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Hayato's study trip in Europe is a huge success, while back in Japan Hanayu is becoming a skilled sushi master. But when Hayato is offered the chance of a lifetime to study pastries in a real French patisserie, family ties and his love for Hanayu hold him back. Can Hanayu change his mind about this important decision without breaking his heart? Find out how the two foodie friends resolve their dreams, family obligations and love for one another in this stunning final volume of *Mixed Vegetables*!

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Samantha Bustos-Hubeny says

This was such a cute series!!!

Bee says

Really loved this series. This is the first manga series I started. I read the first 4 books a while ago and then I finished the last today and yesterday night. There were some things I of course didn't like such as the some of the little fights and drama that would come up but overall I really like this series. For me though, it could get a little confusing because recently I read a few Kitchen Princess (another manga series) stories and they are a bit similar.

I recommend this series!

Fyre.Katz says

As promised...

This story is about a girl who is going to inherit a bakery and a boy who is to inherit a sushi shop. The problem is that the girl loves sushi and the boy loves to bake so they make this plan to date one another and the one is hidden at first by the other. Things happen and they really fall in love with each other. Now that the girl is working at the sushi shop after telling her father that is her dream the boy has to decide to tell his family that he loves to bake and turn down his dead grandfather's wishes or turn down his dream of going to France with the girl's family and learning. They end up after all this drama with her staying with his parents and learning to be a sushi chef and he stays with her to be a baker. Years pass and they stay together. This Manga was a very sweet story, I enjoyed it a lot and hope to read more from this manga artist/writer soon!

Lara says

This was a really sweet series about following your dreams and doing what you're passionate about, and about the logistical difficulties of doing so when you and your loved ones want different things. I enjoyed the way the two main characters finally figured out how to do this (after much drama and angst, most of it self-inflicted) and still managed to keep their relationship intact (though at the end there are no illusions that it's an easy situation). Both Hanayu and Hayato are extremely driven characters, who are also extremely loyal to their families and extremely reluctant to disappoint their loved ones. Luckily both have families that want them to be happy, so it all works out in the end... I wonder what the story might have been like if one or both of their families had been less understanding about their goals. In any case, Komura told the story well, the art is great, and I love that the entire story was told in only 8 volumes--so rare to find a series so concise and without tons of filler these days! I'll definitely be interested to see what she ends up working on next.

Mimi says

I finished the whole series in a single day. Says enough about how much I liked it, right?

Shayna Ross says

While the resolution is fine and what I expected, I did not particularly enjoy the ending. It just felt kind of... lame? Maybe the mangaka was just like, meh whatever. Overall, it was a pretty enjoyable shoujo series that allowed for decent character development, the involvement of "real" friends, maturity in decision-making and career goals, and emotional display. I am not a fan of most shoujo, despite having read more than my share as a teenager back in the day, but I was relatively fond of this series.

Grace Zhen says

Its the last book of the series and the ending didn't really surprise me because the ending was predictable. The couple in the book obtains their dreams and marry and then live happily ever which was really plain compared to other manga series. Even though the ending was really predictable i liked how completed it was because the author finally reveals all the secrets that revolved around the main and side characters in the book and resolves them. For example, i thought it was sweet to know that the grandpa of the main boy wants his grandson to do what he wants to do if he doesn't want to become a sushi chief when he grows up because dreams change.

Samma says

Over all, I loved this series. And I admit, I totally cried reading these final chapters. BUT, it felt like a really abrupt ending. I realize that Komura-sensei was probably ready to move to a new project, but at the same time... I sort of feel like she cheated her characters out of half of their story. I'd be curious to read what happened in the 8 years between Hayato leaving for France and coming back --other than that they both became (and are still becoming) proficient in their chosen fields and are 'happily ever after'.

Also, how did Hayato manage to open a bakery where Patisserie Ashitaba was 8 years before? I hope to god the building wasn't vacant for that long because holy crap that probably fell into some disrepair. Did the Ashitaba's rent it out or something? Jeez. Plot holes!

But okay, I'm nitpicking. Over all, a great series and I really enjoyed it.

Starbubbles says

I felt from the very beginning that their joint plan should have been to marry into eachother's families and

become the heir to the other. I mean, it would be like an heir switcheroo. It was the main roadblock in their relationship when it did not have to be. Well, sort of when the whole notion that the bakery was moving to France. Anyway-

The ending was anticlimactic. You got about half a chapter (not even) from when a final decision was made to the epilogue. 8 years later? Say what?! Then to only make sushi some of the time, sucks to be you. haha. I know that apprenticeships are about a decade (when you look at the nineteenth century), and by the end you are considered a master of the craft. So, when looking at it that way, Hana is probably close to sous chef rank.

Anyway- happy endings all around, even if I didn't get to enjoy them fully. I also wanted to know if Natsume got to play ball in college and/or if he was learning about pastries. But that's okay, I still enjoyed this a bunch!

Update

I have learned that to become a sushi chef, you are in an extremely long apprenticeship. By her being able to make even something as simple as the rice in a respected restaurant is more than a big deal. Well, rice seems simple to me, but when you think about it, it's more than that. I mean, in sushi it can be up to half of the dish. That would make it a big deal if it were messed up. Anyway, I wanted to include this update to ensure people that I am not completely ignorant of the process.

J.D. says

A fast read (was able to finish all 8 volumes in just a couple of days), cute art, and at times quirky (broke the 4th wall just to poke fun at itself). Full of stereotypical shoujo-manga moments, and the ending seemed a bit rushed, but still entertaining for anyone fascinated by the culinary world and if you appreciate literature that deals respectfully with the struggle between pursuing your own life goals and the desire and obligation to uphold family tradition.

Jessica says

Perfect end to a lovely, quirky series. May have taken me much to long to get around to collecting all the volumes, but it is satisfying now that I have them all (I have had vol. 1-5,8 for a loooong time XD and only recently got 6&7).

Shanna says

While I enjoyed reading this manga, I feel the last volume was rushed and the ending left much to be desired. There is an opening for the series to be continued though that is unlikely to happen. Overall, this was a fluffy manga that featured plenty of delicious recipes that I wish I could have tasted myself.

Kristelle says

3.75

I got attracted to its synopsis that goes like this:

"The plot revolves around Hanayu Ashitaba, a chef in training. Hanayu is the daughter of the celebrated pastry shop, Patisserie Ashitaba, but all she wants to do is become a sushi chef. Hayato Hyuga is the son of the prestigious Sushi Hyuga, but he wants to be a pastry chef. They go to Oiwaka High School together. Hanayu knows she will break her parent's heart if she does not continue the bakery and become a pastry chef, but thinks if she marries Hayato, they will understand her decision."

Mainly because it's about **FOODS...**

...and because I liked the idea of someone going against his/her parents' dream to chase her own.

So when I read the first volume, I was kinda confused and bored but as I read the following chapters, I become hooked to it. I know the romance of the story is kinda short but there's something to it that I liked. I don't know what is but I just liked it. I focused more on how they confront their hesitations of reaching their dreams more than how their relationship develop. Ha-ha. There is just some dull chapters but I think it's okay. I'm satisfied of how things ended in this story but not enough to give **5 stars** to it.

Sara says

The ending was a bit abrupt, but I'm glad to see everyone happy. Looking at the series as a whole, I liked it. It wasn't amazing but it wasn't terrible. I give it a solid 3 stars out of 5. Not something I would want to read again though.

Katie says

see full review @ Katie's Corner

Are you ready for today's review? Did you by any chance note something? If yes, then that's great, if not well, this is the second time I'm featuring Ayumi Komura's work on my blog. The first one was her longest serialization – Liar Lily. I loved the story a lot; so don't be fooled by my rating. I was debating whether to give it 3.5 or 4 leaves, but, in the end, gave it 3.5 because when I looked back at what I read I didn't really like the ending and I would have loved to see more of Hayato and Hanayu. I actually had to re-read the last 3 pages for 3 times to prove to myself that those two stayed together. I really wanted to see their kid or a bit more affectionate those two. But well we get what we get.

But let me elaborate a bit, so you are not so left out. Meet our main characters: Hanayu – she's the daughter of patisserie and wants to be a sushi chef, and we have Hayato on the other hand – the successor of Hyuga

sushi shop, who wants to become patisserie. Perfect combination if you ask me. They just need to switch places and everything would be fine. Or just marry into each other's family. And well both of them had the similar ideas, but what if their plans are ruined or some of them have some obligations to fulfill? That's for you to find out how they actually reach their happy end. And believe me, they will, but not without many arguments, threats and even break ups.

I loved this story. It was fast paced and fun, as always the author made a huge accent on the guys, drawing them really well. I didn't really care about Hayato, his and Hanayu's dads were drool worthy. Well, it's if you love Komura-sensei's art style. I got so used to it after reading Liar Lily that I found it very easy and fun to read. The biggest mystery was the gender of the culinary class teacher. So if you're new to this series, please share your hypothesis with me thanks!

What else did I want to cover here? Oh, right. I actually bought all 8 volumes from book depository (the link is above) it's in English. But if you like reading online and prefer mangafox to mangahere, this time, you'll have to compromise. As on mangafox there're only 6 volumes while on mangahere are all 8. I had the similar happen in a few other mangas too.

Are you ready to find out how Hanayu and Hayato reach their dreams? Don't forget that this is a cooking manga and you might find some useful recopies or just information there. I actually made a note to cook one of the things there. I hope you'll find some time to read this fantastic story, it does lack in the romance department, but it's still fun and interesting to read! Enjoy it to its fullest and don't forget to share your thoughts below! Stay tuned for more reviews as well as promos. Don't miss your next favourite book or manga! Happy reading!

XOXO

Katie
