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# Manga Shakespeare: Twelfth Night



## Synopsis

A comedy of mistaken identity and thwarted love, *Twelfth Night* is one of Shakespeare's most beloved plays and is frequently performed and studied across the country. When Viola finds herself shipwrecked, she pretends to be a male servant and falls in love with Duke Orsino. The Manga Shakespeare interpretation, which incorporates fresh ideas and thoughtful settings, will introduce the classic play to a new audience of Shakespeare fans. Praise for *Twelfth Night* – “This manga adaptation of Shakespeare's romantic comedy is as enjoyable as the Bard intended. Li's sweet shojo art style fits the story perfectly, and the pseudohistorical setting is fun. Her deft touch with facial expressions, comic inserts, and chibis (cute little cartoon characters) will help readers understand the Elizabethan dialogue. This solid entry in the Manga Shakespeare series will make a useful addition to class studies, especially for teachers reluctant to use adaptations with simplified language.” • Booklist

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Nana Li's prime source of inspiration has always been manga or manga-influenced art, although she also loves games, movies, fashion, culture, concept, and classical art.

This was a great way to learn and introduce Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*. Our teenage son had problems understanding and getting into it. This, not only got him to read it, but he understood it much better as well, which did lead to a very nice essay and discussion on his project. It was done

very well, and the art style is fun and engaging. I would recommend this for young and old.

I fell in love with the adorable and beautiful drawing style in how "Twelfth Night" was portrayed. One of my favorites of Shakespeare's works, I inhaled the book and found it much easier to understand than if I were to read the play. For those of you that are familiar with manga art-style, I'm sure you'll appreciate and enjoy it as much as I did. When I finished the book, my sibling decided to read it for herself and she was hooked as well. Definitely keeping this in mind for future reference should I end up buying "Romeo and Juliet" or "A Midsummer Night's Dream".

It got me through an otherwise laborious play quite painlessly. It was really entertaining and the art was lovely. My only disappointment was that the original text was abridged to fit into the manga form,

This a great manga in good condition. Thank you so much.

I showed my students the manga versions of Shakespeare's tragedies, and several of them borrowed these editions to read overnight. I plan to keep a deep inventory of these versions in my classroom's bookshelves so that my students might continue to become "hooked on Shakespeare."

I liked it because the book wasn't so bad or the pages were ripped. I also like the fact that the pages weren't folded either.

Great series. Kids love it

Great graphic novel version of Twelfth Night. It comprises the story well, and has interesting character designs. You feel endeared toward Viola's plight of being caught between a love triangle. The setting has been moved to a more Steampunk-themed retelling which doesn't hinder, but creates a more amusing version of Shakespeare's land of Illyria.

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