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Manga Mania#153;: Romance: Drawing Shojo Girls And Bishie Boys



Synopsis

Pencils! Paints! Passion! The Japanese-style comic books known as manga have a huge following in America. Chris Hart, author of several bestselling how-to-draw books, now offers aspiring young artists a complete course in the manga-romance genre. He shows how to create classic manga characters: sweet-and-caring pretty girls with huge, glistening eyes; exciting boy heroes, including handsome teen-idol types, rough-hewn rebels, and young mystery men; girl comedy characters, who not only provide laughs, but also help high school girls deal with their insecurities; and many others. With thorough art instruction and lots of ideas for story plots, this is an intriguing invitation to an art form that anyone who loves to draw will find irresistible.Â

Book Information

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Grade Level: 7 - 12

Customer Reviews

My main issue with this book is that the title "Romance" and the cover of a girl with her arms around a guys neck is misleading. This book goes into (from the table of contents)-Shojo Girls: Basics-Bishie Boys: Basics-Drawing Manga Eyes-Costume Design-Magical Girls and Pets-Cool Bishies-The "ABC's" of scene staging-Finishing TouchesIn this entire book the only thing that has to do with romance is in The "ABC's" of scene staging; Drawing couples scene by scene. That's a joke. It's 6 scenes on two pages (116-117) and they don't even show you how to draw them. An 147

page book and that's the best they could do for romance? Don't get me wrong, the book is helpful and has good reference, I do in fact use this book but I think the title is slightly misleading. Before this book I already had How To Draw Manga Volume 28: Couples (v. 28) which is a very good book, and a book I do recommend if you were looking forward to drawing romance scenes or couples, something you won't find in MangaManiaRomance.

The drawings and tutorials are nice, and I like how the book focuses on the basics of shoujo anatomy and style. But there honestly isn't much covering romance scenes, to my disappointment, which is kind of misleading considering the book title is "Mangamania Romance." But because the book is helpful in other areas, I still give it 4 stars.

This is an enjoyable, informative instructional book from Chris Hart that my family and I have had a great deal of fun with. My two daughters found special enjoyment in drawing the shojo girls andm yes, the bishie boys! There are great sections on costumes, close-ups, group shots - ideas that you would be hard pressed to find any place other than a Chris Hart book.

This book is excellent and my girls love it. It allows them to dive into romance, love, relationships and excel by using this book. The emphasis on the detail enable one to create the most adorable characters. So many ideas of figures, moods, expressions, clothing & accessories make the task a lot easier and possible. Quite a few action scenes as well as finishing techniques make this book complete. Hours of learn and fun for the summer.

I loved this book. I have never seen a book that gave even paneling advice for my own comics. I'm not an honest fan of the manga mania series finding the bigger books more focused on advanced technique as if "expecting" you to know the basics. This book gives both basic, moderate, AND advanced technique using realistic body movement and posture. I feel like I can draw anything now lol.

Does not contain a single kissing scene to draw...but it has quite a bit of everything else....if you have trouble drawing a picture of characters interacting-like hugging or argueing-this is for you. Remember practice makes perfect-and please don't use linned paper...this book teaches proportions-and linned paper distorts it all.

At first glance, I was a little wary. It was from Christopher Hart, who I know has quite a reputation for being a little sexist. But I thought this would be a great book for tutorials on how to show a romantic scene with two people, but it was mostly just how to draw super-skinny white girls or body builder boys without a partner. It was good for improving perspective drawing and special effects, but other than that, it is not that great of a drawing book.

Drawing two people in one frame is difficult, especially when they are touching. Having no reference to go off is just makes it harder and searching online can accidentally bring up some rather awkward results. The art style isn't my favorite, but it's a good reference guide (and about two bucks) so decided to go for it. I will surely be recommending it to any students searching for a simply explained How-to-draw guide. :) It came in good shape with only some wear (as it was described) and within a week of ordering. Thanks very much for posting!!

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