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A deep dive into the planning and making of the hit anime adaption of Overlord reveals delicately crafted settings and the incredible detailed outfits and accessories that breathed life into everyone's favorite cast of not-so-good guys! A Catholic guide that helps children ages 7-11 cope and work through their parent's divorce or separation in a way that helps them grow.

Tomoki Naruse has just started his freshman year in high school, and as with all healthy, young men at his age, he's been dreaming of sex. But Tomoki isn't having normal wet dreams like his classmates! In his nightmares, err... dreams... his partner is a man - and to make things worse, Tomoki is on the bottom! Aside from Tomoki's unsettling dreams, high school life is fun - especially with his new, handsome, best friend Yugo Oda. But Yugo is no ordinary freshman - he's involved in mysterious activities that Tomoki can't even begin to imagine!

Shuichi Saito, the withdrawn boyfriend of teenager Kirie Goshima, believes that his town is haunted by the uzumaki, a spiral, hypnotic secret shape of the world that manifests itself in various ways and causes madness among the inhabitants. High school student Ao has been dreaming about his longtime neighbor Ryomei, a priest at the local Shinto shrine. A little freaked out--and a lot excited--at the prospect of having a relationship with Ryomei, Ao gathers up his courage, confesses his feelings...and gets turned down flat. Luckily, Ao's not the kind to give up easily. Thanks to some creative persistence (and Ryomei's weakening resolve), he finally gets a kiss. But one single kiss won't satisfy him for long! -- VIZ Media

When Tsukasa meets a mysterious man in a hotel lobby, and ends up spending a maddening night of pleasure with him. Afterwards, he accepts to meet him again in the same room the following week, despite the fact he doesn't even know his name. As their secret encounters continue, he finds himself falling in love and is worried that it may not last. Simultaneously, he's scouted by a business-talent head-hunter and receives an interesting work offer. But when he goes to meet them... his new boss is none other than his secret lover!

Kanae Hayakawa is pretty, popular, and sought after. What could possibly be wrong with his life? Everything. Though he's known as the "Cool Beauty" of his college, the rumors couldn't be farther from the truth! Socially awkward, shy, and a little bit tired of all the attention, Kanae doesn't know how the entire school came to view him as seductive, easy, and willing to sleep with both men and women. Whispers behind his back, propositions for one-night stands, and fanciful

rumors ensure that his life, unlike his supposed sex life, will never be easy. But there is another boy who has become the talk of the entire college: Yuichi Nagao, notorious womanizer and general jerk. He's famous too, and like Kanae, it's for all the wrong reasons. He's been with more women than he can remember, and it's earned him a horrible reputation. Now that he's dated the entire female population of the school, and made bitter ex-girlfriends of them all, where is he to look for the occasional bout of casual sex? As fate would have it, Yuichi and Kanae have become fast friends, and the entire school is talking. What in the world is the Cool Beauty doing with the school jerk? Yuichi and Kanae aren't talking, not that words are necessary—these boys speak the language of the body, so this rumor might not be false after all! Aki Morimoto's sultry novel follows the stories of Kanae and Yuichi, both social outsiders looking for someone to please them sexually, as well as, accept them for their true selves. As their relationship grows, will they remember to open up and understand one another? Or will words go unspoken in favor of the pursuit of bodily pleasure? After landing a job at a major cosmetics company through a connection of his, Kaitani has finally gotten the chance to experience real work. But while his eagerness for the new product is admirable, he's utterly discouraged by Fujiwara, his rotten boss from hell! Kaitani plots to find Fujiwara's weakness, but through a colleague's misunderstanding, matters take an unexpected turn! What's in store for Kaitani now that he's discovered Fujiwara's secret... and his sex appeal?

Gathered from the Warner Bros. archives and featuring all the favorite Looney Tunes characters, a visual history of the popular animated classics includes film stills, sketches, storyboards, and more.

Those familiar with the author's previous forays into the world of Hong Kong Cinema and Spaghetti Westerns will know pretty much what to expect here, and it falls far short of any dictionary definition of "essential". Short, cursory capsule reviews, short on insight, style and cultural context and high on typographical and factual errors, accompanied by an arbitrary star rating from one to four. The main virtue of Weisser's self-published book is its rigorously completist approach. Even though it states that it is not the aim to include every single film from Japan ever released, with separate editions available for a more complete look at Horror, Science Fiction and Fantasy, and Sex Films, and one planned for animation ("please check our subsequent books" [sic], Weisser writes in the intro for the fourth edition), this initial volume certainly covers a lot of films and does give quite a good indication as to how much is actually out there.

Following a disastrous encounter with a noble, Myne finally resolves to say goodbye to her family and friends in the lower city, changing her name to "Rozemyne" and beginning her new life as the adopted daughter of Ehrenfest's archduke. However, her days as an archnoble in noble society are brutal, as she is put through rigorous etiquette and magic training on top of her duties as High Bishop and forewoman. It all proves too much for a weak little seven-year-old girl... Or it would have, had the High Priest not offered her the keys to the temple's book room as a reward. If she could get her hands on those, she'd be able to read all sorts of precious books! Her name may have changed, but Rozemyne's passion for books remains the same as she charges into a whole new world! The detailed setting expands as the printing industry grows in size. Here begins Part 3 of this biblio-fantasy for book lovers everywhere! Tomoyuki was headed to England for work, but in an attempted robbery he is rendered unconscious. When he opens his eyes, he finds himself in a palace in the desert! Brought to

the Kingdom of Madina for the pleasure of their future king, Aswile, Tomoyuki protests at being abducted and locked in the palace -- but he is easily pacified by a single kiss. Will Tomoyuki let the arrogant Aswile continue to toy with him?

Having been sentenced to 5 years in prison for dealing drugs, yakuza Kyousuke Sawaragi just wants to finish his sentence and start a nice normal life far away from his past. So after parole, when he literally runs into former cellmate Shuuya, he's in no hurry to renew their acquaintance. Fate seems to have other ideas though, having the yakuza and Shuuya repeatedly cross paths with him. Can he really turn his back on all of it, especially if it holds out his one chance at finding true love? It's exciting romance as only the famed Saki Aida (S) can write it and Yugi Yamada (Close the Last Door) can draw it!

Mavo were a Japanese group of artists active in Tokyo from 1923-1925.

'The most successful vampire story since Bram Stoker's DRACULA' The Times on Anne Rice's INTERVIEW WITH THE VAMPIRE Ashley Marie Witter's richly illustrated adaptation of Anne Rice's INTERVIEW WITH THE VAMPIRE, as told through the eyes of Claudia. A stunning graphic novel, sure to appeal to fans of Angela Carter and Neil Gaiman's SANDMAN. Claudia was just a little girl when she was turned by the vampire Lestat. Though she spends many years of happiness with her two vampire fathers, Claudia gradually grows discontent with their insistence upon treating her like a little girl, even though she has lived as long as any mortal man. And her lust to kill is certainly no less than theirs... What readers are saying about INTERVIEW WITH THE VAMPIRE: CLAUDIA'S STORY: 'An absolute must-read for lovers of the Vampire Chronicles. The artwork is quite beautiful and totally atmospheric. This has clearly been lovingly crafted' 'Wonderful illustrations. An easy read that encapsulates the original story perfectly' 'Absolutely beautiful graphic novel telling a story that I know and love'

The largest, most complete English language listing of contemporary Japanese films. Every major theatrical film released in Japan between 1965-1998 is listed along with capsule reviews, background information, director and cast credits, and alternate titles.

While visiting a small, deserted island for work, Yuichi and his boss Imakura find themselves left behind by mistake. They must survive until someone notices they are missing, a task made more difficult by the incompetent Imakura. Though they struggle for even the most basic necessities, Yuichi finds his facade is beginning to crumble!

Tomoya is working at a host club when he unexpectedly comes face to face with a nightmare from his past. After his first two traumatizing experiences with Murase, Tomoya finds his third encounter intoxicating as he's drawn deeper into Murase's dangerous life. Will Tomoya find a way for their two worlds to coexist, or will Murase's dark past consume them both? Translator - Mizura Nakamura Editor- Mika Ishikawa Letterer- Mia Chiresa

Animation has had a global renaissance during the 1990s, and nowhere is this more evident than in Asia. With the exception of China and Japan, most Asian nations are relatively new to this art form. Over the last decade, countries such as Taiwan, South Korea, the Philippines, and Thailand, as well as China, have acted as major offshore production plants for North American and European studios. One of the spurs for this increase in activity has been the global growth of terrestrial, cable, satellite, and video systems, all demanding large menus of programming, including animation. A second spur has been the exceptional

popularity that Japanese animé has enjoyed across Asia, Europe, and the United States. Despite these developments, there has not been corresponding growth of a serious literature covering industrial and aesthetic issues about Asian animation, and the small amount of work that has been produced has not been published in English. Animation in Asia and the Pacific provides the first continent-wide analysis, delving into issues of production, distribution, exhibition, aesthetics, and regulation in this burgeoning field. Animation in Asia and the Pacific also offers vignettes of the fascinating experiences of a group of animation pioneers. The historical and contemporary perspectives derive from interviews, textual analysis, archival research, and participation/observation data. This groundbreaking collection includes thirteen essays from historians, sociologists, and anthropologists who discuss transgendered females and same-sex desire among women in Asia, Latin America, Native North America, and Africa. Offering compelling evidence against the commonly accepted notion that non-Western women are generally passive victims of male domination and compulsory heterosexuality, these essays on lesbian desire in ancient and modern India, butch-femme social types in Indonesia and Peru, and the lesbian movement in Mexico dispel the myth that same-sex female desire is rooted in Western neo-imperialist culture.

Katsuya always had an immense admiration for Shio, his good friend's older brother. Now, through an interesting twist of fate, Shio and Katsuya have become roommates! Will Katsuya be able to control his feelings now that they are living together?

When Akito makes an innocent prayer at a shrine, suddenly a group of girls appear to him claiming to be Emulates who want to "make a contract" with him. With their most treacherous mission yet behind them, heroes Seregil and Alec resume their double life as dissolute nobles and master spies. But in a world of rivals and charmers, fate has a different plan.... After their victory in Aurënen, Alec and Seregil have returned home to Rhíminee. But with most of their allies dead or exiled, it is difficult for them to settle in. Hoping for diversion, they accept an assignment that will take them back to Seregil's homeland. En route, however, they are ambushed and separated, and both are sold into slavery. Clinging to life, Seregil is sustained only by the hope that Alec is alive. But it is not Alec's life his strange master wants—it is his blood. For his unique lineage is capable of producing a rare treasure, but only through a harrowing process that will test him body and soul and unwittingly entangle him and Seregil in the realm of alchemists and madmen—and an enigmatic creature that may hold their very destiny in its inhuman hands.... But will it prove to be savior or monster?

Never before has the stunning color art of the manga adaption of Spice and Wolf been seen like this! As a compendium of the illustrations delivering a story that ran strong for ten years, this is a must-have for any fan of everyone's favorite apple-loving wolf!

Every Business Is God's Business The notion that labor for profit and worship of

God are now, and always have been, worlds apart, is patently false. The Early Church founders were mostly community leaders and highly successful businesspeople. The writing of the Gospels was entrusted to Luke, a medical doctor; Matthew, a retired tax collector; Mark, the manager of a family trust; and John, a food supplier. Lydia was "a dealer in purple cloth." Dorcas was a clothes designer. In this expanded version of the bestselling *Anointed for Business*, Ed Silvoso focuses on the heart of our cities, which is the marketplace. Yet the perceived wall between commercial pursuit and service to God continues to be a barrier to advancing His kingdom. Silvoso shows Christians how to knock down that wall--and participate in an unparalleled marketplace transformation. Only then can we see God's kingdom invade every corner of our world. Readers will appreciate Silvoso's passionate call to men and women in the workplace to rise to their God-appointed positions. The included study guide will enable the reader to put these revolutionary concepts into action.

The four stories and novella translated in this volume represent the best short fiction by Ishikawa Jun (1899-1987), one of the most important modernist writers to appear on the Japanese literary stage during the years before and after World War II. Throughout his career, Ishikawa resisted the tide of popular opinion to address issues of political and artistic significance and thereby paved the way for a generation of Japanese internationalists and experimentalists, including Abe Kobo and Oe Kenzaburo. Highly acclaimed and respected in Japan, Ishikawa remains little known in the West--in part because of the tendency of Western critics and readers of Japanese literature to focus on writers concerned with aesthetic issues. Combining a strong interest in politics with a brilliant use of modernist techniques, Ishikawa's work defies easy categorization. Banned in 1938, "Mars' Song" has been called the finest example of anti-war fiction written during Japan's march to war in China and the Pacific. In it Ishikawa denounces the chorus of jingoism that swept Japan, and via a metafictional tale within a tale, he warns against the suicidal destruction to which complicity in warmongering will lead. The allegorical "Moon Gems," written in the spring of 1945, further explores the tenuous position of the writer moving against the current in a country not only still at war but very near defeat. In "The Legend of Gold" and "The Jesus of the Ruins," both from 1946, Japan has been reduced to a charred wasteland yet Ishikawa envisions destruction as fertile ground for rebirth and resurrection. Finally, the semi-surrealistic novella *The Raptor* plumbs the meanings and possibilities of peace in the post-Occupation era. William Tyler's eminently readable translations are faithfully expressive of stylistic and tonal nuances in the original works. In a perceptive introduction and the critical essays that follow, Tyler emphasizes Ishikawa's importance as an anti-establishment--even "resistance"--writer and argues that the writer's political iconoclasm goes hand-in-hand with the modanizumu of his literary experimentation. *The Legend of Gold* will be of tremendous importance in enlarging a Western understanding of the development of the writer's role as social critic and the evolution of the modernist

movement in postwar Japan.

Diana is stuck working at the cleaners for her school's homecoming game, but soon a mistake that only she can fix sends her to the homecoming parade on a secret mission in a borrowed cheerleader outfit.

When high school students Wataru Fujii and Yuichi Kazuki accidentally switch rings, they find that their rings pair up, and they try to sort out their feelings for each other to decide if they are enemies or soulmates.

After receiving an interesting phone call from his brother, Tatsuki Hiroshi decides to go for a visit. There he encounters Miura, and as the two get to know each other, they begin dating. It is not supposed to be for anything but fun with no strings attached. So when did Tatsuki become a fool for love? What is he to do?! As he finds out, affairs of the heart are complicated!

Through detailed studies, this collection of writings by academics and activists explores the emergence of contemporary lesbian and butch/femme relationships and communities throughout Asia and their location within the context of nationalist struggles, religious fundamentalism, state gender regimes and global queer movements.

Reviews hundreds of Asian cult movies including films from Jackie Chan, John Woo, and Ho Menga

When her brother Hiroki disappears after a violent altercation with school bullies, Yuriko finds a magical book in his room. The book leads her to another world where she learns that Hiroki has been possessed by the evil King in Yellow, and that only she can save him...and solve the riddle of why the King is also called "Hero." -- VIZ Media

Spaghetti Westerns--mostly produced in Italy or by Italians but made throughout Europe--were bleaker, rougher, grittier imitations of Hollywood Westerns, focusing on heroes only slightly less evil than the villains. After a main filmography covering 558 Spaghetti Westerns, another section provides filmographies of personnel--actors and actresses, directors, musical composers, scriptwriters, cinematographers. Appendices provide lists of the popular Django films and the Sartana films, a listing of U.S.-made Spaghetti Western lookalikes, top ten and twenty lists and a list of the genre's worst.

In the intricately mannered world of an Osaka brothel in Meiji-era Japan, Misao, a beautiful male servant, can only dream of a time when he can earn enough money to pay his debt to the brothel and escape his servitude. Into his small, stifling world comes Masaomi Towa, the handsome and wealthy heir to a corporation and a newcomer to the rules of the pleasure district. Masaomi's sincerity and kindness penetrate through Misao's practiced cynicism, and Misao finds his heart captured by love for the first time. But Masaomi has come calling to meet with Ukigumo, the brothel's beautiful head courtesan. Will Misao's deepest desire come true, or will the cruel reality of the brothel destroy his dream of love? Venio Tachibana's beautifully-rendered portrait of Meiji Japan evokes an era gone by. Includes illustrations by Tooko Miyagi. Commemorating twenty years of manga, FEMME FATALE showcases of all of the full color artwork from New York Time's Best Selling artist Shuzo Oshimi. Featuring cover art, posters, promotional materials and never before translated comics, this is a definitive compilation of character art from one of the best known manga artists in the 21st Century. Concept art and promotional illustrations from FLOWERS OF EVIL, INSIDE MARI, DRIFTING NET CAFE and BLOOD ON THE RAILS are also included giving readers a deeper look into Oshimi's processes and artistic mind. This collection also includes dozens of never before published in English comic pages that are a must have for Oshimi completionists.

A young girl tells her mother about a passageway in their yard. Down this passageway, it is not cold, there is no danger, and nothing bad can ever happen--and the person she longs for is with her again. The only problem is that, on some days, the passageway is not there. But maybe, together, mother and daughter can find a way to carry that feeling with them always. In a country where all races of human and creature live together, love is blossoming as people don't worry about each other's quirks or appearances. Among them is a clumsy dullahan who's head over heels about her track star boyfriend, a confused boy who questions how to talk to his mermaid crush, and a cute centaur wondering how to confess to her childhood friend. Everyone seems to be catching the love bug except for Setsuka, an icy oni who usually gives humans the cold shoulder. That changes when a determined, kind classmate named Eiji confesses his love to her, lighting a small spark in her chest. With advice from her monstrous friends and equally lovestruck sister, Setsuka's cold heart might turn red hot soon enough!

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