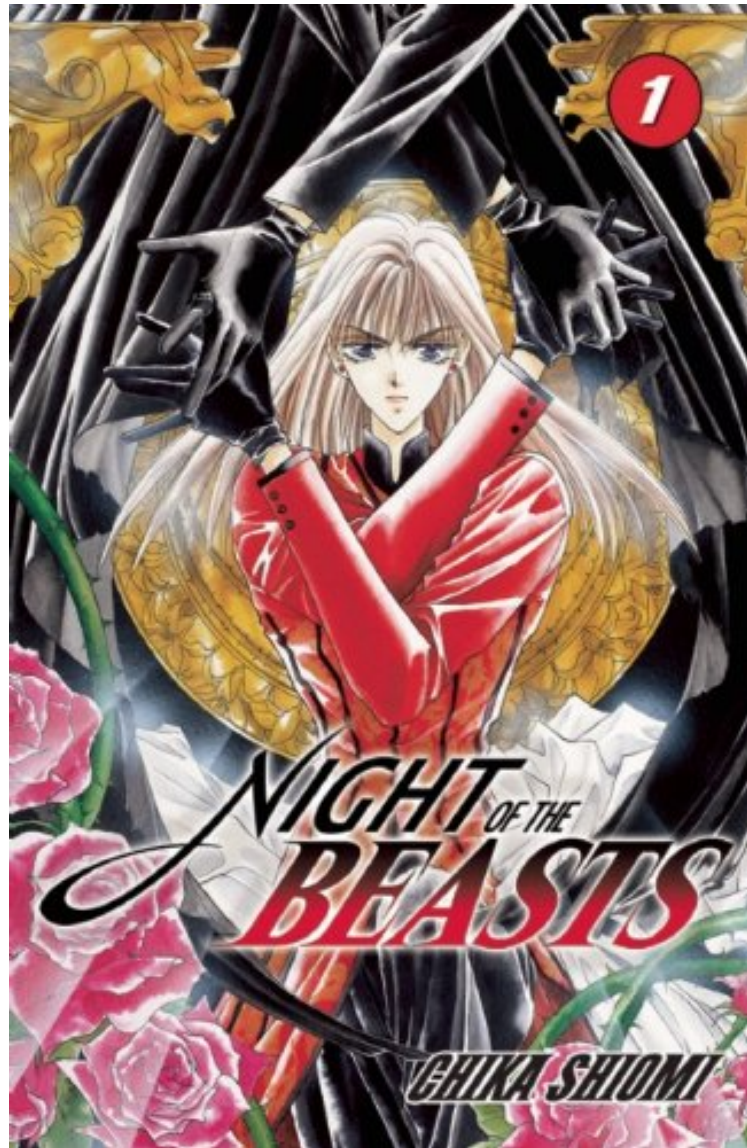


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helpful. Interesting By Customer Once my eyes began reading this book, they were held captive (or captivated, if you will) by this manga. I couldn't stop reading! Honestly! The artwork may not be up to par with some of the mainstream artists (like CLAMP or Arina Tanemura), but if you're ready for a good read then you should definitely try this manga out. This story is quite a bit different from her other one (Yurara) besides the fact that both the main female heroines have some sort of 'other side'. If Yurara wasn't your cup of tea, I don't suggest turning this book away immediately. You might be surprised and find another series to start collecting. Personally, I don't think this book is given enough credit where it's obviously due.

High school tough girl Aria is notorious for taking on her school's worst bullies. But punching out jerks is nothing compared to what happens when she finds herself inexplicably drawn to the demonically possessed Sakura, a guy who would as readily rip apart his own parents as seek her healing embrace. Sakura says Aria has the power to save him, but will she be able – or even willing to?

From Publishers Weekly Aria has the reputation of being the toughest girl in high school, beating up guys who harass helpless girls, but when she meets Sakura, Aria starts discovering her softer side. Sakura is possessed by a 600-year-old demon who comes out when tempted by the sight of blood or the promise of a fight. The only thing that neutralizes the demon is Aria's physical touch. Meanwhile, a mysterious band of agents are out to kill Sakura, who has been trying to use his demon powers to protect the city's inhabitants from another demon who is on a killing spree. Borrowing themes from movies like *American Werewolf in Paris*, this manga sets up a demon werewolf in Tokyo. Shiomi adds a layer of playful romance and mystery that successfully balances the dramatic story elements. Stylistically, she uses a powerful, more shonen-based art style, making this something of a hybrid crossover high school–demon romance. First published in Japan in the mid-1990s, the characters eschew the kiddie look for a more YA appearance: there are no diminutive school girls or willowy boys in this series. Despite the references made to demons and killing throughout this first volume, this manga is quite tame, visually, so far. (Oct.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.