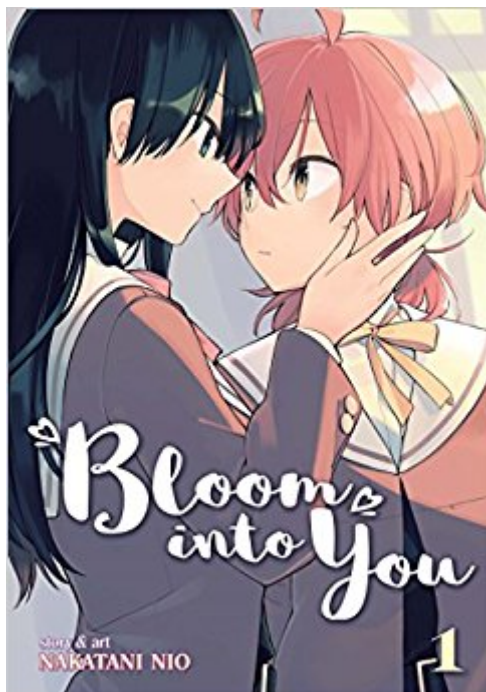


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# Bloom Into You Vol. 1



## Synopsis

I THINK I MIGHT BE FALLING IN LOVE WITH YOU

Yuu has always adored shoujo manga and yearns for the day when someone might give her a love confession that would send her heart aflutter. Yet when a junior high school classmate confesses his feelings to her, she feels nothing. Disappointed and confused, Yuu enters high school, where she sees the confident and beautiful student council member Nanami. When the next person to confess to Yuu is Nanami herself, has her romantic dream finally come true?

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## Customer Reviews

Nakatani Nio is a Japanese manga creator best known for Bloom Into You.

Bloom Into You presents an interesting view of relationships. It remains interesting despite a lack of physical tension present in much of today's romance manga, and unlike many in the yuri genre, brings the social impact of social lesbian relationships into play.

interesting Yuri manga so far I feel a slight discontent from each of the characters which could have been done on purpose. I really can't wait to see how they tie all of the characters together, and how there love will blossom. my thoughts on the might vary depending on the second volume but for the time being I did enjoy what I read I just didn't love what I read.

It's a solid story with a good romance and likeable characters, but the way the translation seems to randomly bold and emphasize words is really annoying at times. At least one word seems to be bolded per bubble/box, and for the most part they never add anything but frustration to the reading experience. But other than that, this is one of the best yuri manga I've read.

Yup I definitely enjoyed this one. Can't wait till the day pink-haired girl fall in love with dark-haired girl.

One of the best yuri I've ever read. I highly recommend this book

Lots of fun love the art.

If you're like me, you judge all yuri-style manga against *Girlfriends*, because that story was yuri perfection. And perfection is hard to capture, but that doesn't stop other stories from trying. Some fail, some succeed (currently enjoying *Citrus* myself), and some are like *Bloom into You*. What I mean is that this story, while having all the familiar high-school-girls-yuri story beats, is different because of how Nakatani Nio introduces us to one of our main characters. Yuu, the main character in this story, loves the idea of romance often found in "shoujo" manga. She wants a guy to come in and confess to her in a way that makes her heart jump into her throat. She's dreamed about it for years, but when someone does exactly what she wants she...feels nothing. No butterflies, no swooning, no blushing in the cheeks. And it bothers her. She begins to wonder, as she enters high school, if something is wrong with her, if she's just not meant to feel love. Now, most of us would think this is obvious. It's a yuri manga, so she's going to have feelings for a girl instead. Except that doesn't happen either. Yuu ends up overhearing a guy asking out Nanami, the beautiful student council member, but Nanami turns him down. Yuu is drawn to Nanami not because she's attracted to her, but because of the reason Nanami gives for turning the guy down: she didn't feel anything with his confession. Thinking she's found a fellow "Maybe love just isn't for me" person, Yuu begins to hang around Nanami. Obviously you should know what happens next: Nanami says that she's falling for Yuu because of their shared "I don't feel love" deal, but this is where the story gets weird. Yuu doesn't return the feelings. In fact, Yuu actually gets a little bitter about the whole thing. She thinks it's not fair. She finally found someone who shares her struggles, who she can relate to, and suddenly Nanami turns around and ends up, for lack of a better term, stabbing Yuu in the back. This tension--Nanami says she's not bothered that Yuu doesn't like her back, she just wants to

be around Yuu--is a whole new spin on this typical yuri story, and I found it fascinating. Nanami does everything she can to be near Yuu, from asking her to help with Nanami's presidential election, bringing her a gift back from her trip, and even stealing Yuu's first kiss (yes, Yuu uses 'stole' and while she says she's not angry, she's not swooning over it by any means either). And yet, through all of this, Yuu feels nothing. Instead, she ponders why Nanami-senpai likes her so much. She decides that maybe, given time, she'll end up returning Nanami's feelings, so she puts up with it. The preview for the next book continues this odd, "I'm not in love with you but let's keep going because maybe I'll change" style. I won't spoil it, but what Yuu suggests--and Nanami's reaction to it--is kind of dark. Personally, I'm really enjoying this slight twist on this familiar story, so I'm looking forward to what happens next. Bottom line: If you're hoping for something where the two heroines instantly fall into each other arms, or get all flustered around each other but don't confess for the first half of the story, this one might not be for you. Yes, Nanami is playing her traditional roll, but Yuu is something different. Granted, there are tiny hints in the book that she's warming up to the idea without even realizing it, but right now she is not the other girl in the yuri story. She is an outsider looking in, trying to figure out if she has a place here, or if she should just bail and go back to reading her manga.

Bloom Into You is an interesting twist on the typical yuri novel. When it starts out, if you're at all a fan of the yuri genre, you know exactly where it's headed. Except you don't. Instead of the typical buildup or abrupt confession that's immediately reciprocated, Yuu doesn't feel anything. Most of the manga is set in the awkward position of having to work with someone who loves you, when you don't love them back. Nanami (girl who loves Yuu) is also really awkward about it as well. She even tells Yuu that it's alright if she doesn't love her, as long as she can basically act like they're together. It's weird, but I love it. It's a new, more realistic yuri story that isn't just an excuse to be all lovey-dovey. I highly recommend at least checking out this first volume!

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