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Planetes Omnibus Volume 1



Synopsis

It's the 2070s, and mankind has conquered space, making interplanetary travel possible and igniting the imaginations of the world. It's also vastly increased the amount of dangerous space debris, and someone has to clean it up. Hachimaki, Yuri, and Fee are a crew on that beat, each with their own goals, tendencies, and personal problems: Hachimaki dreams of deep-space exploration in his own ship, Yuri is still recovering from the death of his wife in an accident caused by orbiting debris, and Fee is secretive, but there's a lot going on under the surface! Just trying to do their jobs in an age of space-age environmental concerns and new vistas of exploration, the crew deals with Hachi's fear of isolation hampering his hopes of joining an upcoming Jupiter mission, keep an eye on the wreckage for signs of Yuri's lost wife, and become unwitting heroes when the only place Fee can still smoke is threatened by terrorists! Dark Horse Manga is proud to present Makoto Yukimura's award-winning hard sci-fi epic *Planetes* in two omnibus-sized editions, complete with bonus color pages never before seen in America! "Planetes has it all: strong themes, interesting characters, and great art." -Anime Fringe

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Customer Reviews

"When people recommend a good gateway manga for American comic readers, one choice that comes up often is Makoto Yukimura's *Planetes*. Originally serialized in Japanese magazine *Weekly Morning* from 1999 to 2004, *Planetes* is a hard sci-fi drama set in the year 2075 that follows a crew on a debris-collection

ship in outer space. It is highly recommended by manga enthusiasts, in part, because of its realistic tone, rich backstories, and complex themes involving environmentalism, terrorism, and existentialism. Another reason is Yukimura's artwork, which mixes cartoony characters with detailed backgrounds and machinery to ground it all in a sense of realism without losing the energy often associated with good manga. "Dark Horse has brought a lot of quality manga to North American readers in the past couple of years, and with Planetes they've assembled the entire story into one giant 500+ page omnibus with restored color sequences." -Mental Floss

Makoto Yukimura is a Japanese manga artist. He made his debut in 2000 with the praised Planetes, serialized in Kodansha Weekly Morning magazine and adapted into a 26 episodes anime series by the studio Sunrise. Before that, he worked as an assistant for Shin Morimura. He is currently working on Vinland Saga which was first serialized in Weekly Shōnen Magazine then moved to the monthly Afternoon magazine. For this work he received the 2009 Japan Media Arts Festival Grand Prize in the manga category. In 2010, he was a guest of the Angoulême International Comics Festival. The author lives in Yokohama, Japan.

Dark Horse brings back Makoto Yukimura's masterpiece Planetes to print in the best way imaginable. It's a release made with love and respect, and you can tell. Large scale book. Inclusion of all colored pages. Gorgeous cover design. I cannot imagine a better way to experience one of the best hard sci-fi stories out there. Eagerly anticipating the second volume.

Not quite what I expected, that's the best way to describe this book. This omnibus collects a series of stories focused around a crew of astronauts tasked with removing space debris around Earth. The main character, Hachimaki, belongs to this crew of garbage hunters but has his eye set on the conquest of space and eventually starts training for the first manned mission to Jupiter. While I did enjoy to varying degrees the different stories leading up to that point I have to admit I found the latter stories to be the more engaging, even if Hachi isn't such a great lead to follow around. At the very least this volume offers a different perspective on the difficulties involved in conquering the final frontier and exploring how the day-to-day life of future astronauts will be like. Here's looking forward to Volume 2.

It is beautiful to look at and beautiful to read. To call it a slice of life space Odyssey would cheapen the depth of this manga's scope. There's nothing else quite like it. If you love character

development, philosophy, politics, raw emotion and stunning action, this manga has it all. I cannot recommend it to you enough.

Wow! I don't know what I expected from a manga omnibus book from Dark Horse publishing. I know that they are famous for publishing Graphic Novels, but I didn't know they did manga so well. This is one BIG BOOK! I liked every single character and that is rare for me. There were characters that weren't the best type of person, but I couldn't help but like them for their flaws. The story is unique and compelling with just enough information to keep you interested, but not too much to overload you. I mean I know very little about space, but this book was informative without being overwhelming. I liked it much more than I had expected and found the crisp artwork to be a nice and refreshing change for what I normally read. I highly recommend this manga!

Planetes one of the nicest volumes of manga I've ever owned dark horse has really stepped up their game with this release its larger than your average manga volume and includes all the color pages from the original Japanese releases if this is the quality of manga omnibuses dark horse is going to start releasing I'll make sure to buy them all and this really has me excited for the I am a hero omnibuses soon to be released.

There are space stations, cities on the moon and a huge demand for more resources. And wherever man goes he takes his trash with him. Disused satellites, fuel tanks and other space junk makes it dangerous just moving about in orbit. The young Hachimaki works as a orbital garbage man but he has bigger plans in mind. He wants his own spaceship. The manga is realistic, using real science, but never shoving it into our face - the characters and their stories are always the most important point. Great hard science fiction set in a near future that seems just around the corner.

Large book with top notch paper and print quality.

Great series. Characters that really grow on you with depth almost unparalleled in most books, especially for manga like this. Highly recommended. So different than the usual space sci-fi books I'm used to.

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