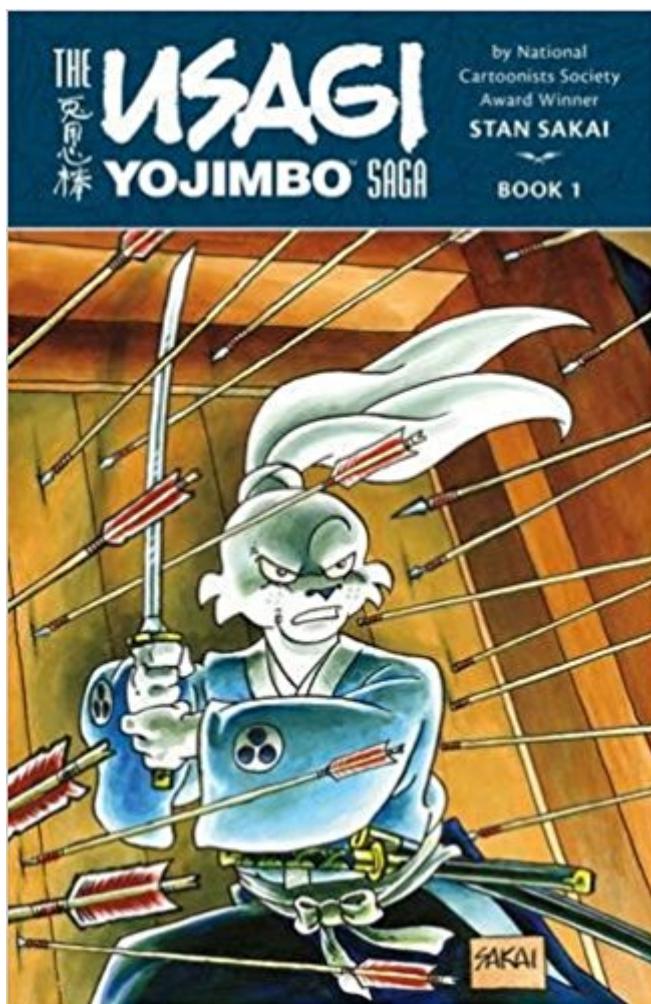


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Synopsis

With more than two hundred issues and counting, Stan Sakai's *Usagi Yojimbo* is among comics' most monumental achievements. To celebrate the rabbit ronin's thirtieth anniversary, Dark Horse proudly presents Miyamoto Usagi's epic trek along the warrior's path in a new series of deluxe compilations. In this first volume, Usagi protects a village from a band of assassins, reluctantly engages in a duel for blood money, hunts a gangster who has stolen his swords, and more.

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Customer Reviews

Stan Sakai was born in Kyoto, Japan, grew up in Hawaii, and now lives in California with his wife, Sharon, and children, Hannah and Matthew. He received a Fine Arts degree from the University of Hawaii, and did further studies at the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, California. His creation, *Usagi Yojimbo*, is the story of a samurai rabbit living in a feudal Japan populated by anthropomorphic animals. It first appeared in *Albedo Comics* in 1984. Since then, Usagi has been on television as a guest of the *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*, and as toys, on clothing, in comic books, and in a series of trade paperback collections. In 1991, Stan created *Space Usagi*, the adventures of a descendant of the original Usagi, dealing with the samurai in a futuristic setting. Stan is also an award-winning letterer for his work on Sergio Aragonés' *Groo the Wanderer*, the *Spider-Man* Sunday newspaper strips as well as *Usagi Yojimbo*. He is the recipient of a Parents' Choice Award, an Inkpot Award, multiple Eisner Awards, two Spanish Haxturs, an American Library

Association Award, and a National Cartoonists' Society Division Award. Usagi Yojimbo Book 12: Grasscutter was used as a textbook in Japanese history classes at the University of Portland. The author lives in Los Angeles, CA..

What can I say about Stan Sakai and Usagi. These are amazing stores, some of the best comic stories I have ever read. Nothing else makes me feel as happy as Usagi does. This is a beautiful collected book. Although this is book #1 in the newly released "Saga", it is not the beginning of the story. I highly recommend you start from the very beginning here. Usagi Yojimbo: The Special Edition (Usagi Yojimbo), then proceed to this book and beyond

This is a must have. At least for me. Usagi was a major part of my childhood, and it has stood the test of time. Even as an adult this comic series is fantastic. Be sure to pick up the Fantagraphics Special Edition collection first, then pick up these Dark Horse volumes.

Usagi Yojimbo is unique in just how well every story is crafted. Also for those who don't know Stan Sakai is the writer and artist of every single issue so for someone like me where continuity is everything he's a god. If you love samurai action, brilliant story with emotion and history than you will find no better series period.

All I can say is "Wow." This is a truly gorgeous hardcover collection. If you love Usagi or are brand new to everyone's favorite rabbit ronin, you will love this volume. The size is wonderful for reading Mr. Sakai's masterfully told stories and admiring his beautiful illustrations. This is the perfect companion to the Fantagraphics Special Edition hardcover set. You won't be disappointed.

If you are a Usagi Yojimbo fan, you don't need a lot of information about the material. The book is great, the printing and production values are outstanding, and this volume has the additional benefit of the original covers presented in color at the back of the book. The volume is larger than the earlier trade paperback collections, so the artwork is clearer and this is easier to read. For my son and me, the best thing about Stan Sakai's work is that it is infinitely rereadable. My son is now 21, and he continues to reread Usagi books, as do I. I am sure that he will be confiscating the trades for his dorm room now that I have this edition. Well worth the investment.

This book was my introduction to Usagi Yojimbo. The character development in these stories is

quite good, and the graphic style is amazing. Each page is a work of art. I am left torn between staring at each panel for ages and quickly burning through the pages because the story is a page-turner. I highly recommend this book.

Blew away my expectations, it is so worth the \$, I love it. Now to get the 6 other volumes!

The writing is phenomenal, there's something about this graphic novel that's so original, unique, and beautiful all at the same time. I really truly love how it encapsulates the Japanese asthetic of the edo period and the Samurai's warrior spirit.

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