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## Yotsuba&!, Vol. 10



## Synopsis

Yotsuba looooooves playing games! When Daddy's the counter at hide-and-seek, he can never find Yotsuba, 'cause I'm such a good hider! And when we go to the park, Yotsuba's the bestest at swing-tag-shoe-races. Daddy says Yotsuba's just making up the rules as we go along, but Yotsuba thinks Daddy's just a sour loser. But maybe Yotsuba will let him win once in a while...

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## Customer Reviews

10 months between volume releases can be rough, however Yotsuba&! is well worth the wait. I read this over lunch on a very trying and tiring day at work. It brought nothing but laughs, smiles, and a warm feeling in my heart. The manga still stays charming as can be with the everyday adventures of Yotsuba Kowai with her father and friends.

I think those who read this review already know something about Kiyohiko Azuma's charming comic and its likable characters, so I will only tell you what you will get in this volume. Here are the seven episodes of the tenth installment of the popular manga series: Yotsuba & Playtime Yotsuba & Pancakes Yotsuba & Jumbo Yotsuba & The Electronics Store Yotsuba & Electronics Yotsuba & Lies Yotsuba & Reunion The newest volume starts with a comparatively quieter episode about Daddy and Yotsuba's "hide-and-seek," followed by Yotsuba's pancake cooking (which is very unique, to say the least). Earlier episodes are a bit slow-moving, but just read on. The book picks up the pace

as it goes along, with some familiar faces coming back. Though Asagi shows up in only one scene, Fuka (who was absent in the hot balloon episodes of the previous volume) is back, and her "shopping" at the electronics store, together with ever-curious 4-year-old girl Yotsuba, is simply hilarious. But to me, the best part of the book is the final two episodes. In "Yotsuba & Lies" the story gets a little serious when Yotsuba does TWO bad things. Daddy has to get rid of the naughty "lying bug" (with a help from a certain "guardian"). Don't worry, it is told with skills and humor, and ends with a sweet note. In "Yotsuba & Reunion" the little girl visits Miura's home, where she meets someone we all know. (Read Volume 5 again, if you please.) With detailed and beautifully drawn artwork, Volume 10 of "Yotsuba&!" is delightful and fun as ever.

Yotsuba! Yotsuba! Yotsuba! What Can I say about Yotsuba that others haven't? Probably not much. So all I can suggest is that if you need a light hearted read, a book full of fun stories, and entertaining characters, then Yotsuba is for you!! Yotsuba&! is an ongoing Japanese comedy manga series by Kiyohiko Azuma, the creator of Azumanga Daioh. It depicts the everyday adventures of a young girl named Yotsuba as she learns about the world around her, guided by her father, (Kowai) the neighbors (Ena, Fuuka, and Asagi) and their friends (Jumbo Takeda, and Yanda... Kowai's understudy, who Yotsuba still keeps an eye on). The phrase Yotsuba to means "Yotsuba and," a fact reflected in the chapter titles, most of which take the form "Yotsuba and something." Hence the titles of the chapters. And while the series has no continuing plot--the focus of the stories is Yotsuba's daily voyage of discovery. Many chapters take place on successive days (for details, see List of Yotsuba&! chapters), so that the series follows, almost literally, the characters' daily lives. The tone can be summarized by the motto, used on chapter title pages and advertising, "Today is always the most enjoyable day", or in the original translation, "Enjoy Everything". Which is what I suggest to you fellow readers! Enjoy Yotsuba!

I love this series. I confess I'm a manga fan but in recent years I haven't been impressed by the new mangas coming out. Now, Yotsuba is the only manga I wait for and religiously buy it when it comes out. I read these over and over again and they are always funny. Azuma's portrayal of Yotsuba and how she sees the world is just hilarious. Some of the things Yotsuba does are so funny but I can see I will be miffed if my own 5 year old did that. At the same time, that's what makes the scenario even more funny. It's plausible, realistic, simple minded, and adorable.

I purchased this for a Christmas gift for my 6 children, ages ranging from 13 to 23 years. It was one

of the most popular things under the tree! I think everyone had read it before Christmas Day was over. By all reports, it was one of the best Yotsuba! episodes yet.

I added this book to my manga collection earlier this week. It instantly became my favorite of the Yotsuba&! books that have come out so far. I can't wait to see more of my favorite 5-year-old optimist!

This is a re-review as I read this back to back to back with Volume 9 and 11 and got my chapters confused. Volume 10 is the first volume where a character was drawn off model enough to complain. The electronics store chapter was bittersweet in that it had Koiwai say something I wanted to read for a long time but Fuuka's off model portrayal and ever growing exercise obsession take some of the wind out of it. The last chapter is also bittersweet in that it's great to see the return of a fan favorite and introduction of a major new character but the circumstances were quite traumatic and the last few pages didn't make up for it. And then there's "Yotsuba and the Lying bug." The first outright unhappy chapter with no fun I could find. I did not enjoy everything.

Is there a more perfect occupation than being a five-year-old? Reading about Yotsuba, I don't think so. Everyone knows that one kid, full of energy, who just wants to learn about everything. Yotsuba is the perfect embodiment of that child and I challenge you not to laugh out loud at her antics. Note: I also posted this review on Goodreads.

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