideous dark powers to the Tower. It'll take everything Guts has and more to defeat Mozgus — who is much, much more than a man — and even if he can, will he be able to save Casca from the hordes of Hell amidst the inquisitor's disintegrating citadel?

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Customer Reviews

This review is purely based on the volume's quality itself, as going into the story would be spoiler territory at this point in the series. Dark horse appears to have had some quality control issues around the time I purchased this, or maybe a bad production batch was pushed out to market around 2015. About 1/4 of the book has very faded ink, almost as though the rollers/distributor tool used to place ink on the page was running low or malfunctioning. The pages themselves feel good, but seeing a barely inked page inbetween ones that are as they should be takes you out of the story; essentially it ends up taking you out of the moment. Maybe recent productions have fixed this, but I've seen this same problem with volumes 27 and 28. Disheartening, but alas! Still a great volume with many important plot points. Bought to support Miura and to hopefully conclude the series one day.

not just one of the best manga ever written, but one of the best books ever written. i think berserk as a series is better than the watchmen was, and that's saying a lot. you could teach a full on college class about the allegory in this series. not a single bad volume out of 37....

Arrived in grea conidtion. I love reading this series.

Nice

The Mozgus versus Gutts battle was not as interesting as one would hope, but the resolution of the Egg of the Perfect world was satisfying. Furthermore, this volume ended with arcs that had a sincere positive ending and real character development for someone other than Gutts and Casca. The mystery of the Skull Knight and Zodd deepens, but the birth of the child and the rematerialization of what appears to be Griffith born from the fetus of Casca and Gutts child casts a long shadow. Clearly the world of Berserk has massively changed.

It's finally here! The confrontation between Guts and Mozgus has arrived and it delivers relentless action. Of course Farnese will be there watching, and once again realize that things are not what it seem. Meanwhile, some of the other people in Guts' group will have to face the remaining four apostles, and we see the rise of an unlikely hero in these events. This is a volume with a lot of action, but the story line moves forward very little. This is fine though, since it makes sense that after building the story up to the boiling point, Miura had to take the time to show us how the confrontation concluded. We also get to see some characters that I am always hoping to encounter when reading this series. As you can see from the cover of the volume, Griffith will make an appearance, and hopefully this is an indication that Guts and him will clash soon. Another very good volume in this series that leaves us wanting to see where the story is going next.

I was aiming for a pun there. Kind of cheesy, I know. Well, after countless volumes of build up and hints out the wazoo, 21 is a key turning point for our heros. Casca is all set to be lit by the mob before the Blood Demons, for lack of a better term, consume them all. Guts is finally engaged with Mozgus, and... for the most part, everyone else is just a spectator as The Demon Egg begins to crack. Not much character development in this volume (which is why it's a 4 star for me, instead of 5), pretty much just action and denouement. Mozgus' Iron Feather armor is pretty interesting, but in the end he just turns out to be just another apostle-type, justifying his own arrogance as the will of

the heavens. That's not to say, though, that there aren't a few moments here and there that make the book worthwhile.... Guts' reunion hug with Casca and, later, when he puts his black cloak around her to still her shivering. The Ladies Club reunion at the end along with the Nina's constant coward conflict making a nice resolution... and poor Isidoro missed his freebie. Of course, none of that has much to do with the biggest reveal of all, what hatched from the great Demon Egg... as if you couldn't figure it out volumes ago. All in all, a solid volume, but a bit lacking in the plotting department. Still, the art and action were pretty darn good, just not the greatest Miura has ever done. Next up: the Aftermath as Guts continues his journey with Casca (and a few others) in tow... back to the adventure drama I love so.

My Fav. Manga of All time.. that's All i need to say.. Thank you Kentaro miura for making this epic manga.. I bought all the volumes from 1 to 36 and can't wait for volume 37 to come out..

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