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Psycho Pass: Inspector Shinya Kogami Volume 1



Synopsis

In this prequel to the hit science fiction crime drama anime series, Psycho-Pass: Inspector Shinya Kogami reveals how the legendary Enforcer was once an ace detective! Working within the city-regulating Sybil System, Inspectors must fight crime in a future where a single number measures your criminal tendencies and determines if you are useful to society! An artificial organ with a numbered brand is the key piece of evidence that leads Section 3 to a network of organ smuggling! They must set up a complicated trap in order to catch the culprit! However the real perpetrator may not be who they think it is...Reviews for the Psycho-Pass anime series:"On the whole, Psycho-Pass is a grim, interesting show that poses some philosophical questions about what makes a criminal. We are all capable of doing bad things at times-should we be punished because we thought of hurting someone before we act on it? Or because we were victims?"-Anime News Network"Makes good use of the dystopian future genre, good foils and parallels throughout. Some neat visuals..."-Anime News Network"Psycho-Pass is a compelling cyberpunk mystery..."-Kotaku"All these crimes-and the series itself-are tied together by a puppet master antagonist working behind the scenes. Much like the Moriarty character from BBC's Sherlock, the main villain of Psycho Pass is a "consulting criminal." While he rarely dirties his hands himself, he is the man working in the shadows to supply the murderers with the resources they need to get away with their crimes. In this way he is shown to be brilliant, competent, and more than a little terrifying-despite the ultimate failures of each of his murderous clients."-Kotaku"You will emotionally invest in these characters. You will be made to feel and have empathy towards them. The main characters are some of the strongest I have experienced in a while and the side characters also impacted me greatly. Agent Kogami is an interesting character who has both physical and mental strength that makes him really likeable (and loveable in my opinion)."-IGN"Psycho Pass is the best crime-thriller-science fiction anime I have watched and will definitely be recommending to others as well as watching again in the future."-IGN

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Customer Reviews

Thank you

I have not seen the Psycho Pass anime yet, so my review of this prequel book would be wholly pertaining to this manga only. What I gathered from the short intro to the dystopian world is that there are methods to gauge criminal activity and that determines a person's worth in society. The officers of the Public Safety Bureau are like the police, in that they investigate and apprehend latent criminals - but there is a hierarchy within them - Inspectors, who are like the bosses and Enforcers, previous criminals, who are now serving as muscle. The world is such that even exposure to a latent criminal can cause spike in mental activity, thereby making the former as pariahs to society. People balance their mental state with drugs and try to live 'the good life'. Now, as for the main plot, it revolves around a mysterious emergence of organ theft from a hospital. Kogami and his colleagues investigate the appearance of a natural organ (there are synthetic ones in this world too) with a number stamped on it. Following the clues and the path of registered surgeries, they dig to find out who has been stealing organs and where are these numbered organs coming from. The story is fast-paced and exciting, and though only a small part of the mystery is revealed, I found it to be an interesting one. I am, obviously, excited about future volumes, and now I am contemplating getting to the sequel anime pretty soon.

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