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Based on the evidence detailed in Takano's notebook, Rena believes she's uncovered the truth behind Oyashiro-sama's curse and the mysterious deaths in Hinamizawa! But although her theory fits perfectly with Hinamizawa's dark history, it is difficult for Keiichi to believe such an outlandish tale, especially given Takano's obsession with the occult. However, Rena's obsession with the plot she believes will inevitably destroy the village cannot be swayed. Will her mounting paranoia cause her to take drastic measures once again?

Driven out of her mind by the murderous plot exposed in Takano's scrapbook, Rena is on the run from the police and her friends. When Officer Ooishi confronts Mion about the Sonozaki family's involvement in the murder conspiracy, Mion reveals a number of other scrapbooks, detailing even more outlandish theories to explain the string of murders in the village. But will this new development be enough to calm down Rena? Or, in her panic, will her next move put all of her classmates in danger?!

The long-awaited 'answer arc' to the Higurashi When They Cry - Abducted by Demons Arc:Life couldn't be better for Keiichi Maebara. Sure, he's moved to a sleepy, little town where nothing happens and high school consists of a one-room schoolhouse - but his new friends and fellow students are all cute girls! When he happens upon a story about a grisly local murder, however, his contentment turns to uneasiness as he finds himself drawn into a web of silent intrigue that involves his newfound friends...and threatens his very existence.

## Higurashi When They Cry: Atonement Arc, Vol. 4 Details

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## From Reader Review Higurashi When They Cry: Atonement Arc, Vol. 4 for online ebook

### Hadi Wijaya says

Still very likes this book. The chill level is somehow decreasing far from the other books. I even can say it is action drama rather than horror / thrilling story.

Several comments:

1. If in book 5, the point of view change to Shion, in this book 6, point of view change to several persons (mostly Rena and Keichi). Since we already know the personality of Keichi, this book focuses in building personality of Rena. Not very difficult, because Rena has been introduced so far in previous books. It's easy also because Rena personality isn't as complicated as Shion (IMO). Having all of that trouble in her life I can believe that Rena is very reluctant to mental disorder sickness.
2. There is some scene that I think too long. For example when Rena and Keichi fighting on the roof. It's like taking forever.
3. New style of story. After reading book 5, I would think that book 6 will have same format. The same story from book 1 but from perspective of Rena, but I am wrong. This book is totally new story. Yes it has same plot as book 1, about paranoia disease that is suffered by Keichi, now it's on Rena, but all things inside it; the cause, the symptom, and the solution are totally different. Also we have good ending in this book.
4. This book starts to explain about relation of other book. I say 'start to explain', means that the relation is still a mystery but we now know there is relation between each book.
5. Moral story is told in this book. Unlike other book this book has a good ending when every misunderstanding solved without anyone death. And the moral is that when you have problem, talk to your buddy, don't try to keep it yourself, you need somebody to stand with you. And this morale is applicable in the story of this book. On the other book you can't have it (sure, how can you tell the moral story if you have bloody death ending).
6. The background sound is very supporting and touching hearts, hehehe
7. The mystery of series murder is still a mystery. Is it really a human conspiracy, just coincidence or supernatural things? To answer it we still have 2 books to go :)

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### Ana ★ Tesserell says

Am terminat Capitolul Ispasirea Pacatelor, noroc cu mangarock.com/manga. E de admirat ca adaptarea manga contine mai multe detalii decat animeul; orice ar fi totusi, va recomand sa cititi povestea originala - romanul vizual.

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### **Kurtis Burkhardt says**

Really loving this series!!!^.^ one of the best Psychological mangas I've read!!!????

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### **Logan Simpson says**

Well, I'm glad we finally got one that has a happy ending. I can't wait to see what's gonna happen next.

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### **Nidah (SleepDreamWrite) says**

That ending. This arc was really good. Interesting but good. And the art was also pretty good in this. Good volume.

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### **Jessie Radford says**

It's kind of surprising in these books who comes out on top and who ends up the murderer. But one things for sure, what ever the main character thought they knew at the beginning of the arc, isn't really what happens.

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### **Chibineko says**

I've been ever so patiently waiting for this to get shipped to me, resisting the urge to track it down at my local bookstore. This volume wraps up the Atonement arc, which is the answer ark to the Abducted by Demons question arc that the entire series started off with. We get to see a similar situation, only this time we get to see the viewpoints of the people around the conflicted person as well as that of Rena herself.

Story-wise, there's a lot to like here. If you're one of the readers who keeps getting frustrated that the endings and story arcs are just repetitions of everything that's come before (only with a few changes), rest assured that this final volume is not like any of the ones that came before. We're getting closer to the end of the answer arcs, with Atonement being the halfway mark and setting things up to reveal what is ultimately going on. If you're like me and have been following along with the story via the anime episodes or through other avenues, then you're pretty aware of where Ryuzaki07 is ultimately leading to and can spot all of the obvious clues. For those who are lucky enough to be reading all of this for the first time and have resisted the urge to read spoilers (so disciplined!), then you have the extra treat of being able to play Sherlock Holmes and piece together the clues to see what's going on.

Art-wise, this was great. It's a cute style and I really enjoyed all of Rena's facial expressions and her demeanor. There's a reason why she's one of my favorite characters: when she decides to jump the train to crazy town, she goes all out. (Although I have to say that my favorite character can change depending on who the current arc focuses on!)

This is absolutely worth getting in my opinion, and if you're a fan of Higurashi then this will be an obvious

"must have". If you're a little hesitant due to the amount of volumes out there, then that's understandable. In that case I recommend looking into seeing if your local library has any of the volumes available and reading them through there. (Or read them on the bookshelves of your local bookstore or watching the anime, which is good but not as good as the manga at times.)

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### **Shannon says**

I like it better when they kill each other lol.

And we get a glimpse of Hanyuu in this one! I completely forgot about her.

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### **Jordan says**

My mind is blown again... There was even a chilling moment that broke the fourth wall! That was exciting. I now fully support KeichixRena over KeichixMion. The final moment shown between them sums up all of Higurashi; what it means and feels like. It was sweet, intense, and even funny. Ooshi continues to be the best policemen character in a horror story. He is proactive and even helpful. The full page pictures were

awesome.

Rating PG13

Violence

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