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Log Horizon, Vol. 2: The Knights Of Camelot - Light Novel



Synopsis

Even though peace has seemingly been restored to Akiba, unrest churns beneath its surface. Learning that two of his students--the twins Tohya and Minori--have been bound to an unscrupulous guild, Shiroe makes his bid to bring order to the lawless streets. Are his band of handpicked veterans up to the task...?

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Customer Reviews

Kazuhiro Hara is the artist behind both the Log Horizon light novel series and its manga adaptation. Mamare Touno is an author best known for his sci-fi light novel series, Log Horizon.

While volume 1 of the light novel series covered the effects of The Catastrophe on a more smaller level -- Shiroe, his companions, and the Crescent Moon League -- volume 2 described the effects of The Catastrophe on the Adventurers residing in Akiba, a major city for Adventurers. With the Intercity Transport Gates non-functional, the unpredictable destinations from using Fairy Rings, and monsters roaming the land, this "game" had become very real to the trapped Adventurers. Many of them had become too scared to venture out of Akiba and thus were in a virtual prison. Meanwhile, unscrupulous high-level Adventurer guilds took advantage of the low-level "newbies" that were also trapped in this world by recruiting them under false pretenses and then using them as slave labor. In other news, many guilds were recruiting to increase their member size and then use their large guild membership to influence or bully smaller guilds. Akiba was slowly turning into a depressing

nightmare. And Shiroe the Enchanter, the Machiavelli-in-Glasses, wasn't going to stand for this. This volume details how Shiroe and his friends and allies bring civilized order and hope to not only the Adventurers but the People of the Earth that live in the world. There is more exposition of the events that happen in this volume than the anime could cover. You learn things in this volume that the anime skips or barely touches upon.* You learn a little bit more Henrietta's real life background. (not mentioned in anime)* You learn a little bit more about Marielle and Calasin's background. (one line in the anime)* You learn a little bit more about Minori and Touya's background. (one flashback scene in the anime only)* The negotiation to form the Round Table Council is slightly lengthier. There are discussions of some weighty issues that the anime skips, like slavery of People of the Earth to unscrupulous Adventurers.* You learn about macroeconomics as it applies to Akiba.* You learn why Shiroe named his guild Log Horizon and why he chose his headquarters where he did. The anime almost entirely follows this volume's contents accurately (unlike volume 1), but one minor thing appears to have been changed in the anime from this volume: *SPOILER* Naotsugu is a bigger curry lover than Shiroe. As with the previous volume, Taylor Engel does a great job with the localization. However, there is one typo in this volume. At the beginning of each chapter, an Adventurer is featured with a brief description and their stats. Michitaka's level was incorrectly printed as level 19. As the head of the Marine Organization production guild and a veteran Adventurer, he is most certainly not level 19!

This volume picks up as the team continues back to Akihabara from the ending of the 1st novel. I won't delve too much into story but the world building continues to be fairly impressive; the author/translator do a good job of pointing out the problems that being trapped in an entire world may bring about; he relays its effects to the general population, and then focuses on a particular set of characters and weaves it into the main plot setting up future events in the novels to come. Well done. Most people buying the series won't be swayed by a review, especially after only the 2nd volume. To those whom have watched the anime, this second volume covers approximately up to episode 10 of the 1st season of the ANIME. That's not bad at all. The only major con I have of this series is that the author finds it necessary to be excessively wordy in explaining attacks/terminology over and over again; it may really be only twice in the book and it may even be necessary but what I think would be better than explaining things like that in the main text would be to create footnotes with explanations or an appendix. Would make the action/explanations be more smooth. This particular point is my preference though and this one problem is not going to make me stop reading the series. I like the characters [though at times, the dialogue is cringe-worthy], I especially like the

setting and world building, and the plot has been developing nicely. It's a worthy buy. The copy I received from was damaged and the immediately shipped out a replacement order ">Read more

As this book is translated from the Japanese, it may not flow as well as you would expect a book from a Western writer, but I found this book hard to put down, regardless. I enjoyed reading about the extremely intelligent strategist Shiroe and how he manages to steer others to follow his plans. It's refreshing to read about a hero who is much more of a thinker than a fighter, although of course, he has combat-worthy friends. I watched the anime before I started reading the books but the books stand well enough on their own. Check it out if you can.

So I am torn on giving it 4 or 5 stars. The writing is far from perfect as it is translated from Japanese and thus may not flow perfectly a few times. Still the story is nearly perfectly translated from the original work. It also is a good read if you did see the show. I did enjoy it and would recommend it for fans of the show.

The second volume of the series has a much better pace than the first. It fully introduces the twins mentioned in volume one. It has an interesting bit of world building, giving the hero a chance to shine in a way that would make Machiavelli proud.

My daughter wanted this for CHRISTmas and was thrilled to get it. She loves these books and loves reading them!

You will really enjoy this series! Can't say enough good things about Log Horizon!

Good, but predictable as having already seen the anime series, but did have more character development than the anime series. Would recommend it to others,

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