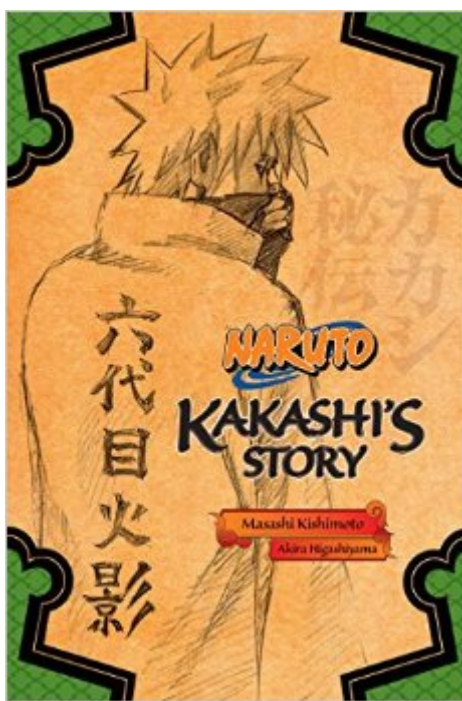


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Naruto: Kakashi's Story



Synopsis

A new series of prose novels, straight from the worldwide Naruto franchise. Naruto's allies and enemies take center stage in these fast-paced adventures, which each volume focusing on a particular clanmate, ally, team...or villain. A year has passed since the Fourth Great Ninja War, and Kakashi's appointment as Hokage looms. But first he heads to the Land of Waves for a dangerous mission rescuing hostages from a top-secret airship. There he confronts a ninja whose heart is frozen by tragedy. Having lost both his friend's eye and his greatest abilities, can Kakashi protect anyone from his coldhearted foe? What is the true meaning of the Will of Fire gained in the distant heavens? Kakashi finds these answers and more as he enters a new ninja era.

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Customer Reviews

Let me start off by saying that I have been a fan of Naruto for the past eleven years; from the time I first witnessed it in the English Dub, to long after the end of the Fourth Great Ninja War. Having seen all of the latest films and kept up with anything that related to the story, I'd say I have a pretty firm understanding of the Naruto universe. With that being said, it should come as no surprise to the reader that I was waiting ever so patiently for this translation to be made available, so that I could learn more about Kakashi and what led to his decision to become the Hokage. I do not wish to give too much away for anyone that has yet to read the story, but I will say that anyone that's read the manga will enjoy this book. The action and sequencing is fast-paced, and the dialogue is exactly

what you'd expect from a Naruto book: at times, witty and comedic, but then melancholy and a touch melodramatic, but in a very good way. The author does a phenomenal job of making the reader feel like they're actually there with Kakashi, spreading chakra throughout his or her body, narrowly avoiding danger right alongside the Sixth Hokage. If only for the story, this book is a perfect ten out of ten if you are a Naruto fan. I did, however, have one major concern with this book, and that was the translator's knowledge of the Naruto universe. Jocelyne Allen did a pretty good job of translating the book as a whole, but if a person has a full understanding of a language, translating a text to their native tongue should be a pretty straightforward task, so it's hard to get something wrong there. However, as a longtime fan of Naruto, I noticed a few things that were off, and because I am such a devoted fan, I was bothered every time I noticed them. Some Jutsu names were off, primarily Shikamaru's Shadow Strangle Jutsu (in the novel, "Suffocating Darkness"), and Choji's Human Boulder ("Human Juggernaut", seriously?). Ten-Ten was also, in the one line where she is referred to using a gender-specific pronoun, wrongfully identified as a "he." I myself had a profound issue with the translator constantly putting a character's last name before their first name, and while I understand that in Japanese the last name goes first, if a book is being written or translated into English, I would prefer it if somethings were kept right. Had the book been written out as though it were an episode from the English-Dubbed version of the show, I would have been much more pleased. There are still more errors within the text, but I do not wish to make the book seem bad. If the reader is as much a fan as I am, they might feel slightly bothered by the problems, but still, I cannot stress the importance of remembering that any errors a reader encounters should not be blamed on the book as whole, but rather the translator, who aside from the aforementioned mistakes, does a brilliant job bringing this story to life in the English language. If it weren't for the errors, this book would have a perfect five out of five from me. Overall, if the reader is a fan of the series and longs to find out what happened in the blank period between chapters 699 and 700, then they should definitely check out this book and the rest of the novels that will be released shortly in English. This is one experience no Naruto fan worth his salt should miss out on.

I didn't read the description thoroughly enough and thought this would be a Manga, only to be surprised to find it is a novel. The fact that this is a novel allows the reader to see more into the mind and point of view of Kakashi. While it does have some elements of a fan-fiction or a filler episode, I still enjoyed the story, mainly just hearing Kakashi's thoughts during a stressful mission. The villains are pretty typical, as to be expected. This is mainly a good read for the bigger fans who just enjoy the overall world of Naruto like myself.

This was a middling to poor story about post-Naruto-manga-series Kakashi. The only interesting parts were Kakashi's reflections and hesitations about whether or not he should accept the position of Hokage, and his struggle to have an identity as a ninja now that his Sharingan is gone. Everything else basically feels like mediocre fanfiction. The villains in the story are, as per usual, upset about the disparity of wealth/class/power in their native land (the Land of Mist) and are hijacking a newly constructed airship to force Konoha (whose ninjas have been hired as guards on the airship a.k.a. this is why Kakashi is there) to release their leader from prison. Once their leader is returned to them, they plan on making the world better by forcing everyone to follow their doctrine with their Kekkei Genkai ice-style abilities. But, one of the two villains on the ship (they are a brother and sister duo) is a beautiful, tragic woman who sort of has the hots for Kakashi, and he definitely has the hots for her. Her brother is more radical than she in how he escalates their plans when things go awry, etc. You can guess how things will progress. Overall, the inconsistencies from the manga like: the fanfic-y romance (c'mon, Kakashi meets beautiful women on missions without immediately falling for them - although, it did happen in that one filler anime episode - but mostly he's depicted as a solitary guy that all the women fall for. He *is* supposed to be the "Sasuke" of his time, after all.), the villains are ret-conned in as I'm pretty sure Haku was said to be the last Kekkei Genkai ice-style user alive, details about the Village Hidden in the Mist are ret-conned in from Zabuza's time, and lastly, the conclusion of the story shows Kakashi's "first" edict as Hokage, but in the manga, he was already Hokage when Sasuke is pardoned and leaves the village; however, Sasuke is nowhere to be found or mentioned in this story - so the timeline is sketchy. Also adding to the mediocrity were random grammatical errors, and erroneous translations of some of the jutsu (i.e. Shikamaru's "Shadow Strangulation" is now called "Suffocating Darkness" - apparently whoever translated this is unfamiliar with the series) making it really feel like unedited fanfiction. I had hoped these novels would have been more cohesive with the manga and anime, but I can see how creating a credible villain would be tough when the last villain was Madara/Kaguya *cough* looking at you lame Boruto villain *cough* *. Couldn't they have a different sort of crisis that doesn't involve a maniacally laughing baddy, though? Like, some sort of agricultural/geographic/water/anything crisis in their newly formed alliance with the other nations? This novel is like the filler episodes in the anime where characters are mostly depicted faithfully but a few jarring notes are present that fulfill fan desires (like Kakashi falling for beautiful women instantly, or the anime episode where Hinata develops her own version of "Kaiten" which is never spoken of again because it doesn't jive with the manga). Oh well, I'll give the next novel a try when it

comes out...

While I found the story fairly predictable, I enjoyed it as well as I'd enjoy a well written Naruto fanfiction. That said, if I'm going to pay \$5 for a book, I'd rather it feel like I'm reading something that went through at least 2 rough drafts and a professional editor. This read more like something that was pulled off fanfic.ja and localized by someone from a fan-translating group from the early 2000s. If it had been something I read on fanfic.net I'd have told them their story structure and characters were good and it wasn't badly written for someone writing outside their native language. Since I paid for it... well, I'm not gonna demand a refund but I'm not buying any of the other books either.

I got the book yesterday. I've only went through the first 2 chapters so far, despite finals being this week. I honestly have not read a book for pleasure in over 5 years. This book is perfect in every aspect though. If you wonder how Kakashi felt after losing his sharingan, then this is the book for you. I am to this book as Kakashi is to the Make Out series.

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