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Tomo, Vol. 1: I Was An Eighth-Grade Ninja



Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

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writers in realizing their creative visions. Andrew Simmons is a seventeen-year veteran of animation with fifteen of those years at Walt Disney Feature Animation in Orlando, Florida. He currently enjoys the good life in middle Tennessee with his wife, six boys, two dogs, two cats, and koi fish. Rob Corley is a veteran animator with Disney, San Marco Films, and Curious Pictures. Rob is also the cofounder Funnypages Productions, an animation development and illustration company, and Funnypages Press, a comic book publisher. Tom Bancroft is a veteran Disney and Big Idea animator. While with Big Idea, he designed and directed the LarryBoy series of videos. Tom still keeps his hands in animation, but he also enjoys creating comics. Ariel has been drawing comics for the past fifteen years in the Philippines. His most recent work has been on the relaunch of the eighties comic series The Maze Agency for IDW Publishing.

I had some doubts going in, but good solid work, and perfect for kids (or adults if you like anime/manga). I still like the preacher, that one scene with him just holding the Bible (way better than I am making it sound lol).

I bought this book for my 10 yr old daughter who is a black belt in TKD and is working toward one in TSD. This was her first comic book and loved it! She can't wait for the next one to arrive in the mail. She thought it was a great story because it was funny, had action and taught a lesson in friendship. She recommends it!

It was a much shorter story than I thought, but still a fun start for what could be a fun story. The art was fun too.

The cover was not in good condition. I bought the book as a gift, so I was bummed out about that.

It's impossible to read this book on the Kindle, the type is way too small, even for 10-year old eyes. The sample did not let us see a page of text, and I think it should have.

I should have read the reviews better. This is TOO SMALL to read on a Kindle and does NOT resize with the text resizer. DON'T download manga for your Kindle (maybe the bigger DX Kindle is okay?).*** This is not a negative review about the content of the comic. It might be great, but books should not be offered for Kindle if it is not readable. Please break Manga pages up by boxes or something to make the text large enough to see - or include subtitles. Waste of money.

This was a bit of a nostalgic read for me. I used to get these from the library all the time when I was younger, it's probably a big part of what got me into comics and that format. I love the christian themes throughout, and this is a great kid friendly way to introduce someone to comics and if you're looking for something clean but very fun to give to your kids, than this is a great series. Though I loved vol 2 more, this is a great start to the series and it just gets better from here. My one complaint, which is kind of a big one and thus why I'm only giving this four stars, is due to bad publishing, my copy has the bottoms of several pages cut off due to the page being printed crookedly, you can't read some of the dialog and in the action scenes sometimes you can't tell what's going on. If I remember correctly the ones I used to get from the library had this problem too. Besides that I can't recommend this series enough.

I especially liked the part when the 2 girls who are against Hana throw the bags. I just love the expression on all 4 girls!!!

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