

## Nana Vol 1 Ai Yazawa

Everyone thinks 16-year-old Sakura has weird taste in guys because she can't stop drooling over Fuji, the strong silent type who sits next to her in class. When she discovers he works for a host club--where women actually pay men to date them--will she finally wise up? Or will he leave his job to be with her? Or will she take a job at the club so he can quit and she can be with him...? Only one thing's for sure in B.O.D.Y.--you can't put a price on love!

The all-time best-selling shojo title in Japan R to L (Japanese Style). Ren's drug use is spiraling out of control and he doesn't want to drag Trapnest down with him. Neither Takumi nor Reira are willing to let Ren quit the band, and both do their best to give him the time he needs to get it together. But Ren isn't sure this is something he can handle on his own. Will he turn to Nana for help, or will their strained relationship make him try to face his demons alone? Nana "Hachi" Komatsu hopes that moving to Tokyo will help her make a clean start and leave her capricious love life behind her. Nana Osaki, who arrives in the city at the same time, has plans to score big in the world of rock'n'roll. Although these two young women come from different backgrounds, they quickly become best friends in a whirlwind world of sex, music, fashion, gossip and all-night parties! From the 1980s onwards, the incidence of eating

disorders and self-harm has increased among Japanese women, who report receiving mixed messages about how to be women. Mirroring this, women's self-directed violence has increasingly been thematised in diverse Japanese narrative and visual culture. This book examines the relationship between normative femininity and women's self-directed violence in contemporary Japanese culture. To theoretically define the complexities that constitute normativity, the book develops the concept of 'contradictive femininity' and shows how in Japanese culture, women's paradoxical roles are thematised through three character construction techniques, broadly derived from the doppelgänger motif. It then demonstrates how eating disorders and self-harm are included in normative femininity and suggests that such self-directed violence can be interpreted as coping strategies to overcome feelings of fragmentation related to contradictive femininity. Looking at novels, artwork, manga, anime, TV dramas and news stories, the book analyses both globally well known Japanese culture such as Murakami Haruki's literary works and Miyazaki Hayao's animation, as well as culture unavailable to non-Japanese readers. The aim of juxtaposing such diverse narrative and visual culture is to map common storylines and thematisation techniques about normative femininity, self-harm and eating disorders. Furthermore, it shows how women's







somehow meet and become best friends. The world of Nana is a world exploding with sex, music, fashion, gossip and all-night parties. -- VIZ Media

Deux jeunes filles portant un prénom synonyme de bonheur vont, par leur propre volonté, mettre leur destin en marche. Voici deux histoires d'amours et d'émotions vécues en parallèle par ces deux jeunes filles portant le même prénom "Nana" !!

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Search Your Soul...Or Die Trying! What does it take to find your true inner self? Zen's memory has been wiped, and he can't remember if he's a killer or a hero. And a lot of people will do anything they can to keep it that way. Zen's unearthly charm attracts a veritable rogues gallery. A bounty hunter becomes obsessed enough to become his new partner, while the daughter of a general treats him like some sort of guru. But when he meets a mysterious doctor who may know him from the past, Zen learns that the secret of his lost memory is definitely more sinister than saintly.

Being an engaged woman isn't as wonderful as Hachi thought it would be. She has a trendy new apartment, but she's isolated from all her friends and Takumi is hardly ever home. When scandal hits Blast hard, Trapnest (and her fiancé) flee to Europe and Hachi is left to watch Blast suffer in the scandal rags and tabloid shows.

When two twenty-year-old women with the same first name meet and become best friends despite their

different personalities, they experience a world of music, fashion, sex, gossip, and all-night parties.

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A chance meeting on a train to Tokyo sends two girls named Nana on a collision course with destiny! Nana "Hachi" Komatsu hopes that moving to Tokyo will help her make a clean start and leave her capricious love life behind her. Nana Osaki, who arrives in the city at the same time, has plans to score big in the world of rock'n'roll. Although these two young women come from different backgrounds, they quickly become best friends in a whirlwind world of sex, music, fashion, gossip and all-night parties! Things are slowly coming together for Nana Osaki. The guitarist and drummer from her old band have joined her in Tokyo and she's finally found a ripping new bass player to replace Ren Honjo. The Black Stones are back and they're ready to kick some ass. Nana Komatsu, however, can't shake her old nemesis, the Demon Lord. She's stuck in a dead-end job and there's trouble brewing with her boyfriend, Shoji. He's been working late and hasn't exactly been the most attentive lover. Poor Nana. Life in Tokyo is turning out to be a total

bummer.

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When a young girl is called to fight evil spirits, she finds incredible strength within herself and incredible love from without. There are two sides to every ghost story...Yurara Tsukinowa is a quiet girl who can see spirits and sense their emotions. Not wanting to seem abnormal, she hides her secret until she meets Mei Tendo and Yako Hoshino, two guys who use their spiritual powers to ward off vengeful spirits. The dormant guardian spirit in Yurara arises and a strong-willed beauty with the power to release souls emerges! On Yurara's first day of high school, she finds her assigned seat is occupied--by a ghost! Mei and Yako cannot banish the spirit, and Yurara's other self is released...

A natural match between the manga queen Moyoco Anno and the patron saint otaku, Hideaki Anno!When Moyoco Anno, the widely successful creator of women's manga, married Hideaki Anno, creator of Evangelion and a director known to be the very model of an otaku, she held one important doubt:"Am I really ready to be an otaku's wife?"Taking up that challenge, Moyoco Anno launched herself into the deepand beautiful world of married life.This

comic essay, an account of the private lives of two of Japan's most high-profile creators, is raw, unfiltered, and unforgettably hilarious. This series has been published in Japan since 2002 which Japanese title name is "Kantoku Fuyuki Todoki"

Beautiful fashion, endless romanticism, and those incredibly well dressed gorgeous boys return in the second volume of Ai Yazawa's Paradise Kiss. A lot seems to be happening the life of Paradise Kiss's enthusiastic heroine Yukari Hayasaka in this second volume. For starters, both her modeling career and her relationship with the enigmatic pretty boy George begin to take off. One day she's a normal high school girl, the next she stops attending classes and gets scouted by a modeling agency. Yukari thinks she has it all, now that she has George and the rest of her new friends at the atelier. However, what will happen when she realizes that maybe her love with George isn't all that she fantasized it would be, and that she can't run from her real life forever?

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One of the most popular comic artists in the world, Ai Yazawa, returns with a 20th anniversary edition of the fashion-inspired comic that made her an international sensation, Paradise Kiss. This new edition celebrates 20 years since Paradise Kiss began serialization in Japan and combines the original 3 volume release into 1 beautiful package. High fashion and hot drama come together in Paradise Kiss. One of the manga to launch the manga boom globally Paradise Kiss combined stunning design work and YA themed narratives that made it a multimillion unit seller worldwide. A unique tale of being young and single in Tokyo. The story of two very different young women who meet by chance and, after a number of coincidences, end up living together, NANA has been a run-away success as a manga, made into two popular live-action movies and adapted into an anime licensed for release in North America. This unofficial guidebook is the only one of its kind to analyze the series.

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