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Grimgar Of Fantasy And Ash: Light Novel Vol. 1



Synopsis

The light novel fantasy epic that inspired a critically-acclaimed anime! Haruhiro awakens to darkness and amnesia, among a group of strangers who can only remember their own names...and nothing else. When they make it into the light, they discover Grimgar – a fantasy world that feels like something out of an RPG game. Without apparent skills or knowledge of their surroundings, Haruhiro and his newfound friends band together to form an adventuring party. Only by cooperating, using their wits, and learning new skills can they hope to survive in this dangerous land of monsters and magic.

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Customer Reviews

Ao Jyumonji is a Japanese author best known for the Grimgar of Fantasy and Ash light novels. Eiri Shirai is a Japanese manga artist best known for the illustrations in Grimgar of Fantasy and Ash.

Grimgar of Fantasy and Ash: AKA "What Sword Art Online should have been." The premise of this manga follows the recently popular theme of being stuck in an online game but stands above the rest for a few reasons. The highlight of this story is that it goes into depth of what the characters are feeling, and depicts a VERY realistic view of what would happen if we were suddenly thrust into one of our favorite rpg games. The author does not actually write the characters as being stuck in a game, it just feels that way. Also, although there is some fan service, it doesn't over do it and does not have the harem feel like Sword Art Online does. This is a novel not a manga, worth every

penny.

As someone that plays MMOs aka WoW, I really enjoyed this manga. I can't wait for the next volume.

Realistic adaptation of being thrust into a game world, without knowledge of games and modern technology or your own past! The animation is one of my favorite styles and the story is well written and detailed. I am constantly looking forward to the next adventure/story of the protagonists.

Enjoyed the anime enjoyed the book. It was my first light novel though I have read tons of manga I will definitely be getting the next few volumes.

Good fantasy light novel with some important differences to make it more enjoyable.

Great book. This is better than a lot of the translations that I found online. I would watching the anime and reading the book. the anime is a lot slower paced, but novel let's you understand Hal a lot better. The novel also shows you how much they progressed as a team and how much they need to improve.

Following the popular trend of people being magically transported into a video game-like fantasy world where the stakes are high and death is permanent, Grimgar just..fails to really stand out for me. The art quality is quite good and the character designs are fun to look at, but the pacing of the story itself just seems a bit off. I've reread it twice now, and while the manga starts off in a flashback, it's never quite clear when that flashback ends or if it ever does. On one page the characters are complaining about being unable to defeat even the smallest rat, but suddenly a page or two later, one of the characters off handedly mentions defeating 11 goblins himself, for which he receives considerable compensation for, thus solving the money problem that was maybe only actually a problem for a total of four panels. The way that the characters came to the world isn't exactly made clear, nor is it really something any of them seem to be worried about either, which seems kind of odd considering all of the characters seem to have amnesia her none of them are concerned in the slightest. While the characters themselves are well designed, the personalities seem bland, and despite having reread this twice now, I honestly couldn't name a single one. The story itself is slightly different than the typical "over powered player comes to fantasy videogame

world and dominates with ease", as the characters are portrayed to be hopelessly underpowered and inexperienced in their roles, something that might be able to be played for comedic intent in later volumes, but within the first book just seems plain depressing. Quite honestly though, this isn't a bad manga, it shows promise, but at this point I don't think I could recommend it. The story seems bland, the characters aren't interesting, and the pacing is so poorly done that explanations and plot points feel so rushed that I forget about them less than a page later. However, the volume itself is quite hefty, and you definitely get a longer story in terms of other manga at this price point, so that is an obvious plus. Overall, if you're a fan of the fantasy video game world turned real genre, you will likely find something to enjoy in this manga. It's not as good as, say, Death March to the World of Rhapsody or Overlord, but it's certainly something to fill the void while waiting for the next volumes of other series to come out.

I'm mainly writing this review because I have this irrational fear that the series will suddenly stop being translated because of poor sales or something. So I want to encourage as many people as I can to buy and read this series. If you have watched the anime and just thought it was okay-ish; read the light novels. The anime doesn't do them justice. Reading the novels make you empathize with the main character far more than the anime does, It makes so many of the fights actually feel tense, and it doesn't feel slow paced at all. I love this series for many reasons, but the biggest one is that it really makes you appreciate the hardships of being a leader. The main character represents exactly how most of us would think and feel if we were suddenly thrust into a leadership role. Always trying to find the right balance between being cautious and decisive. It's a great book. Give it a read

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