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## From Reader Review ??????? for online ebook

### VeritasV says

This is the first japanese light novel that i read.  
And I liked it.  
The writing wasn't impressive, but the story was nice.

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### Charles Morris says

For fans of the anime, at first you may be disappointed. The anime does do a better job at telling (or telling at all) the backstory of each girl. But once you get into the book you start to enjoy it all the same. I felt the epilogue does a better job of wrapping up the story than the anime. So all together they compliment each other very well. If you've never seen the anime. This is a very dark tale of magical girls. Full of surprises and heartbreaks. Very much a good read.

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### Leon McIntosh says

Ok.....I LOVE THIS BOOK. A couple years back I found it but was hesitant to read it. So I put it on my cue to read after discussing it with someone. However, I listened to a review of the book and the best line to describe this book is, "Madoka Magica meets Battle Royale" - Justus R. Stone IMMEDIATELY, I had to read this book AND I DO NOT REGRET IT. If you are a fan of Battle Royale or Madoka Magica, I HIGHLY RECOMMEND READING THIS. It is a roller coaster ride that I found very enjoyable.

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### Erick Fuentes says

(3.5/5)

Bueno... he leído esta novela porque al ver el anime de MSIK quedé transtornado y necesitaba más, no suelo ver anime con mucha frecuencia y al encontrar este y descubrir que tiene una serie de novelas ligeras publicadas, las he buscado en formato electrónico para leerlas y está la primera, en la que se basa el anime, si me ha decepcionado un poco.

MSIK, trata sobre un videojuego que se ha vuelto viral al verse que al ingresar en el puedes convertirte en una Chica Mágica de verdad, (lo que equivale a una hechicera con habilidades y superiores a los de un humano promedio y un hechizo "poder" que es diferente en cada una) y bueno nuestra protagonista acaba de ser seleccionada, así que el mundo de magia le ha otorgado el honor de ser una Chica Mágica, por lo que según ella lo correcto es ayudar todo mundo. Y es que esto cambia cuando el administrador decide que deben de eliminar a la mitad de las 16 Chicas Mágicas de la región así que pronto tomarán decisiones turbias y poco sensatas donde sobrevivir se vuelve lo más importante...

La verdad es que en la novela la traducción hizo sentir el libro muy simplón y sin sentido alguno... mis personajes favoritos no estaban tan bien estructurados, lo cual es un punto fuerte al anime. Igual creí que en este libro encontraría alguna explicación más lógica de lo que Swim Swim hizo, porque ¿porqué estaba tan desquiciada?

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### **Xyleen Qien says**

this was a fun ride.

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### **Sean O'Hara says**

Okay, so this is a survival horror story about girls who are granted magical powers so they can become superheroes, but when their numbers grow too large and they start draining the local manna supply, they're forced to fight Battle Royale style. There are sixteen to start, and they have to get down to eight. And one must die each week.

Knowing this is the first book in a series, you might think the killings would be stretched out across eight volumes, but no, the whole death game takes place in this one volume. Which means we have sixteen characters to get to know (and lose) in a single 200 page book. Character development is nonexistent, and the story ends up being one brutal death after another, Involving people you don't care about.

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### **Briony Smith says**

Why did I start reading it?

I think I landed in Magical Girl Raising Project the same way most people did. Through Madoka Magica. After being thoroughly traumatised by that I heard this was of a similar vein and watched the anime. I'll probably go into reasons why I liked that through the review but after watching it and finding out the original novel was coming out in English I had the release date in the calendar every since!

What is it?

In the world of MGRP, there is a completely free app game called Magical Girl Raising Project and rumour has it some players of the game can become actual magical girls. The rumours are true and there ends up being a total of sixteen magical girls running around the large N city.

The game announces that there are too many magical girls and the number needs to be cut. Obviously, no one is willing to give up their awesome magical powers so they battle for their power and soon their very survival.

What are the character's like?

Many of the characters don't get the screen time they did in the anime. Yes, the anime had 12 episodes and this book only had well...a book but due to missing scenes(That I've heard are in another book but aren't in this one so I can't judge.) many of the characters come and go with only really one scene or less for us to get an idea of who they are. For those that are familiar with the characters, this is especially true for Magicaloid 44 and Nemurin doesn't even get any lines.

The characters that do get time I love. Out of the ones the novel chooses to focus on, there aren't really any

girls I dislike. Some I'm terrified of, but don't dislike.

Full Review at: [www.BrionyRoseSmith.co.uk](http://www.BrionyRoseSmith.co.uk)

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### **Tomcat says**

#### **Pointless story.**

A book full of characters that got systematically and ruthless rid off without any second tough or reason. The characters and story doesn't really evolved through the book, is just cutting heads left and right, quite predictable after a while. Everything in the story looks pointless at the end of the book.

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### **Nique says**

[ Battle Royale (hide spoiler)]

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### **Telthor says**

Eh. It could be the translation but.....eh. The characters are boring, the plot is kind of confusing because stuff just happens in like a paragraph and sometimes there's a reaction and sometimes not so you end up reading the same paragraph again because maybe someone died but you can't really tell. I just wanted to rewatch Puella Magi Madoka Magicka instead of read another page. I mean, yeah, I finished it.....but I feel hollow and sad and a little bored inside.

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### **Ari ? says**

Three stars

(Three stars aren't a bad thing either, I really did enjoy this book. I just didn't love it or hate it.)

Magical Girl Raising Project was a light, fun, and fluffy read. It was super fast paced towards the end.

Spoilerly review incoming, but not tagging it cause it's not TOO spoilerly. Just putting this here just incase someone out there considers it spoilers.

I wasn't expecting them to kill off all the characters in the *first* novel. I was expecting this challenge/royale to last throughout the novels. I have no clue what the second novel could be about. I do have great interest in it though.

The characters were all unique in design and personality, and I really appreciate the artwork at the start. Because even though the descriptitons of the character's outfits were pretty good, looking at the art really helped me picture the characters.

I would recommend this book if you are just looking for something light and quick. It was fairly easy to get into.

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### **Alisha Tarran says**

I love how this is kind of a little bit dark but it has really cute chibi's at the beginning in the colour pages to introduce you to each character! I was like awww Chibi's and then I read the prologue and was like wooooow okay.

One thing I really liked about this was that it told you about the game as if you're looking at the back of the game packet, if you know what I mean? It was an interesting way to relate the information without putting a, probably, overly long explanation in to the narrative and killing the pace. I also liked how the chat portions were set out as it provided a nice break to the narrative.

This gets quite dark quite quickly, it's like the Magical Girls edition of the Hunger Games. There's blood, stabbing, death, and various other forms of gore, and considering one character turned out to be fairly young, it was a bit disturbing. Just fair warning. I actually think it was a nice change to all the OMG Magical Girls \*unicorns\* \*rainbows\* kinda stuff I usually come across. Seriously this goes from "aw look magical girls, aren't they cute!" to "stab stab stab, murder, murder, dismember, blood, gore, death" in like 0.5 seconds.

I was really intrigued from the start by the darker tone. We get to see all of the girls POV's mostly, I think, and each was very different from the other. They all wanted different things, they all thought differently, had different opinions and had different voices to their narratives. I feel like this kept the narrative fresh and gave some great character insight.

Speaking of characters, I had some that I loved and some that I hated...then there was a complete psycho. Can't say I wasn't happy to see the back of her. The world of the game was intriguing, and there's lots of action and blood and murder. I liked that you saw through the characters two completely different mindsets or types of people. Those that would help each other and do things the right way and those that immediately resorted to cheating as soon as they were able to. I really had to question how some of them made it to being a magical girl to be honest.

I gave this four stars because I had a couple of niggles. First off, I feel like I was supposed to connect with Snow White, but I really wasn't that bothered with her, she got on my nerves a wee bit and rather than stepping up like all of the others she was kind of on the sidelines not really doing much so I was rooting for Ripple instead!

My other issue was that there were a fair few characters that I was excited to see and get to know more of but they were killed off and I didn't get to see as much of them as I would have liked. I kinda figured that this all out kill war was going to go on for a few volumes, I wasn't expecting the whole story to be wrapped up in one volume, so I'm interested to see where the story is going to go after everything from this volume, but I do feel like a few things were rushed, I'd have liked a bit more world building too!

All in all, Magical Girl Raising Project shows the different sides to human nature through the girls and their actions. There's characters to root for, and characters to hate, and there are some really sad moments as well as some really murdery moments. There's plenty of intrigue about the world, characters, and why they're having to do all of this. Plus everything being wrapped up in this volume makes you super intrigued to see

what's going to happen next. Do we get a new set of girls? Or does the story of the survivors continue?

I don't usually read Magical Girl light novels/manga, but I was interested in this one because it sounded a bit different and from my experience I wasn't disappointed! It was definitely darker than I expected, but it pulled me right in!

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### **Hannah says**

I watched and liked the *Magical Girl Raising Project* anime, but it only covered the first novel, which from what I hear is essentially a necessary prologue to the "real" story. This left the anime without much of an ending, and there are currently no plans to adapt the rest of the series, so I'm quite glad the novels have become officially available in English.

Now that I've read the novel, I have to say that I liked it a bit better than the anime. Sure, not every character has a fully fleshed out backstory (the anime filled in several of the blanks, but it did leave characters like the Peaky Angels undeveloped), but the worldbuilding is much clearer, as well as the reasons behind the situation the girls are in. Plus, the ending felt rather hollow in the anime, whereas in the novel, there's a real sense that things have been resolved and will move forward.

But I'm getting a bit ahead of myself, aren't I? I haven't even mentioned what the novel is actually about: magical girl Hunger Games (or at least, that's how I always describe it to people unfamiliar with the series). I didn't like *The Hunger Games*, mind you, but I *love* magical girls. I watched *Sailor Moon* as a kid like everyone else, but my love for the genre was cemented when I discovered *Tokyo Mew Mew*, and I still haven't looked back a decade later. My icon has been my favorite Mew Mew since I joined Goodreads; if anything magical girl-related gets a new release, odds are *very* high that I'll be checking it out.

*Magical Girl Raising Project* is definitely not a traditional anime. Since the release of *Puella Magi Madoka Magica*, deconstructions of the genre have become more popular, geared towards adults who aren't as willing to believe that kindness and friendship can solve all of life's problems. A lot of fans of traditional magical girl shows dislike these deconstructions, but I personally enjoy both types of magical girls. Contrary to popular belief, series like *Madoka* and *Raising Project* aren't just cynical torture-porn that kill off innocent girls for no reason. In *all* of these series, at least the ones I'm familiar with, there remains a ray of hope, and characters that believe in and embody the essence of a "true" magical girl. *Magical Girl Raising Project* is no exception.

Later in the novel, we learn that magical girl selection tests are usually nowhere near as bloody as the one our protagonists Snow White and Ripple find themselves a part of. The hows and whys of the situation are eventually revealed, and as it turns out, it only takes a few bad people to mess up a good thing. (view spoiler) are horrible, horrible people, but they're exceptions, not rules. They corrupt the inherit good of the magical girl system for their own gain, because they are selfish and power-hungry and don't care who they hurt. Other magical girls, like Snow White, Sister Nana, and the delightfully gruesome yet kind Hardgore Alice (my personal favorite character), still believe in good, and they never stop believing. (On the other hand, (view spoiler) is a great villain whose presence just makes everything creepier - in a good way, I mean, even as she is thoroughly hateable.)

So yes, this novel is gory. Yes, good people get killed off, and because their magical appearances don't

reflect their true selves, the reveals of who exactly are murdering and getting murdered can be shocking and upsetting. You probably shouldn't expect your favorite character to make it through (mine (view spoiler)). But in spite of all this, it really doesn't feel hopeless. Well, at times it does, and it's not exactly an uplifting read. But in the end, Snow White develops into a strong character that you just *know* is going to change everything.

Well, this review ended up something of a ramble. My point is, I think this series gets a lot of flak that it doesn't deserve. And, okay, maybe some that it does. It's not for everyone. The translation is a little clunky, and the art doesn't always match the text descriptions. But I completely devoured this book, and I definitely plan to continue reading the series. Though this novel is a self-contained arc, it really does open up a world that the anime adaptation simply wasn't prepared to explore. I can't wait to learn more about this world, and to see where the story goes next.

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### **Lyn says**

I don't know WHAT this book was, but it was very messed up / violent... Ruined an innocent-sounding game. Honestly, I didn't want to finish it (I almost quit it in the first few pages, because I so badly wanted to punch Fav in the face for saying "pon" at the end of literally every sentence he uttered, no matter how short), but I just couldn't do it without knowing what happened. So I suppose the author did a good job of keeping readers interested, but I definitely both hated and loved it.

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### **?????? ???? says**

A very interesting book. The first one in my favourite novel series, it's well-written but the latter chapters are too short. I'd like we had more backstory for some of the characters (most notably Cranberry and Swim Swim), but it's still a good read.

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