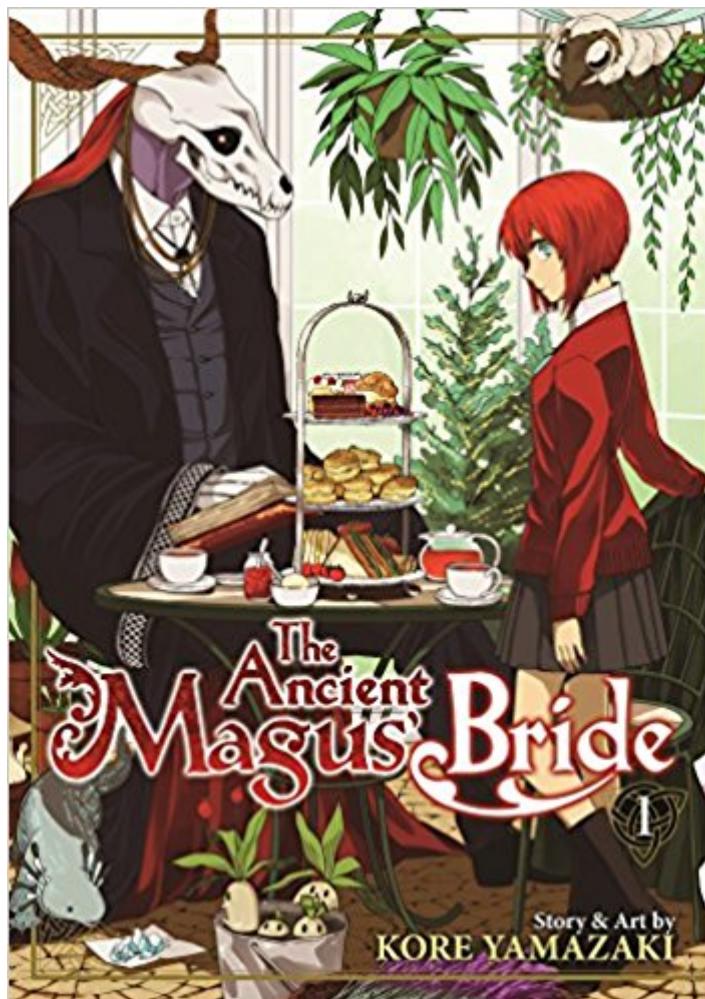


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The Ancient Magus' Bride Vol. 1



Synopsis

The Ancient Magus' Bride is an all-new manga series that features a fascinating relationship between a troubled teenage girl and an inhuman wizard. Enter the Magician's ApprenticeHer name is Chise Hatori, a penniless orphan troubled by visions. Sold as a slave to an inhuman mage, she is about to begin a strange new life, filled with magic, fairies, and other beings of a fantastical nature.

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Customer Reviews

Kore Yamazaki is best known as the author and artist of The Ancient Magus' Bride.

From my Goodreads: NO SPOILERSWow. If you like Harry Potter or A Darker Shade of Magic or anything with a fantastical twist that delves deep into folklore, the surreal and makes you want to live there, this is the manga-or book-for you.Chise Hatori has lived a life of solitude. No one loves her. Her parents abandoned her, and since then, everyone who wanted to care for her dumped her to the side like garbage. So when we find her chained, scared and with circles under her eyes, it becomes clear that Chise is a very damaged girl. She can see fae and other magical things that were the cause of her abandonment, and the reason her life was turned upside down. Elias Ainsworth, a renowned Mage, buys her for 5 million dollars. With her freedom, Chise is to be trained to become a powerful witch that draws all power to her body, known as a Sleigh Beggy. Not only are they extremely rare, but the fact that she can see magical beings is also unusual for her kind. Elias gives her the chance to live with him or to make her own life, but after how kind he is and how he

refers to her as family, she can no longer go back to her old life. Except that Elias forgot some important information. He intends to wed her, but we don't know why. It might seem strange for this creature to marry Chise, but he is much more human than he first appears. He is intelligent, holds a dignified and refined air and is very well known. I could easily describe this series as a mix between Studio Ghibli and Harry Potter. There's something so magical about this that it seems so sweet until you realize just how dark this series can go. Chise has struggled with depression and attempted suicide in her past, and the fae she comes across may or may not kill her depending on their mood. The story draws from a lot of English folklore-mainly Irish. We have Silkies, fae, dragons and even a cat kingdom! While the idea of the story might turn some people away, I ask you to please reconsider. This is a rare beauty that I never knew I needed until I read it. I want MORE. I want to see more interactions between Elias and Chise, and I want to see Chise grow into a powerful witch. With the first antagonist stepping up and attempting to slice Chise to bits, things have gotten even more interesting than ever. And the art is beautiful and so different than most manga art I see. I'll be picking up volume 2. If you are interested, here are some youtube videos about the mangaka. She was a complete noob just doing her thing when an editor told her, "Hey, let's make you a mangaka!" And instantly, her manga has become a hit. And there's good reason for it. Also, I will link a short amv that captures some of the dark beauty of this series and made me interested in the series to begin with. I hope you will at least give them a look! Amv:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k1H-GVWUtJU> (ONLY 1 minute and 41 seconds!) Video about manga and success part 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gxIMxcK7QuI> Part 2:

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A few months ago, I received a catalog of manga and anime products and saw the citation for this title. Both the cover art and the description caught my interest and so near the release date, I put in an order. The first volume lived up to expectations; this has the makings of quite a good series. A fellow reviewer saw parallels with Harry Potter and I would add elements of Beauty and the Beast as well. Our heroine Chise is an engaging figure. A neglected orphan, she finds herself in a situation in which she can develop the mystic abilities she possesses. She may not understand the world she's entered, but it looks like she's a quick study. Elias Ainsworth, the skull-headed mage, is also fascinating; powerful but socially, a bit awkward. The first volume opens with the diary entry of the household maid Silky who may have potential as a character. There are nice chapters involving

dragons and cats that are thoughtful and touching. If the future volumes maintain the quality, The Ancient Magus' Bride will be a fine series.

I would describe this manga as Intriguing fairytale oriented story telling with beautiful art & characters. It has a unique take on relationship building and I felt the narration with the same absorption as a novel. The first book in a series, the story starts out slow building mystery and intrigue around the Mage & the creatures drawn to the main character. I struggled to keep focus a bit at first but the story picks up towards the end and I'm glad I picked up the other two mangas that are out. Stick with it! This is sure to be a fun ride. If you're tired of the same old magical girl / slice of life / fantasy genres this story is one of its own. Off beat and fresh is the best way to describe this series without giving too much away. If you like Grimms original tales, you should enjoy this ride. I look forward to more from this artist.

This first volume of a larger series so far gas my curiosity piqued. The art is fantastic, especially protagonist Elias whose body dressed in a suit with a skull face showing is beautiful s d one of the high points of my reading it was seeing him. In terms of story, there's some strong ideas being built in this first part but it starts to become a little weaker at the end. This is in large part due to our main characters jumping around from place to place and giving a lot of exposition alongside it. However, these explanations are interesting and not too wordy do I personally wasn't bothered. The only real problem I had with this volume is that the story in the final chapter isn't resolved which on its own us kind of annoying. Luckily I have the second volume coming in soon to rectify this. Keep in mind that by no means are cliff hanger endings bad. However, I feel that any collection of stories should have somewhat of a conclusion just to make the reader feel satisfied when finished. Regardless I still enjoyed what I read and if you like the fantasy genre, you should enjoy this.

I bought this on a whim with some birthday money because it was recommended to me from my buying history and I thought the summary sounded good. I was really pleased with the world and can't wait to read the next book. There are lots of secrets and history to be found here in the magical realm created alongside out more mundane one, and this first volume only served to give hints and start setting up relationships and conflicts now that we know the basic cast of characters. If you like Emma or A Bride's Story you'll love this, similarly if you're a Harry potter fan wishing to try out some manga this is a fantastic place to start!

I read the synopsis for it and thought "That seems cool." then i saw the first episode of the anime and was like " Yes this is interesting" so I bought it and was blown away. Reading what this girl Chise had to go through then learning what she is. I love the plot idea and the actual characters interact and you learn as they learn. The only things that still have me lost are 1.) what time period are we in and 2.) when were gonna meet that guy in the woods lol

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