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Dragon Ball Z, Vol. 2 (VIZBIG Edition)



Synopsis

This VIZBIG edition of Dragon Ball Z contains volumes 4-6, bonus color content, and updated text. Dragon Ball is the best-selling manga series in Japan. The Dragon Ball & Dragon Ball Z series combined have sold through more than one million GNs in the U.S. to date (BookScan). Over 11.7million Dragon Ball and Dragon Ball Z videos & DVDs have sold through in the U.S. to date (VideoScan). Every volume of the Dragon Ball series is still selling to this day. There are 42 volumes total and they debuted in the U.S. in 2000! Toriyama has a strong fan base in the U.S. Dragon Ball & Dragon Ball Z have also spawned numerous video games, which consistently rank in the top ten in national sales. A live action Dragon Ball Z movie is currently in production to be released theatrically in Summer 2008. The ultimate science fiction martial arts manga and one of the best-selling series of all time Dragon Ball Z is the second half of Toriyama's touchstone saga, Dragon Ball. After years of training and adventure, Son Goku has become Earth's ultimate warrior, and his son, Gohan, shows even greater promise. But the strikes are increasing as even deadlier enemies threaten the planet and means non-stop action! With the mighty Kaiō-ken amplifying his strength, Goku fights Vegeta in a desperate battle to save the world--only to find that the elite Saiyan warrior is even stronger than his new techniques! In desperation, Goku calls upon the Genki-dama, the "spirit ball," drawing power from the Earth, its people, plants, and animals. But alone, even Goku is not enough. The last worn-out survivors, Gohan, Kuririn, and Yajirobe, must rush back into the fray to beat the unbeatable Vegeta...as their enraged foe vows to not only wipe out the human race, but destroy the planet Earth itself!

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Customer Reviews

"The runaway hit of the Cartoon Network . . . It's easy to see why Dragon Ball Z is going to be the headlining title of Shonen Jump." --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Akira Toriyama's first weekly series, Dr. Slump, has entertained generations of readers in Japan since it was introduced in Shueisha's Weekly Shonen Jump magazine in 1980. A few years later, he created his wildly popular Dragon Ball series, which brought him international success. Toriyama is also known for his character designs for video games, including Dragon Warrior, Chrono Trigger and Tobal No. 1. He lives with his family in Japan.

I just read this one again in preparation for what I hope to be a full read of the Dragon Ball manga (all 42 volumes covering the Dragon Ball story as well as Dragon Ball Z) and it's just damn good fun. Dragon Ball is one of those universes like Star Wars, or LotR, that I just wanted to ditch my own life for and be a part of growing up. It's just a fun world. There are dinosaurs, but there are also futuristic capsules that pop out full size houses and motor bikes. There are flying clouds (that you may ride as long as you're pure of heart). There are staffs that can grow to a distance equal to the moon at Goku's whim. There are martial artists who can focus their dormant energy into a physical energy blast obliterating mountains. There are alien species that transform into giant monkey-monsters at the sight of a full moon. And that's just the first two volumes! Call it nostalgia but I love Dragon Ball, and if you can get your hands on the series I think you will too.

The content is five-star Dragon Ball Z. You either like it or not. My critiques for this iteration of the story is that the binding seems to generally give out around the cover material. Nothing's fallen out yet, but it's a blemish on the book's presentation, as well as a bad omen for what future readings could do to it's construction. Also, it's displeasing how some of the originally-in-color pages are colored and others are not. . . it just seems fairly arbitrary. I'm specifically talking about the grayscale pages, and not the regular manga black-and-white. Overall, I like that I can purchase three volumes of DBZ for a fraction of the price if I bought seperate volumes, but I would have liked better binding, and more color pages (in the case of the pages that were originally in color).

Its dragonball nuff said

Wow another great book of Dragon ball it gets better every volume: five stars :)

Excellent

The student for whom I ordered this book liked it very much. He read it in one sitting.

Great packaging and good quality

Loved it well illustrated. I love dragon ball anything and the manga should be part of the collection of any dragon ball superfan.

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