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Two high school geniuses scheme to get the other to confess their love first.

Two geniuses. Two brains. Two hearts. One battle. Who will confess their love first...?!

Will Kaguya and Miyuki outsmart a psychological test designed to reveal their true feelings? Is spoon feeding each other cake the way to each other's hearts?

Also, Miyuki visits Kaguya's home for the first time, but she is too sick to enjoy it. Kaguya tries to befriend Miyuki's little sister, but Chika has beaten her to the punch. And summer vacation arrives, but the student council still hasn't agreed on a destination.

Summer vacation is more fun with friends.

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Steven Ritch says

The gift that just keeps giving!

Not much I can say about this volume except that it keeps getting better with each new release and shows no signs of slowing down! With each volume being better than those before it i honestly cant wait to see what happens next!

Leandro Guimarães says

Amusing

Dani - Perspective of a Writer says

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Kaguya is the vice president of their prestigious academy's student council and she's in love with, Miyuki, the president, and he with her! BUT both are well aware that in love there is always a winner... and neither wants to be the "loser!" As both are geniuses and quite proud they spend each day laying in wait for an opportunity to get the other to confess without losing face... only Chika, their secretary and Ishigami, their treasurer, seem ready to innocently mess up their careful machinations.

I absolutely fell in love with the newest volume of the Kaguya-sama: Love Is War series! This is seriously the best volume so far... What does it have?! Humor, tension, romance, competition, friendship and HUMOR, did I say humor yet?!

We've now met, Chika and Ishigami who work with Kaguya and Miyuki on the student council. As well as Ai, Kaguya's super secret assistant! Just with these added personalities the story around Love is War has gelled into a super fun power play with the stakes being higher and higher each time one of our leads make a play for the other... And now, dun, dun, dun we have another, unexpected player, Miyuki's sister, who seems to have unexpected emotions toward a particular character?! I hope she appears again as I believe she can add all sorts of tension for Miyuki...

Up until this volume the plot has been vignettes that are self contained for the most part... but with Kaguya-sama Love Is War vol 4 we get arcs that cross chapters!! Aiiiii this is what I've been secretly waiting for... And Aka Akasaka, the mangaka doesn't pull any punches! We see a side of Chika that is rather unexpected and explains why she is on the student council with our ruthless Kaguya and driven Miyuki. We also see Ishigami take some initiative and piss off Chika (which is really very cute since he is such a cowardly person!) And Ai helps Miyuki get into a compromising situation with Kaguya with super funny results...! It's plain hilarious and I snort and giggle through each volume with this one being no exception...

I just totally love Kaguya and Miyuki. I love that we get to see both of their POVs, that they are so similar it hurts but also different in intriguing ways. In this volume Miyuki tries to go against his nature and be mean to Kaguya and it results in some really hilarious moments between these two... BECAUSE we get to see both of their sides. It really characterizes the differences between men and women and highlights why two people are attracted to one another and yet thwart their own desires... It's too, too cute and makes for the best comedy!

I love the super modern covers on this series and need them for my shelf just so I can stare at them (and I frankly love character focused covers like these!) but I also love the art style inside as well. It isn't your typical boy's or girl's art style and so takes some adjustment (depending on your sex) but I think that is what makes it so special!! The art ADDS to the comedy... This is all about Kaguya and Miyuki's internal ravings contrasted to their driven, focused, competitive external faces... and the art plays that gag to excellent effect! A manga really works when the art is perfectly balanced to the world and story and Kaguya-sama Love Is War vol 4 shows that that balance is spot on.

Kaguya-sama Love Is War vol 4 is the best volume yet in what is a tense, romantic, competitive, friendship filled and HUMOROUS series, it uses delayed gratification to keep us on the edge of our seats as two stubborn geniuses struggle to win each other's love!

???? Authenticity

???? Tension

???? Plot

???? Art

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This is a multi-volume series and there may be references to the plot of those volumes... SO READ WITH CARE! Here is my review of 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5

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Ruthsic says

This volume was perhaps a let-down compared to other volumes, as it felt dragged out. Mostly, the storyline goes in a simple way - either Kaguya or Miyuki sends the opening volley and one of them or neither of them wins in the end. The best part of this is that them being at odds and yet being attracted to each other is the whole basis of their complicated relationship. Other than that, there is Miyuki's specific insecurities played out, and Kaguya's utter naivete at informal decorum.

But, in this one, it felt like it stalled to let an exaggerated version of 'the morning after' play out, when Kaguya gets sick and Miyuki visits her, and in her delirious state she makes him sleep over. After that, again a couple of chapters are wasted on them discussing things with their friends and getting advice and finally reconciling and getting back to normal. Granted, some day their romance has to move forward in a way, but I didn't like the specific circumstances of the encounter. Ai deliberately leaving Miyuki with an unconscious Kaguya and warning him (playfully) not to do anything seems a little too assault-y? I know it is a regular

nosebleed trope but god it has to stop sometime. And then there is Ishigami, who is embracing his role as an incel *eyeroll* and giving some bad advice to Miyuki regarding the situation, which is terrible however you look at it.

The one good arc was the introduction of Miyuki's younger sister, who Kaguya wants to impress to get an in with Miyuki's family (again, very shady, Kaguya!) but finds out that Chika and Ishigami have more in common with her. Nevertheless, it does hint at his sister also having a crush on Kaguya, and I want to see how it plays out in future volumes.

Rebecca says

A bit too much Fujiwara, who gets more annoying by the page, but otherwise this is consistently delightful.

Elizabeth (Elzburg) says

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Overall this was by faaaaaarr the least funny volume. But, considering how funny these volumes usually are, that's still not really bad at all. Though, I did read it at night while my family was sleeping, so there might have been some influence there for me not to laugh so as to not wake them. I'm not really sure about that though because there still were parts that made me laugh out loud nonetheless.

Although I wasn't laughing as much during this volume, it was still really enjoyable to read because of how attached I am to the characters at this point. This volume also finally started incorporating multiple longer plotlines that spanned multiple chapters, so that was fun. It only took them 30 chapters to finally get an overarching plot going on... (sarcasm). So rather than being excited to see what new gags they're going to come up with, I'm excited about how the storyline is going to finally progress.

(I felt this soo hard with track and field, back when I was the best sprinter at my middle school.)

So far I've been reading this series for the laughs, but this volume made me actually start caring about the romance as well. This is officially labeled as a **romantic** comedy, but up until this point I completely disregarded the "romantic" part and was completely engrossed in the "comedy" aspect, as is also evident in how I labeled it in my review of volume one. There were some cute moments in this volume, and it makes me really want to cheer for Kaguya and "S" dude to get together!!! (It's been four volumes and I still can't remember his name... Wait, it's Shirogane!! I think? I'm trying... OTL) They obviously won't get together until the end of the series though, because that'll defeat the whole point of the series when they do. That's probably not going to come for a looooong loooooong time though.

I couldn't rate this on a laughs scale like I did for the last volume because... Well, as I've already explained that wouldn't be accurate. So once again, I am stuck. Four or five stars? I've always said that if you have to

contemplate it, then it's probably not a five. But then my problem lies with the fact that I feel like this is potentially one of my favourite manga, and so I should give it a five for that. I think I'm just going to keep this at four stars for now... The next volume will have the opportunity to provide the finishing blow to push this to five stars if it is up to the task. Though I that is also what I said about volume three, so who knows.

This is a very good manga series, I would highly recommend it. I don't know why I keep saying this at the end of these reviews though, because if you hadn't already started reading this series I don't know why you'd be reading this. Nonetheless, it is true, so I will say it. :)

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Terrence says

It's a decent volume. Most of the battles are more strung together this time, with things that happened in previous battles being referenced or impacting behaviors in the next battle, so it feels more like a traditional ongoing manga in that respect than the more individual chapter focus.

Some of the battles include "Magazine advice", "the go home together in the rain" chapter, "visit to the house to drop off homework" chapter, the "I have a flaw I need help with" chapter, "visit from a mysterious underclassman" chapter, and "Making up advice" chapter. As expected, a lot of these don't go the typical way other manga would with them because our heroes are stubborn.

The cover features a character that only really features in one small story this time. I won't spoil who they are, but they aren't a rival or anything like that.

At times it feels like our main characters are getting closer, and then things reset to more status quo. I just don't know how long they can string together this plot thread before fans get exasperated. The set-up, punchline nature of jokes can only go so far for me at least.

Speculation on how they could develop this to stave off boredom:

We have a large cast, but they seem to serve more for comedy, and they don't really have their own aspirations or relationships they're developing on display much here. You wonder if they can shift the focus onto having Kaguy x Shinomiya competing with other couples or something later, the game of love after you've fallen in love, keeping up with the advancement (or not) of their friends' ships. That could be fun, but this is just projecting out with my own personal interests. We'll see what they do down the line, and how long they can keep these two apart officially in the war of love.

