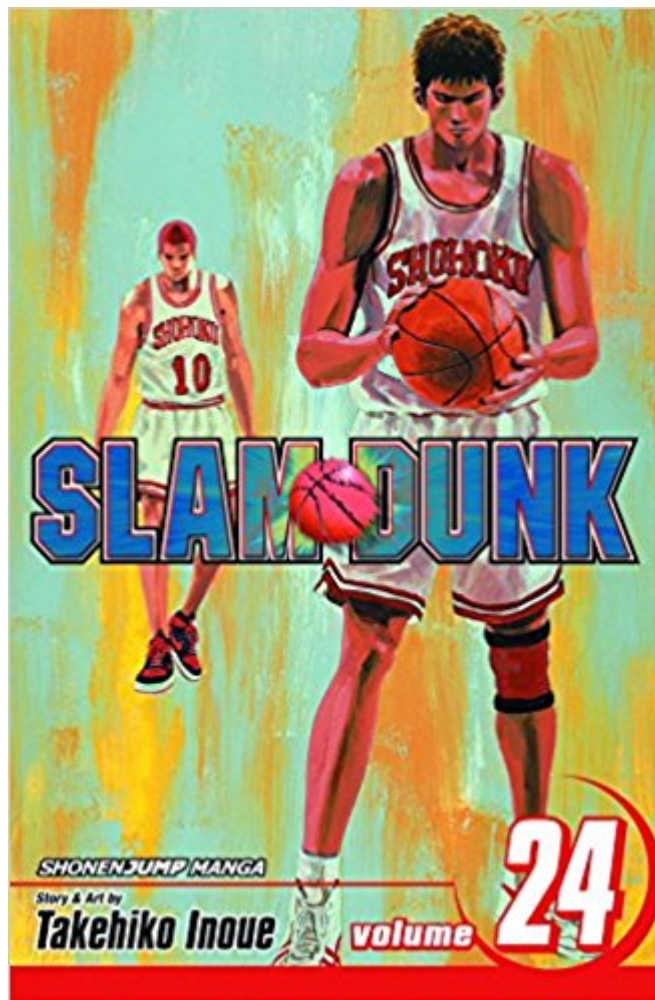




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Synopsis

Get ready for the greatest sports manga of all time! Reads R to L (Japanese Style). Winning isn't everything in the game of basketball, but who wants to come in second? It takes dedication and discipline to be the best, and the Shohoku High hoops team wants to be just that. They have one last year to make their captain's dream of reaching the finals come true—will they do it? It's the second half of Shohoku's debut game in the National Championship. Toyotama boasts the top three scorers from the Osaka regionals, and they're bent on nothing less than crushing Shohoku! But Coach Anzai's got a plan: steal the ball, run and score, facing Toyotama's run-and-gun style head on! If Shohoku can't beat Toyotama at their best game, what chance do they have of beating last year's champion Sannoh in the next round?

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Customer Reviews

Takehiko Inoue is the creator of one of the most popular manga of all time, Slam Dunk, which has sold over 100 million copies worldwide. He followed that series up with two titles lauded by critics and fans alike—Vagabond, a fictional account of the life of Miyamoto Musashi, and Real, a manga about wheelchair basketball. Inoue is the recipient of numerous awards, including the prestigious Tezuka Osamu Cultural Prize and the Media Arts Festival Award. In addition to his work on manga, Inoue has worked on television commercials, character designs for video games, and is the founder of a scholarship to foster Japanese basketball talent.

The National Tournament (the summer championships) have begun and Shohoku High School who is ranked "C" is taking on ranked "A" team, Toyotama High School. And already, the guys of Shohoku are realizing that these guys is their biggest challenge yet and to win, they are going to have to play as a team. Meanwhile, star player Kaede Rukawa was hit hard by Toyotama High's "Ace Killer", Minami and his eye is swollen shut. With Shohoku's top shooter now limited to one eye, how will this affect the team's chances? Also, will Hanamichi Sakuragi show his true offensive prowess? Or will he continue to embarrass himself in front of the team. Find out in the conclusion of the Shohoku High School vs. Toyotama High School competition in vol. 24 of "Slam Dunk"! **JUDGMENT CALL:** In the last volume, things were not easy for the Shohoku players. In fact, Toyotama shows off their brilliance by countering the offensive tactics that Shohoku has in the early minutes of the game and taking an early lead. And for the trash talking Kishimoto of Toyotama High School, he wonders if Shohoku is a joke, especially Hanamichi Sakuragi, who he has to guard. But when Toyotama shows they are a dominant team, Coach Anzai has a new strategy to take on Toyotama and that is utilizing team captain Takenori Akagi, ace player Kaeda Rukawa and bencher Yasuda! Will this strategy pay off? In volume 24, it's all about the basketball matchup between both high schools and while not so much about strategy, it's about people overcoming issues. Kaede Rukawa is the best player of Shohoku, but with a swollen eye, he must continue to show that he can play a high level and still play with one eye. Meanwhile, Sakuragi who has practiced many times to improve his jump shot, still has a lot to prove as he is not exactly doing all that well. But if the team can play together as a team, perhaps there is a chance that they can put some points up on the board and defeat Osaka's Toyotama High School! As for the manga series, Takehiko Inoue's illustrations have always been a highlight for me and I was always amazed of how he captured movements of basketball. With this volume, much more exploration of characters shopping, studying or training in basketball. Character designs are well-done and it's great to see the female characters featured in this volume as well. So for any "Slam Dunk" fan, this is what everyone has been waiting for in the manga series. For so long we have seen these players dream of playing at the summer tournament and now they are there, about to play their first game against the dominant Toyotama High School team and knowing that even last year's champs are in their competitive bracket. It's 100% basketball action in volume 24 of "Slam Dunk". If you are a sports manga fan, and love basketball, this volume is definitely recommended!

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