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It's the ultimate expression of love -

to wear matching rings with your significant other, showing the world that you are a couple.

High school student, Wataru Fujii, also wears one though he is single. When he accidentally switches rings with popular and handsome senior, Yuichi Kazuki, they discover that their rings pair up! Since then, Kazuki, who is known for being kind to all becomes strangely harsh to Wataru. They alternate between hot and cold, as in between clashes they begin to sort their feelings for one another. Are Wataru and Kazuki the worst of enemies or are they actually soulmates?

Already a popular genre in Japan, especially among females, **Yaoi**, also known as the "Boy's Love" genre, is becoming a rising phenomenon in North America. As one of the top titles of its genre in Japan, ***Only The Ring Finger Knows*** , will sure to engage readers to a world of intimacy and unique emotion that is solely yaoi manga.

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Mary says

This was my first intro into boy's love. It still is one of the most cherished and favorite manga I've read.

Matching rings are the in thing at Wataru's high school-they signify whether your best friends, single, currently seeking or an actual couple. Wataru wears his ring, for none of these reasons but because he has a special attachment to the ring itself.

Through a series of events he finds out that the prince of the school, Yuichi Kazuki, wears a ring that's a match to his! He doesn't understand why someone who is so kind and friendly to others would actually act the opposite towards him. Wataru realizes soon that his interest in Yuichi, and the emotions that he invokes in Wataru run deeper than he imagines. But he's even more surprised when he finds out Yuichi's real feelings.

This story is beautiful, funny, and sweet. I fell in love with Yuichi and Wataru as they struggled and came to terms with their feelings.

Bine says

Ein wirklich süßer und spannender One-Shot Manga, den ich super schnell durchgelesen habe. Sehr niedlich, hat mich aber irgendwie enttäuscht, weil ich so hohe Erwartungen hatte, da viele diesen Manga in höchsten Tönen loben. Das ganze war zwar spannend, aber ich habe schon sehr viel Gefühlvolleres gelesen... Der Zeichenstil war auch nicht 100%ig meins, sowie ich mit Kizami (ich bin mir nicht mehr sicher, ob er so hieß) nichts anfangen konnte. Die Auflösung war schön und das Zusatzkapitel hat mir eigentlich am besten gefallen. Naja, ein schöner Manga, den man gut und schnell lesen kann. Immerhin habe ich jet total Lust auf Shonen Ai bekommen xD

Anna C says

Akhirnya kubaca juga manga yg cukup populer ini, yg juga cukup berimbang antara bintang 1-3 dengan bintang 4-5 di GR, dan terutama ada sebagian temanku yg memberinya 2-3, sebagian lagi 4-5. Jadi kurasa ini lagi2 masalah selera dan juga masalah mood, imo, lol.

Awalnya aku ragu buat mulai baca secara utk karya Kannagi-sensei ini kadang ada yg bnr2 kusukai, kadang ada yg tidak.

Dan aku juga takut manga yg diadaptasi dari novel ini tdk bisa disampaikan dgn baik oleh illustrator-nya yaitu Odagiri-sensei. Odagiri-sensei adalah mangaka dari Uragiri wa Boku no Namae wo Shitteiru/The Betrayal Knows My Name yg sejujurnya menurutku ceritanya biasa saja walaupun gambarnya bagus. Jadi ya itulah kenapa aku selalu menunda membaca Only the Ring Finger Knows ini.

Lalu banyak yg bilang ini ceritanya tipikal sekali alias cliché abislah pokoknya, yg simpel dibikin rumit dll.

Well, setelah kubaca sih memang benar kalo cliché dan simpel dibikin rumit itu.

Tapiiii....mungkin aku memang suka yg begini atau memang lagi mood atau alasan lain yg tak kupahami, aku merasa ceritanya ini sweeeeet banget deh, sudah bikin aku badump badump sedari awal, hatiku juga ikutan ngilu2 sedikit waktu Wataru galau, hehehe. Simpel dan cliché memang, dan aku sebagai pembaca yg sudah baca banyak komik selama 25 tahun, sudah melihat banyak tipe plot dari simpel hingga rumit dan original, mungkin akan dikira merasa bosan dgn yg simpel dan cliché dan sukanya yg original. But nope, aku takkan pernah bosan dgn yg simpel dan cliché, asalkan 'penyampaiannya' bagus dan menyentuh di hati, pasti kuberi 4-5. :)

Anyway, sayang sekali yg diadaptasi ke dalam manga cuma 1 volume, sisanya 4 volume lagi dalam bntk novel, padahal aku pengen liat versi ilustrasinya, krn cuci mata abis sih bishounen dua2nya, hihhi. Trus, karena aku lagi kejar setoran utk deadline manga akhir tahun, terpaksa utk lanjutan novelnya *Only the Ring Finger Knows* ini baru bisa kulanjutin setelah target manga Desember tercapai deh... :(

Teetee says

The first yaoi book I ever read! Loved this, thought at the time it was the sweetest most romantic book i'd read in a long time. I've reread this so many times, an absolute fav!

Lör K. says

Slight spoilers within this review – not hidden, please read with care.

Good Reads recommended *Only the Ring Finger Knows* to me after I read ?????? 1 Okane ga Nai 1 . I thought that the plot sounded quite cute, romantic in a strange sense of the word, and I decided to give it a try.

When dating someone, you wear matching rings with each other, on the left index finger (more commonly known as your wedding ring finger). Until then, you wear your ring on the right index finger to show you are single and the right middle finger for something or other, I don't quite remember; the manga mentioned it briefly. I think for having feelings for someone you're not ready to share.

The first chapter is totally full of drama, so much going on at once. We're introduced to a relatively well looking boy who happens to share the same ring as his attractive, well-sought-after-by-the-girls senior. Amazingly, they accidentally swap rings and it turns out, the rings only fit the others left ring finger. Pretty amazing foreshadowing, predictable and honestly a little bit disappointing. However, the second chapter tones it down, focusing more on the two main characters of the manga.

I was disappointed when it turned out Male A was only being a jerk to Male B because Male A is popular and didn't want people to like another man. Stereotypical, disappointing and pretty much insulting. Then again, it is Japanese, and things like this are quite typical in Japan so I suppose I'll give it the benefit of the doubt; cultural differences.

Either way, I had to put it down. The plot line simmers down into a boring game of cat and mouse from

chapter three and I just got bored with it. Perhaps I'll try and give it another read sometime, but for now, this isn't the manga for me. I'm disappointed in this yaoi – maybe due to the whole dynamics of *Yuuri!!! on Ice* and other yaoi manga I've read but this was just. Boring, a disappointment, and filled with so much unnecessary drama. I regret not finishing it, I really like to read a book completely before giving my full review on it, but I just couldn't finish this one.

I wouldn't really recommend this to anyone, unless you've just joined the manga scene and you're looking for a simple one to read. I wouldn't really recommend this to anyone who's been reading manga for a while.

I'm definitely going to try this again later on, as I said, but honestly, give this a miss.

Theresa says

If you're up to high-school bittersweet, mellow, happy ending romance, this one is for you. On a side note, I really like a determined uke who can take care of himself.

Fangirl says

First I read the mangas and then the novel. The story is very sweet and romantic.

Orestia says

Very pretty artwork and a very sweet plot. I thoroughly enjoyed it.

L. says

Very overrated since it was one of the first yaoi released under the yaoi-specific publisher "June". Mediocre but enjoyable.

Rachel says

Boys are impossible and don't share their feelings and are so frustrating, and that's what makes this manga SO WONDERFUL. They yell at each other until they are kissing each other, and even then, it's not a super smooth road to love. Manga adaptations of light novel series are great, and I wish the rest of the series could have been adapted too! Ah, well, I will just have to go (re)read those now. Again, SO MANY GOOD SIDE CHARACTERS.

Sophie says

I'm actually feeling exhausted after reading this because. of. all. the. drama. The story is cute enough - about two high school student falling in love with each other, and it's handled rather well, but seriously, so much drama about a ring? It was a bit too much to take for me.

Megan M says

There is nothing wrong with Only the Ring Finger Knows. But there is nothing that makes it stand out either. It is typical yaoi manga. The story is cute, but not memorable. In this particular high school, the style is to wear matching rings with your partner. Wataru is shocked and a little nervous when he learns that his ring matches with Yuichi Kazuki, the super popular and handsome senior. Romantic? Ehh... I didn't care for the main love interest. Sexy? Not really. The most you're getting out of this one are a couple of kisses and they're kind of awkward, if you ask me. I feel like this manga is rated so highly almost exclusively because it was one of the first yaoi manga easily available in the States.

Miss says

once is a coincidence. twice is a plot. i am here today to tell you there is a book mutilator at large at the the north york central library and they must be stopped. i am calling you out villain, right here in front of god and goodreads! *stop ripping pages out of manga i want to read*

with regards to the book: it was okay. mostly it had me thinking about the structure of the romance novel -- how the male love interest is a figure of mystery and part of the satisfaction in the resolution is meant to come from our hero/ine finally figuring out what is *up* with tall dark and constantly brooding. i actually think this works way better in a high school love story like this one because i am perfectly willing to believe in teenagers as dramatic and secretive. oh god, i like this person! thought the fifteen year old. *they can never know*

sounds legit to me

3 stars

Leigha says

I really liked this a lot, probably a 4 or 5, when I was younger, but the relationship is pretty toxic and problematic and I see that better as an older, more mature adult. I still can't help but like it, at least going by my vague memories.

Margery Bayne says

I picked this off the library shelf out of curiosity, having not read this genre of manga before. It hit my expectations. The plot had its romance story type contrivances at times, as well as some character interaction tropes I recognize from reading shojo manga. The ending had some nice little twists that pulled many strings of the plot together. For someone who is looking to reading like a high school age yaoi romance, I think this would fit the bill for that reader.
