Synopsis

WORDS OF REASSURANCE  Once upon a time, Shoya was terribly cruel to Shoko, his elementary school classmate who couldn’t hear. To make up for his past sins, Shoya has devoted himself to repaying the debt of happiness he owes. So when Shoko faces a romantic setback, Shoya assembles some familiar faces from their past for a trip to the amusement park that may just change things for Shoya, too.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

The story takes some good turns in this volume, and goes some unexpected places. One of the things I like about this volume is how it develops a couple of characters, one who’s shown up a few times and the other who has been mentioned but hasn’t appear until now. The reader finally meets Shoko’s grandmother, both in the present and in flashbacks, and she’s someone well worth meeting, a woman of strength and character. Shoko and Yuzuru’s mother hasn’t always come off as a sympathetic character, but here we learn more about her and the things that have happened to her, and come to understand her better. We also find out why we haven’t seen Shoko’s father, and what we learn says nothing good about him. This is an intense volume, and not always comfortable. The ways the characters speak about themselves and each other is more blunt than is usual, in fiction or in real life. But that’s also one reason that a story that could have become a typical feel-good romance becomes something special. There is plenty of humor, but also strongly emotional moments, too. I can strongly recommend giving “A Silent Voice” as a whole a shot, and this Volume 4 is a good addition to the story.
I've done my best to keep this a spoiler-free, short review -- the equivalent of the blurb on a book's back cover. A Silent Voice is the translation of the Japanese manga series 声の形 (romaji: Koe no Katachi). The subject matter involves a deaf student, and some idiosyncrasies used to convey deaf communication translated extremely well to English written text. At some points it is as if you can hear what deaf people experience. You don't need to like manga to appreciate A Silent Voice, but you do need to read the books in order. You can expect romantic tension and strong emotional connections with the characters. The story concerns a protagonist who made some poor decisions as a child (what child doesn’t make poor decisions?) that had repercussions, even if he doesn’t fully realize their weight. If you decide to give it a shot, you’ll be glad you checked it out, and sad when it’s over. If you love manga, or if you’ve never read manga; if you love emotional moments in movies, or if you want to begin to understand the emotional side of yourself; if you’ve been bullied, or if you’ve been the bully; this manga series is for you.

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A Silent Voice, Vol. 4 begins with the revelation that Shoko was trying to tell Shoya that she loves him in Vol. 3, but since she’s Deaf, she can’t speak very well, and Shoya doesn’t understand her. Meanwhile, Tomohiro is dead set on making his movie, and he wants Shoya to do a lot of the leg work. To do this, Shoya has to start making friends again. An "X" appears on everyone’s face except a few, and slowly, those Xs go away, signifying Shoya becoming more social again. A new group of friends (or fake friends?) gathers together, and they go to the amusement park. This book is excellent at what it does. The characters grow, and the situations are totally believable. I did find that Naoka’s character seemed a little forced as an antagonist, and much of the first half of the book is focused on her. I think the book is a little constrained by the tankōbon format, as A Silent Voice is meant to be read as it comes out in magazine form, and not book-by-book. I definitely liked this book better than A Silent Voice, Vol. 3. I wasn’t sure if I’d keep reading, but now I definitely will.

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Alright, let’s be honest. I don’t buy much manga, never. Hell, all I need to do is go online and read it. But this manga is so beautiful. It’s a bout a girl who can’t hear and the main character is a bully. He bullied her through out her childhood, to the point her family forced her to change school. But then
the boy regrets it everyday because after she changed school, he realized how stupid he was. And the story goes on as the main mc keep looking for the girl everyday. You guys should read it because my summarize is f*cking terrible.10/10. It's so amazing that I WANTED TO BUY THE SET OF MANGA JUST TO SUPPORT THE ARTIST!

Awesome Read!

No problems. No glitches. Solid.

This manga didn't just meet my expectations, it moved my heart to the other side of the body. Very beautiful story.

A great edition to the series. All the books are amazing. Even moreso if you want to cry your eyes out.

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