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Black Jack is a mysterious and charismatic genius surgeon who travels the world performing amazing and impossible medical feats. Though highly trained, he freelances without a license because he disdains the medical establishment. This leads to run-ins with the authorities and unscrupulous, sometimes criminal, individuals. Because Black Jack keeps his true motives secret, his ethics are perceived as questionable and he is considered a selfish, uncaring devil by the medical industry.

The Black Jack series is told in short stories. Volume 10 will contain 14 stories, each running approximately 20 pages in length. This tenth volume includes the following stories:

The Most Beautiful Woman in the World-- Given Black Jack's profession it is not unusual for the unlicensed surgeon to get requests for house calls at least opportune times of night. While his prices are negotiable he is always on-call, ready to provide services twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week. But on this particular night, it is not Black Jack who is called for his services. This time the person on the phone is calling for someone named Kuroo, and instead of calling in a panic, this caller wants to have some chit-chat before detailing where Kuroo's services will be needed.

Blood Relations--After his last trip to Macau Black Jack was not looking forward to returning to the Portuguese colony. Unfortunately he receives another call from the peninsula, but this time from his step-mother.

"Tezuka spins an entertaining, slightly preposterous yarn, serving up more plot twists, car chases, and gender-bending costume changes than *Dressed to Kill* and *The Manchurian Candidate* combined." -- PopCultureShock

"You'll stare at the page, eyes popping and muttering, 'I cannot believe I just read that.' But you did, and it worked, and you turn the page." --Comic World News

## **Black Jack, Vol. 10 Details**

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### **Chibineko says**

I have to say, I've loved just about every volume of this series so far. Sure, there's been some stories that I haven't liked as much as others & some volumes I prefer more, but overall this series has been fantastic. I can't believe that it took so long for a company to put this series back out again.

This volume is definitely one that shows us a lot of insight into Black Jack's character. We see him reunited with the father who left Black Jack & his mother behind in order to marry a mistress. We see one of his earliest cases concerning an elderly builder. We also get to see a case of a rather strange rich man who wanted Black Jack to implant 3 billion dollars worth of diamonds inside of his body.

I have to say, this is one of my favorite volumes of the series. Like other volumes, I can see where some of the medical data was false, but the strong storytelling manages to pull off these errors. The glimpses into Black Jack's background is fascinating, giving a lot of explanation for why he ended up the way that he did. If you've been faithfully following the series so far, you'll be richly rewarded with this volume.

Again, this is a volume that you can read without having read the previous volumes. Of course... if you get & read the previous volumes it makes the story that much better!

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### **Lissibith says**

[For me, the star of this issue is an encounter with his long-estranged father. The man left when Black Jack and his mother were both badly injured from a bomb blast. The guy tries to be sympathetic, but

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### **Aurelio Ippandoza says**

Great medical manga from Tezuka...4.2 stars.

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### **Russell Grant says**

Another good volume of the series. This one has a couple of stories that dip into Black Jack's past which might give it a bump over previous volumes. Other than that it's more of the same which is a good thing in this case.

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