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From the creator of Mugen Spiral comes a manga comedy filled with loads of gender-bending frolic and fun! Keidai Saeki is a high school student who remembers his past life in Pompeii, living as the Italian warrior Sirix... His friends around him are all also reincarnated--although they don't quite remember things the way he does. And Keidai's wife from the past? She's now a middle school boy--while his best male friend is now a cute girl?! Throw in a case of love at first site, and you have a new look at romance--manga-style!

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Judy (Geeky Reading) says

~4.5/5

(This review is for the whole series.)

This series started as more of a comedy, based on a guy who remembers his past life. It starts kind of weak, not fully grabbing me, with very over-exaggerated comedy. By the middle it got better, and funnier. And by the last few volumes, it got serious, and then it got really good.

I will say that I was kind of hoping the series would go in a different direction at the beginning. In Keidai's past life, he was in love with Serena, who is now Yuuma, a boy. But then there's his best friend Loleus, who is now Serizawa, a girl. I was really hoping that it would throw gender to the wind and have Keidai still fall for Yuuma. But it was pretty obvious from the beginning that he was going to develop real feelings for Serizawa instead. And I am truly happy with how the series ended, but still. It could have been a very different story.

In the last couple volumes, Keidai became very serious about Serizawa. It was a totally new side to him, and I honestly loved it. The ending for them was really good, and it just makes me happy.

There was also a romance between friends of theirs, and that one also made me really happy. It was surprisingly sweet, and just as good as the main one, even if it was given less time.

I really enjoyed this series. The characters were all great. Having the past lives was a very interesting element, and I enjoyed how that was explored. The humor calmed down a bit throughout the series, and that made it flow better for me. The artwork was also very pretty. And by the end I was just loving it, honestly. It was definitely worth picking up.

[Read more at my blog, Geeky Reading!]

Ashley says

3.5. Cute and fun.

Allybopolis says

This first volume was okay but I feel it overdid it on the humor a little bit and I didn't find it that funny. Overall this was a cute book and I think that this series will get better in future volumes... My opinion may be biased because I love Mizuho Kusanagi's other series called Yona of the Dawn (prob one of my favorites actually) so I really wanted to like this book.

Seobin Baeg says

This is literally one of the best mangas I have ever read. The series made by the same author Akatsuki No Yona can be a close second but for a light hearted, humorous yet dark and in depth manga, this is by far the best out of the best. While the drawings are styled rather old-fashioned-ly, it is similar to the current drawing. The colors are improved in the current serializing manga, Akastuki no Yona, but I prefer the drawing lines in NG life better than Akatsuki no Yona.

Anyway, the story goes like this. Keidei, whose residence is located in Japan has a terrible past life which he remembers; Sirix, a gladiator who lived during the time of Pompei Volcanic Explosion. His wife, Serena is yet to be found until the faithful day when his new next-door neighbor comes to visit him. He hugs Serena's present life- person only to be punched by the boy(emphasize on boy). His wife, now born as a boy, strives to become manly despite the obvious feminine features he possess. Sirix's best buddy, Loleus is born as a girl, Mii, a best friend of the current Keidai is somehow in love with Keidai, despite his insistent attitude to treat her as he did with Loleus. While Yuuma(Serena's current reincarnation) falls into a hopeless crush on Mii, Keidai is forced to accept that he cannot go back to his beloved days in Pompeii.

Clarie says

Interesting premise, but simplistic dialogue.

Aaron Lai says

Probably the only shoujo manga I will ever read in my life. I'm a sucker for stories concerning Rome/Greece because I've always wondered how such majestic, glorious, and beautiful civilizations could have ever been lost to the sands of time. Kedai's struggle between past and present, in addition to rather messed up love life, makes for a surprisingly addicting read.

Lancy says

Ok, this is my first time writing a review but I would like to say that NG Life is probably one of the best stories -out of hundreds of mangas, novels, online works- that I have ever read.

I have read NG Life a number of times, not only is the art a superb balance of detail, beauty, and simplicity, but the plot involves an incredible mix of character development, realism mixed with a comedic fantasy of past lives, sweet stories about individual characters, and an epic ending that left me with both tears and smiles for Keidai and his companions.

Although Mizuho's other work, mugen spiral, brought me here, NG Life exceed all of my expectations and leaves me extremely proud to call myself a fan. I love this series with all my heart.

Robyn says

It's a great manga series; providing a good mix of romance and comedy. Basically what happens is you follow Kedai, the main character, as he tries to cope with how life is now while remembering his past life at the same time. Trying to keep everything straight can get hectic for him when his best friend from the past is now a girl and the girl he loved is now a guy! Just wait until you meet the entire cast of characters. You'll love them all and they'll touch your hearts.

Lisa says

In lieu of rereading 'Boku no Chikyuu wo Mamotte' for the millionth time, I decided to try my hand at a new (to me) series about reincarnated teenagers. Unlike my beloved PSME, this is a comedy. And it's actually pretty funny. The main character is sooooo overwrought about every single thing ever in the history of the world and that makes me giggle a lot.

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Teetee says

Probably one of my top favorite shoujo series-this one really surprised me it was so good! I started it half heartedly but it really got me into it, funny and interesting, hopping between past and present lives with fate tying them all together...man it was good! I would love to have the digital edition of this series but last I checked I haven't seen it for sale. Very much recommend it, 4.5 stars!!

~Anna B.~ ♥ says

(NOTE: This is a review for the whole manga.)

Keidai Saeki is the only one who remembers his past life. He was an Italian gladiator named Sirix in Pompeii. Currently, his friends are also reincarnated but they don't recall those memories like he does. In a twisted turn of events, his wife in Pompeii, Serena, is now a boy, and his best friend, Loleus, is a girl. How can he managed to move on if the one he loves in the past is a boy?

I haven't read any manga that is similar to NG Life. Keidai is a wonderful character, he struggled to hold on to his memories. He felt that forgetting his past life is like betraying those he has failed in the past. He has been given a chance to have a different life in the present and if he cannot let go, he will be stuck on the past and never moving forward. I applaud the author for such brilliant imagination and this one of a kind story.

Kynthos-the-Archer (Kyn) says

Pretty fun and interesting to have the love of your life come back the same gender as you. And to have your male best buddy returning as a cute girl with a huge crush on you.

The best thing of all was that only you alone retained memories of your previous life. Ain't that frustrating like hell? Hehehehe

* Reviewed on July 23rd, 2014

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Azri says

I first read this book several years ago, and at the time was only able to read the first couple of books in the series. I picked it back up off my shelf today while I was waiting on hold with the phone company, and was incredibly happy to find it as funny and entertaining and comically tragic as the very first time I read it.

Christine says

so far this is the only volume I've read, and I've already ordered the next three at my library. This series has a

balanced mix of romance, comedy, and history...and some serious parts at times. I'm hooked!
