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Youka Nitta : Starting with a Kiss, Vol. 1 before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Starting with a Kiss, Vol. 1:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Youka Nitta NEVER Disappoints...By ShinyNickI don't know why I hesitated so long to buy this one, Youka Nitta has never disappointed me so far. I think her "Embracing Love" series is the epitome of what makes a classic manga, essentially depicting my version of an ideal relationship that only grows stronger and more sincere through the good and bad experiences plus I've enjoyed all her other works ("The Prime Minister's Secret Diplomacy", "When a Man Loves a Man", "Casino Lily", etc.)but for some reason I shied away from

this one. The premise (as it's written on) seemed contrived and lacking but OMG it's NOT! "Starting with a Kiss" is edgy, a little dark and incredibly intense. The sex scenes are detailed and abundant and will leave you eager for more, and as usual per Youka Nitta, the storyline is just as fulfilling. It also doesn't hurt that her men (Yakuza! Yowee Yaoi! lol, sorry) are alluring and her artwork is clean and aesthetic pleasing too. The only downside to this volume is how short it is...the end comes too suddenly; I'd definitely suggest purchasing both volumes (ongoing series, volume 3 not yet released) to avoid waiting to find out more. Also, comes with a cutesy story at the end. I purposely didn't talk much about the story because I think others covered it well but I'll say that for a moment I was confused by the brief but sudden jump to other characters and it took me a moment to realize it was the two leads' fathers in the past. I'm probably a little slow on the uptake, lol (I really wish time changes would be noted by manga artists but I've never really seen that done)...10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Sex as a Weapon By Teh_N_Mochi Even though all the chapters in 'Starting with a Kiss' had been published digitally, I am glad that Libre (the Japanese publisher) and SuBLime Manga decided to bring the stories in printed paper copies in English as well. Now all the Youka Nitta's fans in the English speaking world can see, smell touch her beautiful work of art every day. In this book one of the series, Tohru, the beautiful heir apparent of a powerful yakuza gang, was ordered by his father to go into hiding on a desolate island to escape a possible conflict. Accompanying him would be the highly capable handsome Mutsumi, the son of the gang's second in command, who had foresworn to stay on the straight and narrow path to respectability. It wasn't long before sparks begin to fly as these two charming, gorgeous and virile young men are forced to interact with each other in close isolation. However, is it possible that such outcome has been the true intention of the higher ups? This book truly makes for such fascinating and enjoyable read. First of all, I love how SuBLime's localization and editing trumps those of the digitally published version from Animate. The conversations are much smoother easier to understand even though I feel some of the characters should benefit from rougher speech patterns given their lines of work. Secondly, the story and its underlying psychology are very interesting. All the three main characters here (except the nave Tohru) understand that even in the world of Yakuza, weapons are not confined to guns, knives, drugs extortion. Sex can be a very powerful weapon as well. Just as Shinya had used sex to elevate Itsuki's status and win over him to Shinya's own Yakuza group, he is betting on the same outcome when sending both Tohru and Mutsumi into isolation. Mutsumi understand this clearly as well as he fell for Tohru, pledges his loyalty and entreats Tohru to use his sex appeal as a weapon instead of trying to be your typical Yakuza thug. Last but not least, as expected of any work from Youka Nitta, the artwork in this book is top-notch and smutty. There are plenty of naughty scenes abound. I especially love the part where the parents walked in on the two boys doing the wild thing. It is pretty memorable. I also adore the sweet shounen-ai short story at the end of this book as well. It proves that sensei can also write sweet, innocent BL story. This book truly belongs in a cherished collection of any discerning yaoi fan girl. 9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Yummy yakuza goodness By JLaw Being a huge Nitta Youka fan and a lover of yakuza stories, I'm thrilled to see this published in english. Obligatory rage at japanese censorship aside, this manga has it all: deserted island setting, yakuza scheming, unexpected twists, cracky humor, gorgeous men young and old (whoa, what these dads got up to back in the day!), ALL THE DRAMA, and... Just. The. Hottest. Sex. Scenes. Along with the yakuza action scenes and intensity of expression and emotion, the use of flashbacks and intercut storylines makes this manga feel very cinematic. IMO it would make the perfect yakuza movie. I doubt it will hit the big screen anytime soon, however, due to all the, you know, man on man action. I mean yakuza films have a long history of homoeroticism, but it's mostly subtext, or at least subtle, and subtle this ain't. I really love the SuBLime localization. It's wonderful to have the color page included, and hurrah for the language used; somehow "hold" or "embrace," even if they are the literal translation, can seem pussyfooted and euphemistic, so I'm glad the translation is full of "f**k," it really suits the context of the characters and the forthright tone of their communication. Preordered Volume 2 the second it came up on ! I pray to the yaoi gods that all of Nitta Youka's works see english releases.

Toru, the son of a yakuza boss, is sent into exile on a deserted island for his own protection during a gang feud. Fiery and impetuous, he isn't thrilled to be sidelined when he'd rather be in the fight, and is even less thrilled that Mutsumi, son of the gang's second in command, is going with him. The serious, studious Mutsumi is Toru's opposite in every way, and it doesn't take long before the sparks between them begin to fly! Reads R to L (Japanese Style) for mature audiences.

About the Author Youka Nitta made her publishing debut with GROUPIE in 1995 and since then has become one of the most prolific and popular boys' love creators worldwide. Her most well-known series, Embracing Love, has been adapted into both a drama CD as well as an anime series. Born March 8th in Fukui Prefecture, she's a Pisces with a B blood type. Her hobbies include walking and going to the theater. To find out more about Youka Nitta, visit her English-language website at <http://nittayouka.com>.