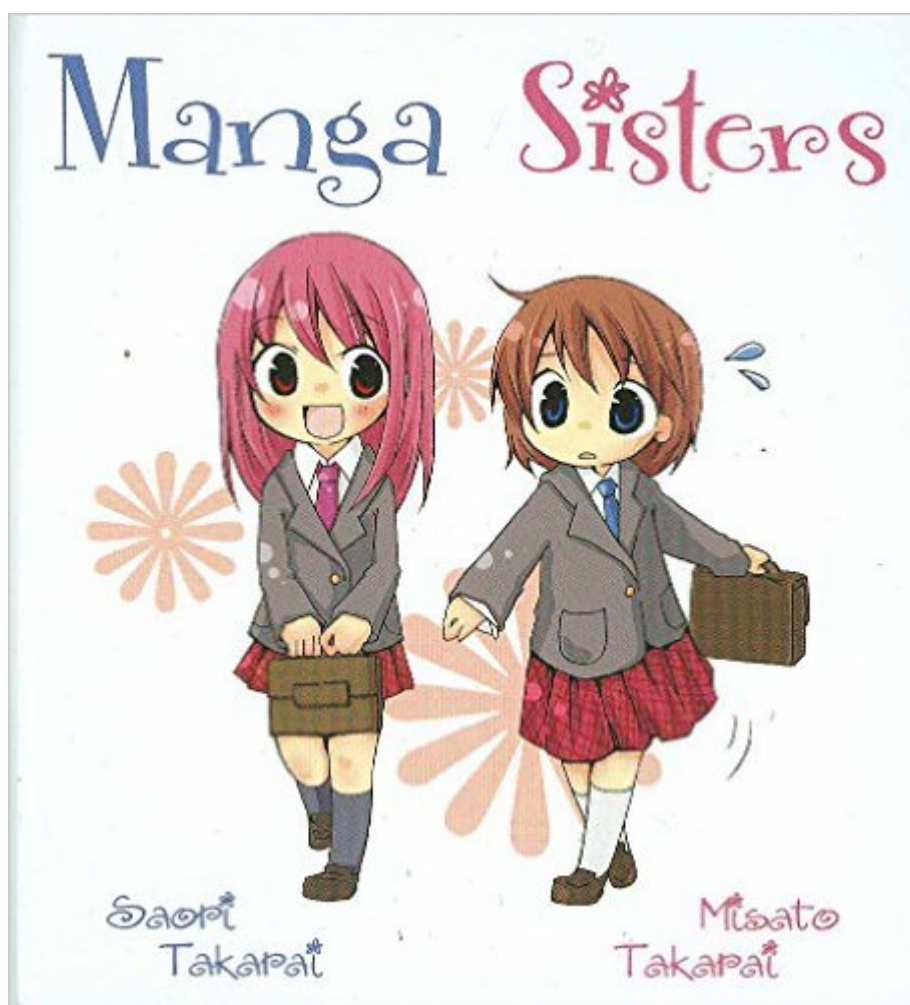


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# Manga Sisters



## Synopsis

Saori and Misato Takarai know exactly what it means to be "Manga Sisters." The two artists grew up in Tokyo and, like most siblings, learned how to be both competitive and compassionate as they dealt with parents, teachers, boyfriends and â " perhaps most difficult of all â " each other. Now, they share their secrets of manga sisterhood in this delightful new illustrated book from Manga University. Featuring 40 original full-color manga illustrations and text in both English and Japanese, this deluxe hardcover edition makes the perfect gift for just about everyone who has ever had a sister.

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This book is absolutely adorable. As mentioned in another review, it is not manga in the traditional sense -a comic-book story. Rather, it is a series of adorable pictures featuring sisters accompanied by an English phrase and its Japanese equivalent. It follows along the lines of another book by Saori Takarai, "Manga Moods" in that its primary purpose is to present Japanese in a fun way for those studying the language. And while it is not a study guide, it does present good examples of certain grammar patterns and can be used to expand vocabulary. I really love this book for both its art and Japanese, and I think it is well worth the 10 dollars you'll spend. It would make a great gift for a sister who likes manga or manga-style art, or, it will make very cute and somewhat useful addition to the book-self of a Japanese student like myself.

First up, Manga Sisters is not a manga in the normal sense of the word. Saori and Misato Takarai

are sisters that illustrate and draw manga but this book is really about celebrating sisterhood, both its highs and not so lows. Saori is known in Japan for being one of the rare manga artists that works with color but this is Misato's first published work. They grew up in Gunma Prefecture, which is about 60 miles northwest of Tokyo. This hardback book is about two thirds the size of a regular tankoban and is labeled a "gift book" on the back. What it consists of is about 95 pages, half with little Hallmark sayings about sisters in both English and Japanese, with a color manga illustration of the saying facing it. Some of the words and pictures are heartwarming like "A sister's shoulder is the world's most comfortable pillow" that shows a girl asleep on her obviously loving sister's shoulder. Others can be quite humorous. For example, one caption says "She ain't heavy, she's your sister" accompanying a picture of a sister cringing in pain as she lifts her sibling up to see a tall sunflower. There's also a few pages in the back that list hiragana and katakana Japanese characters that gives you help in recognizing and pronouncing them. Manga Sisters is obviously intended to be a book that would make a good gift between two sisters, especially if one of them is an anime or manga fan. I mean it even has "To" and "From" blanks following the title page. Does it have any worth to a manga fan in general? I guess I would have to go with "not much". I mean the pictures are cute and pretty and in combination with the phrases can be amusing, but this is probably a book I will put on the shelf and never open again. Unless you're an absolute nut about moe, you should definitely spend your 10 bucks on a real manga and just glance through this in the bookstore...unless you have a sister that would appreciate it.

My sisters and I were always close growing up. Now that we've gone separate ways and moved around, I was trying to think of a memorable gift for christmas this year when i came across this cute book. I ordered it for myself because of the anime style drawing on the cover. As soon as i received it and read it through, I immediately ordered 3 more, 1 for each of my sisters. They all called me later and said how much they loved it and how much it reminded them of our childhood. Overall, BEST GIFT EVER. I highly recommend it for anyone who has a sister.

This book is absolutely adorable - it's designed as a gift book (most likely from one sister to another) with simple, sweet phrases on each page and illustrated - but the real treasure is the kanji translation on each page as well as a detailed kana guide in the back of the book. I just wish it had also contained a page translating the actual kanji and giving the romaji. A cute tool for anyone learning the language!

This is such a fun, tender, and joyful book. I bought it for my sister as a reminder of our 30 years of sisterhood. We related to every statement, and delightfully remembered our childhood and teenager adventures and memories. I will purchase another copy for my nieces who are 4 and 7, and just begun to understand how awesome it is to have a sister. I am also a manga reader, and I love the characters!

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