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Fumino Hayashi : Neon Genesis Evangelion: Angelic Days, Vol. 1 before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Neon Genesis Evangelion: Angelic Days, Vol. 1:

35 of 37 people found the following review helpful. Light-Heart Revival of an Ageless ClassicBy Antonio D. PaolucciNeedless to say, Neon Genesis Evangelion is a classic in both the anime and manga fields, and perhaps one of the smartest stories to ever come out of Japan. It uses symbolism as well as if not better than some of the greatest writers of literature, has very strong characterization (Shinji, though annoying, is still well-known through-out the anime world as one of the whinniest characters ever), and has as dramatic and disturbing plot. So, when it ended with

the ending it did end with (say that 5x fast), it left a lot of people wanting more. Angelic Days just so happens to be the "more" that people are wanting. Taking place in an alternate time-stream from the original Evangelion, Angelic Days is more of a light-hearted high school drama than a melodramatic action story. Shinji isn't the brooding teenager he was in the first series and though Asuka is her bossy self, she and Shinji are as close to best-friends as they get. Beyond those two, Rei is an outgoing, boy-hungry young girl and Kaworu (the boy-like angel from the first series) is an effeminate loner whose only friend is Shinji. And all of them are students in the same class, bringing them tightly together rather quickly in this story. Still, despite the concentration on everyday life in this volume, the promise is still quite apparent. There will be mech battles very soon, if not in the next volume. Rarely does the setting in this volume leave the school. In fact, most of the story in volume one deals with things that kids have to go through in school, including getting picked on by friends, girl problems, and issues with the parents. Except for one or two occasions, little in this manga would actually even suggest what is to come and only long-time fans of the series would see where this manga is headed. In essence, this is more of a light-hearted revival of the old Evangelion. This isn't a perfect manga, though. If you're new to the world of Evangelion, getting into Angelic Days may be difficult. There is very little in the way of character introduction. You just have to know what they were like before to understand what they are like here, and to appreciate what they've become. Also, the art isn't as clean-cut as I would have guessed it to be. There were a few panels that actually took a moment to discern what was in the picture. And finally, there were some grammatical problems. Though not enough for me to lower my rating, it is definitely enough for people who aren't interested in Evangelion to completely bash this manga into the dirt. As for recommendations, I highly recommend Neon Genesis Evangelion: Angelic Days to people who know, understand, and love the story in the old Evangelion. You'll have a greater appreciation for the changes made in Angelic Days if you're a knowledgeable Eva fan; if you're somewhat new to Evangelion you'll find some of the changes in this a little jarring.

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By T. Coleman
Out of Evangelion. It's a retelling of the small part of the last episode of the '93 tv show that only deals with teen angst and typical love triangles.

Imagine a Neon Genesis Evangelion where choosing the right girl is more important than saving the world! That's the gist of Angelic Days - the hit manga that Eva fans have been waiting for! Based on a popular PC and Playstation 2 game released only in Japan, Angelic Days takes the angst-ridden Eva pilots and sets them in a lighter, brighter world.