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One day, Haruhi, a scholarship student at exclusive Ouran High School, breaks an \$80,000 vase that belongs to the 'Host Club', a mysterious campus group consisting of six super-rich (and gorgeous) guys. To pay back the damages, she is forced to work for the club, and it's there that she discovers just how wealthy the boys are and how different they are from everybody else.

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Kat (Lost in Neverland) says

Cute, quirky, funny, that's the Ouran High School Host Club for you!

Personally, I thought the anime was better; the manga was kinda boring and the artwork wasn't the BEST. But still a good manga, and an awesome anime!

Now that I've read through the whole manga, I can definitely tell you that it gets better. The artwork improves significantly, the story builds and the characters develop very well. It's a fantastic manga and remains to be one of my favorites.

Vicki says

After reading volume 1:

(1 star)

I couldn't stand the art (having seen the anime first), and ended up selling my only volume off at a con bring and buy without even finishing it! Glad I went back to it though...

After reading up to volume 3:

(4 stars)

I can imagine that most manga/anime fans will have probably seen or heard of the anime adaptation of Ouran before picking up the manga. Those wanting more of the same should be pretty happy with the manga, as it follows the anime almost to-the-letter so far, plus there is the certainty of new material that goes beyond where the anime series finished.

Ouran High School Host Club is basically reverse-harem shoujo crack at its finest: a normal teenage girl is mistaken for a boy, knocks over an expensive vase by accident and somehow winds up paying off her debt by masquerading as a boy and becoming part of the school's Host Club - where filthy rich pretty boys with too much time on their hands entertain filthy rich pretty girls with too much time on their hands.

So the series is about a normal (albiet quite sharp and cynical) girl, who spends her time surrounded by a doting group of various beautiful boys: what's not for a teenage female reader to like? And yes, it sounds pretty rubbish when you explain it like that, but there are 2 great things that make Ouran deserving of its 4-star score:

1. Character depth and relationships: outwardly the Ouran characters are pretty shallowly designed - there's your glasses-wearing guy, stoic guy, babyface guy, twins etc. etc. but once you get into reading the series their personalities, backstories and interactions with each other make them much more unique people (albiet still comedically over-the-top people).

2. Sense of humour: the way the author plays with the boundary between normal ('poor') people and the filthy rich Ouran students is hilarious, plus some funny moments come simply from the range of character traits of the Host Club members, and subversion of them.

The only thing that lets the manga version Ouran down for me is the artwork - originally I was really turned off by the art style in issue 1 as the characters seemed way uglier than their anime counterparts. However, the giant eyes do get steadily downplayed as the series goes on, and after flicking through a random copy of vol. 10 in the shops one day I could see that the art did eventually converge more with the look of the anime.

After reading up to vol. 9:

(5 stars)

Absolutely loving this manga series! The art has got a lot prettier and more consistent now that I'm on volume 9, making it easier to read and more enjoyable all round.

So far there has only been one chapter with events that I don't recall from the anime - everything else is very similar, and with the improvements to the artwork I'm enjoying the manga now at least as much as I enjoyed the anime, which is just what I wanted from it.

What I love about reading manga over watching anime though is that you do it at your own pace, so I can read quickly past some of the silly school side stories but savour the moments of character development and chuckle-able funny bits :)

After reading the entire series (18 vols):

(4 stars)

As the series progresses it loses a lot of the comedy antics and becomes more of a drama. There are also parts where I felt it was being stretched out with little arcs that were not needed. Overall though there was enough quality in the content that it kept me coming back right up to the end, and I'm glad I saw it through. Its always quite a big event to finish a long series that you've been collecting for several years, and this was no exception.

Erin Dunn says

I watched the show and loved it (one season?! :'(not cool) so I had to buy the first in the manga series. I just laughed all throughout the book like I did with the show. Amazing satire. I really enjoyed it and I can't wait to get the next in the series. I also can't wait to see if Tamaki and Haruhi ever get together. <3

Amy says

Guess what guys????!!!! Guess what???? I was FINALLY persuaded into giving manga a go! I used to not even bother when my friends recommended me manga, I don't know why. Maybe because I looked at these types of books as abnormal, compared to regular books these days. Well, it turns out I've been missing out on

a lot these last few years! (: At first I was really slow in understanding what was going on, especially since this was my first manga chapter I've ever read (and I've been told the formatting is not suited for beginners in this chapter); however, after ten pages, I got the hang of it! It's so cool how manga books go from right to left. I even have a suspicion that manga books are both fun and educational. And by educational I mean that, since you have to put two and two together in order to find out what is even going on, our minds will become more complex over time. Anyways, I decided not to write a full-on review like I do with non-manga books. I'll just list down what I like:

- The drawings. Of course I have to bring this up first. I've always had a thing for guys drawn out in manga, they're just TOO perfect! And the girls are always so pretty. I've always been an appreciator of manga artists, it takes a lot of skills to even draw out one person!

-The comedy and characters. Now I put these two together because one can't be without the other. I loved every single character, and especially loved what they brought to the chapter. They're allso adorable, and, given their personalities, you can't resist!

-The author's insertions. It's so cool how a manga author can just cut in whenever throughout the manga with side notes that addresses us directly. It's like talking to the author herself!

Angel says

I did not particularly like this. I am sure part of it may be that I am not the right demographic for this; the book is part of the Shojo Beat series, which is meant for teen girls. But for me, the main issue is that this light school comedy is a bit difficult to read and follow. The panels are extremely cluttered with text for one. Two, the plot is light, and to be honest, not handled the best way. The premise is a girl on scholarship in a very high fancy high school. She has to work a debt for a school club made up of the richest kids in the school. The club members basically amuse themselves at her expense, by the way, mistaking her initially for a boy. Now, the mistaken identity thing is fairly common plot element in this type of manga. But I think this particular series tries to jam a bit too much in. Add to it that, to be honest, the pace is not really that great either. While I can see the appeal factors, this is not a series I would continue reading. I found it a bit boring after a while.

Sophie says

I love Ouran, I really do. All the characters are just wonderful.

I laughed a lot too. The Commoner's Coffee scene? I'm just going to quote it here for my own sake:

Tamaki: Eh, what's this?

Haruhi: Coffee. It was on your list.

Tamaki: But ... Ground coffee? And a strange brand...

Haruhi: Not ground - instant.

Tamaki: Instant ... WHOA! The one you just POUR HOT WATER IN? How PROLETARIAN!

Kyouya: Hmm... I've heard of it, but never SEEN it.

Hitachiin: So it's TRUE! Poor people have NO TIME to GRIND THEIR BEANS!

Hunny: I've always wanted to try it! Let's brew some up!

(Girls in background) Commoners folk coffee! <3 It's how common folk cope!

Haruhi: OKAY, I GET THE POINT! I'll go get the expensive stuff!

Haruhi: Did you like it?

Tamaki: Quite! Lacks taste, but leaves an amazing afterburn!

And then when they go on to try instant ramen? I couldn't stop laughing. They're all so spoiled.

H.P. Holo says

'Ouran High School Host Club' is one of those manga that I had previously avoided on the basis of its being too flamboyantly shojo--that is, intensely fascinated with lovely bishuonen and the charming sparkles that seem to swirl about them when they're at their most heart-meltingly beautiful. I lost interest in all that when I was, like, 14 after realizing that many shojo comics focused on bishounen seemed to take themselves too seriously.

Then one day I happened to flip through the first volume of this series and discovered this: Here was finally a shojo manga that realized the absurdities of all other bishie-centric manga! And how does it address the problem? By throwing more sparkly bishies at us.

'Ouran Host Club' is a first-rate example of genre parody, impressive because it lampoons everything that is associated with flamboyant bishieness while still showing the origin subgenre some respect AND containing a storyline that is stable enough to stand on its own when the mangaka doesn't feel like writing straight parody.

The Host Club of the title refers to an organization that exists solely to bring the pleasure of bishounen interaction to the girls of a high school for the obscenely rich. Every kind of bishie is present in this host club, from the traditional charming princely type, to the stoic, protective type, to the adorable little brother type who is always protected by aforementioned stoic type. Also present in this group, though, is an accidental member--Haruhi, the main character, who takes a bit of transforming to become a bishie...before the other characters realize that she's actually a girl. (For the uninitiated, it is not hard in manga for a character to effortlessly appear to be a member of the opposite sex, even when it's not intended.)

Haruhi is the voice of reason amidst all the outrageous absurdity that goes on within the host club, the person that all the anti-bishies like me can relate to when the host club's hijinks reach epic levels of stupid. It can be reasonably argued that this series' success hinges on Haruhi's presence, as even lovers of the absurd in manga still need something familiar to hang onto. Haruhi and this series will not make pro-bishie converts of all anti-bishies, but it is a commendable work, which I intend to continue reading until I can take the absurdity no longer.

Yesy (The Book Vagrant) says

so fun!

Delaney says

Read the manga, watch the anime, watch the drama, and die laughing hysterically.
LOVE THE HITACHIIN BROTHERS!!!!!! XD

Nick says

Overall Rating: A

Synopsis: Created by Bisco Hatori, the series follows Haruhi Fujioka, a scholarship student at the prestigious Ouran High School. Haruhi is a girl, but she got gum put in her hair so she cut it short, and wears boys clothes. This wouldn't be terribly important, but one day she stumbles across the school's Host Club. The Host Club is basically a place for six idly rich pretty boys to be idly rich pretty boys, and idly rich pretty girls to come and fawn over them and pretend the boys are their fiancées and boyfriends. After breaking an extremely valuable vase, it is determined that Haruhi will work off her debt by becoming a member of the club. Despite the fact that she is neither idly rich, nor a boy. Oh ho dear readers, what will happen next?

After reading the description for the series, I knew I would love *Ouran High School Host Club*. Or, more accurately, I hoped it wouldn't be one of those manga that sounds really good, and then sucks. I read the first volume last night, and kept bothering my girlfriend by giggling while she was trying to work. I particularly loved the Host Club members, and especially loved Tamaki, the Host Club King.

He insists that everyone call him the king of the host club (even though no one does), and sulks in the corner if anyone is mean to him (which happens a lot). In short, he reminded me of me. Therefore, I spent most of the night posing, pouting, and acting like the characters in the book. I couldn't tell if this delighted or annoyed my girlfriend, or both. I am betting on the latter.

I also enjoyed how fascinated the club members were by "proletarian" food, like instant coffee and ramen. They had never eaten it before, and make a huge fuss about trying some "prole coffee". It's hilarious. I highly recommend this one to fans of Shojo manga.

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Amber says

I saw the anime series which was very well done so decided to check out the manga. Volume 1 was pretty good so can't wait to check out the next volume in the future. It's about a girl named Haruhi Fujioaka who is mistaken for a guy at a host club and must repay her debt to them after breaking an expensive vase. I read this at <http://www.mangareader.net/ouran-high...> so def check it out if you'd like to read it.

Bec says

I loved revisiting this - it was so fun and energetic, just as I remembered! I can't wait to get familiar with the

characters and relationships again and finally see how this ends! Haruhi is the best. :)

isabelle says

I find it amazing that I read the last quarter of this when I was brushing my teeth.

Flor says

How I love these guys

★Rachelle★ says

Tamaki you are so adorable ♥?♥?♥?♥?

Also move over Fred and George Weasley...Karou and Hikaru are here ??
