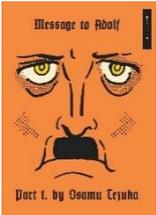


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Books discussed during The JFT Library Book Club Online – Manga (June 10, 2021)

	Title	Author	Genre
	3x3 Eyes	Takada, Yuzo	Seinen, Adventure, Romance
	<p>Pai is a strange, provincial woman who has come to Tokyo from the Tibetan highlands. Somewhere in Tokyo is a young man who can help her in her quest... to become human! When Pai finally finds Yakumo, they set off in search of the artifact that can transform her, but it will take all of her mystical powers to keep the reckless Yakumo alive, even if she has to steal his soul to protect him!</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>*Book description from darkhorse.com</i></p>		
	March Comes In Like a Lion	Umino, Chica	Seinen, Coming-of-age, Romance
	<p>This is a gentle tale about people trying to regain something. And it is a tale of battle. Rei Kiriya lost his family in an accident when he was young. Now he is a 17-year-old pro shogi player who is burdened with deep loneliness. Rei lives alone in an old town in Tokyo, but after becoming acquainted with three sisters, Akari, Hinata, and Momo, he begins to change little by little...</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>*Book description from funimation.com</i></p>		
	Message to Adolf	Tezuka, Osamu	Seinen, Historical
	<p>It is 1936 in Berlin, Nazi Germany. A Japanese reporter named Sohei Tohge finds his brother's dead body in Berlin. But almost instantly all traces of information regarding his younger brother's study in Germany has vanished... Investigating the matter, it is later learned that this murder is connected to a document he mailed to Japan with information regarding Adolf Hitler. As events progress, the lives of three Adolfs, each from distinct origins, intertwine and become more and more tangled as Sohei Toge searches for his brother's murderer.</p> <p>Borrow from JFT OverDrive</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>*Book description from kodansha.us</i></p>		
	Natsume's Book of Friends	Midorikawa, Yuki	Shojo, Supernatural
	<p>Takashi Natsume can see the spirits and demons that hide from the rest of humanity. He has always been set apart from other people because of his gift, drifting from relative to relative, never fitting in. Now he's a troubled high school student who has come to live in the small town where his grandmother grew up. And there he discovers that he has inherited more than just the Sight from the mysterious Reiko. When Reiko was Takashi's age, she bound the names of demons and spirits in her Book of Friends, enslaving them to her capricious whim. Now Takashi is the owner of the book, and the creatures will do anything to get their names back.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>*Book description from viz.com</i></p>		

	Real	Inoue, Takehiko	Seinen, Sports
<p>Eisner-award nominated creator Takehiko Inoue creates a dramatic tale of triumph over adversity. This is the story of three young men whose lives are profoundly changed by their involvement with wheelchair basketball. A motorcycle accident, bone cancer, a speeding truck crashing into a boy on a stolen bicycle--tragic life-changing events turn the worlds of three young men upside down. These three very different personalities have only one thing in common--their passion for basketball.</p>			
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<p><i>*Book description from viz.com</i></p>			
	Sayonara Zetsubou-sensei	Kumeta, Koji	Shonen, Dark comedy
<p>Nozomu Itoshiki is depressed. Very depressed. He's certifiably suicidal, but he's also the beloved schoolteacher of a class of unique students, each charming in her own way: The stalker. The shut-in. The obsessive-compulsive. The girl who comes to class every day with strange bruises. And Kafuka, the most optimistic girl in the world, who knows that every cloud has a silver lining. For all of them, it's a special time, when the right teacher can have a lasting positive effect on their lives. But is that teacher Itoshiki, a.k.a. Zetsubou-sensei, who just wants to find the perfect place to die?</p>			
<p><i>*Book description from kodansha.us</i></p>			
	Witch Hat Atelier	Shirahama, Kamome	Seinen, Fantasy
<p>In a world where everyone takes wonders like magic spells and dragons for granted, Coco is a girl with a simple dream: she wants to be a witch. But everybody knows magicians are born, not made, and Coco was not born with a gift for magic. Resigned to her un-magical life, Coco is about to give up on her dream to become a witch ... until the day she meets Qifrey, a mysterious, traveling magician. After secretly seeing Qifrey perform magic in a way she's never seen before, Coco learns what everybody "knows" might not be the truth, and discovers that her magical dream may not be as far away as it may seem ...</p>			
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