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When Keitaro Urashima fails his entrance exams to get into Tokyo University for the second time, he's officially an unemployed and uneducated slacker. To make things worse, his parents have kicked him out of his house. Fortunately, his grandmother owns the fabulous Hinata Lodge and has agreed to take Keitaro in as caretaker. What he doesn't know is that the lodge is actually a girl's dorm and he's the only guy around! Most guys would kill to live with five sexy ladies, but if Keitaro's not careful, this job will kill him.

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Faris Morgan says

This is very entertaining! Not much to say except it'll keep you occupied for ages. There's something about japanese manga that hooks into you (and it's not just the pervertedness!)

Linda says

Well-I essentially finished vol 1(of the 3 included) and I think that's enough for me.

Groovy says

the art's fine, but it's just not my style of humor.

Honya says

By the author of Negima (which I love), Love Hina is also something of a classic shounen manga, although (in my mind) not nearly so much so as Negima. Love Hina is essentially a new adult romcom, at its core. And yes, the love story between Keitaro and Naru is cute and sweet and funny . . . but a huge part of the manga is these two trying to actually figure out how to tell each other their feelings. It's kind of too much, especially with all the back and forth about Keitaro's childhood promise and his insistence on making it into Tokyo University, even without really knowing what he wants to study or anything. Keitaro himself becomes a more interesting character as the story progresses, somewhat, but at the beginning he's honestly a pretty stereotypical self-insert sort of character. Which I guess fits the ecchi harem sort of story that we have at the beginning. And fair warning, this is definitely an ecchi, fanservice-filled sort of story with lots of hot springs nudity . . . not particularly more graphic than is typical of a shounen manga, just lots of it. The girls in this story are what really makes it shine, though. They are quite the group of characters, with larger-than-life personalities and all sorts of quirks. They're a lovable group though, and certainly fun to read. I would love to call this a slice-of-life story, and it really is at the beginning; however, the further in we get, the more fantastical things become. You've got island princesses and flying turtles and secret sword techniques . . . let's just say that it gets more bizarre the further you get into the story. And yet, there is definitely content that makes this a proper new adult story as well—the challenges of dealing with complicated emotions, trying to figure out what you want to do with your life, accepting responsibility. These are the sort of things that make this story not just a self-insert harem fest or a quirky fantasy but also a relatable story about growing up. So yes, Love Hina has things about it that I don't love, but at the same time, it's still a really good story that's worth the read.

Mike Foley says

The first time I read this I was applying to college myself so it holds a special place on my shelf. The constant clumsy humor and sweet romantic elements help as well.

MC says

Love Hina is a great series from the late nineties that ran for several years. It's about a young man, a ronin, named Keitaro Urashima. Keitaro is trying for three years to get into Todai (Tokyo University), thus he is a "ronin".

To understand the manga, we must go over what the term ronin means. Ronin is a term in Japan from the days of the samurai, where masterless warriors were called "ronin". Today, it is a term applied to those who are unable to get into their school of choice for high school or college, and thus must take remedial lessons so they can reapply and try to get into their school of choice.

Anyways, Keitaro is trying to get into Todai for the sake of a promise he made fifteen years ago to a girl whose name he doesn't remember. But at this point, 2 years being rejected, he is being kicked out by his folks for his stubbornness in not choosing a more reasonable school, one he can get into with his academic credentials.

With no other place to go to, Keitaro makes his way to the inn run by his grandmother, Hinata House. Once there, he discovers that it is an all-female dorm for young students or professionals. This makes it harder to imagine staying at the former inn. This is, given how unlucky Urashima is, exacerbated by the fact that he makes a bad impression on all of the girls in the dorm and they all hate him and want him out.

He is saved via the intervention of his grandmother, who insists he stay on as the manager while he studies for his next round of Todai exams. He agrees, though the girls make this hard for him at first. Thus leading to how the first omnibus volumes, consisting of the first three volumes of the original series, is about how Keitaro wins over the girls of the dorm, and begin to study in earnest to get into Tokyo University.

This is a hilarious and fun manga. I love the interactions with the girls, including the cute, young Shinobu and the violent, but good-hearted fellow Todai hopeful Naru. The comedic accidental pervert moments, as well as how he has never-ending bad luck, but good intentions, are really quite funny.

What also made this manga for me was the fact that the mangaka, Ken Akamatsu, told a story that was about a guy trying to fulfill his dreams in a funny, yet sweet manner. Despite how you find him annoying (though the pity you feel for him at the treatment he receives at the hands of the girls mitigates this somewhat), you also want to root for him to succeed.

I like all of the characters, though my fave is Mutsumi. She is airheaded and weird, but also really nice and someone I find to be funny and charming.

I can't say enough about this series and how much I enjoy it. I can't wait for the next volume.

Emiri Tachibana says

Actually pretty funny. Poor Keitaro ><

Brittany says

love love love

Ashley says

My interest in this volume went in waves: sometimes I soaked up the campy, silly pages and then other times I felt like I was smacking my head into a wall. Boy likes girl - can't just say it. Girl acts annoyed with boy, but secretly likes him...can't just say it. Loved watching the anime, but reading it just wasn't as fun. I may hold off on the second volume.

Philip Bachman says

This was one of the first manga i ever read, and still consider it to be one of the best.

Violet Olivia says

I have such mixed feelings over this manga.... I read the first three volumes (which are included in this omnibus) but I'm not sure if I want to continue. It's intriguing.... But it's not as the same time. It keeps repeating the same things over and over between the characters. Not very sure on what to say.. I give it about a 3.5 star rating. Let's see how the next 3 volumes go in the 2nd Omnibus!
