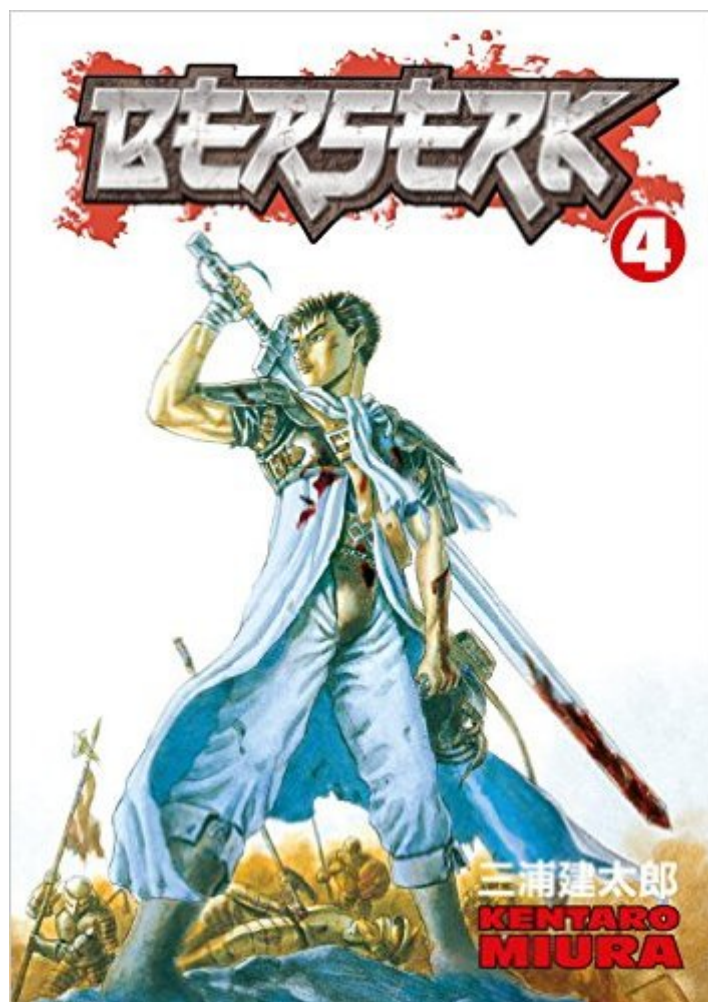


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Synopsis

Now that the evil Count has been killed and dragged to Hell by the demon lords of the Godhand, Guts, the Black Swordsman, hooks up with his former benefactor, the mercenary Gambino. But it's a deadly reunion, one that nearly takes Guts' life. The following years see Guts wandering from battlefield to battlefield, where his awesome skills as a slayer catch the eye of both warring parties, including the legendary Griffith, warrior leader of the Band of the Hawk, who is eager to test his combat skills against those of the Black Swordsman. As usual, anytime that Guts is involved there will be hell to pay!

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Customer Reviews

It is probably best to face the controversial issue in this volume right up front. The previous installment finished with little Guts as in a precarious situation. And as expected, the soldier that paid Gambino, the boy's stepfather and "protector", for a night with Guts, achieves his goal in a vicious manner. The scenes in the manga are clear and vividly disturbing, but I think that given the nature of this series it is reasonable to go this route instead of excluding the scene and only mentioning it. This brutal act is a key piece in understanding Guts, his distrust of other people and the hate and darkness he carries inside. At this point, I am fully aware that events of this nature are likely to show up again in this series, I accept it and it is not going to detract from my enjoyment of it. On a different note, I found that this volume contained a considerably larger amount of dialogue and the absence of demons (if you discount Griffith) gives it the feeling of a more typical story in medieval times. The volume follows Guts through his childhood and life as a mercenary. Maybe

even more importantly, we witness the moment in which Guts meets Griffith and his Hawks, including the mighty female warrior Casca. Guts confrontations with Griffith are some of the best I have ever seen. I have commented in my reviews of previous volumes about how detailed and vivid the graphics on this series are. In this case, I believe that the graphics were taken up a notch, or maybe it is because the nature of the story calls for more light, and therefore the details are easier to observe. The storyline is still fascinating and as I mentioned before violence and gore are present as usual. It is amazing how someone can create characters with such depth using images and sparse words; hats off to Kentaro Miura!

I am, and forever will be, a huge fan of the Berserk manga series as well as the original anime portion of the series. Amazing artwork (very graphic and brutal, don't get me wrong) but absolutely gorgeous and intricate drawing in this series. As for the seller; Package was well-padded, well wrapped, took less than a week on standard shipping, overall very very satisfied. Book quality was 99.9% flawless. I had zero complaints. In fact, this is the 2nd copy I've ever seen in person of this particular volume, and it was in the best condition I could have ever expected. My collection is growing! 33 volumes so far :) THANK YOU! xx

As someone who grew up on fantasy novels and JRPGs, Berserk is my absolute favorite series hands down. There really is no alternative if you're looking for a mature and gritty story, with themes that envelope nearly all emotions and tragedies. You are absolutely drawn to the characters and their struggles. I can't speak enough praise for what this series does. With that said, this volume came to me in bad quality. I don't know if I got a bad batch or if quality standards at Dark Horse are lower than they should be, but out of 200+ pages, I can recount at least 40 pages that have lacking ink coverage. Many images that I know for a fact have darker shading instead look like they are sketched on. The fight scene at the very beginning of the volume is originally quite laden with ink, as it originally was. However in my copy of this volume, everything looks like it was sketched in a few seconds. Comparing the pages side by side with scans, I know for a fact that there is something wrong with my copy. I purchased this volume new, but the quality really sucked for me. I've also received another volume, New mind-you, that had 3 torn pages at the front. C'mon, Dark House. Why are you doing this series a disservice like this?

The tv show destroyed my heart and these novels take the experience even deeper and of course they've once again ripped out my heart chewed it up and spit it out.. YES ITS THAT INDEPTH OF A

STORY...I would not recommend these to young kids as it does have a mature theme to it...Anyone who loves anime and have never experienced Berserk please do yourself the favor snap in to it.

This review is strictly for the Manga: 'Berserk'. This review and the text it is laid out in is the opinion of the author. The Berserk manga is one of the best stories I have ever read. I initially watched the old anime and decided to read the book and I must say I am blown away by the depth of the story. The hero will take some getting used to, but he grows on you. The villains will leave you in disgust, and you will not be able to stop turning the pages. This is a great series, and it is definitely a worthwhile read. Don't miss this story!

This novel brings us to the start of the Golden Age Saga of Berserk where Guts first meets Griffith. For those who have watched the anime, this novel will feel like a retread, but be assured that the artwork detailed in the book is more than worth the purchase price.

An excellent continuation of the saga. You get to see Guts go wild in the Berserker armor he was given, but also get to see the flaws in it. In this one, you also get to see more about the Kushan conflict and Griffith's role in it. Very nice, I think they did a great job of moving the story from one plot circle to the other. Enough blood, gore, and monster to appease even the most twisted of individuals. I will say this is a great book.

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