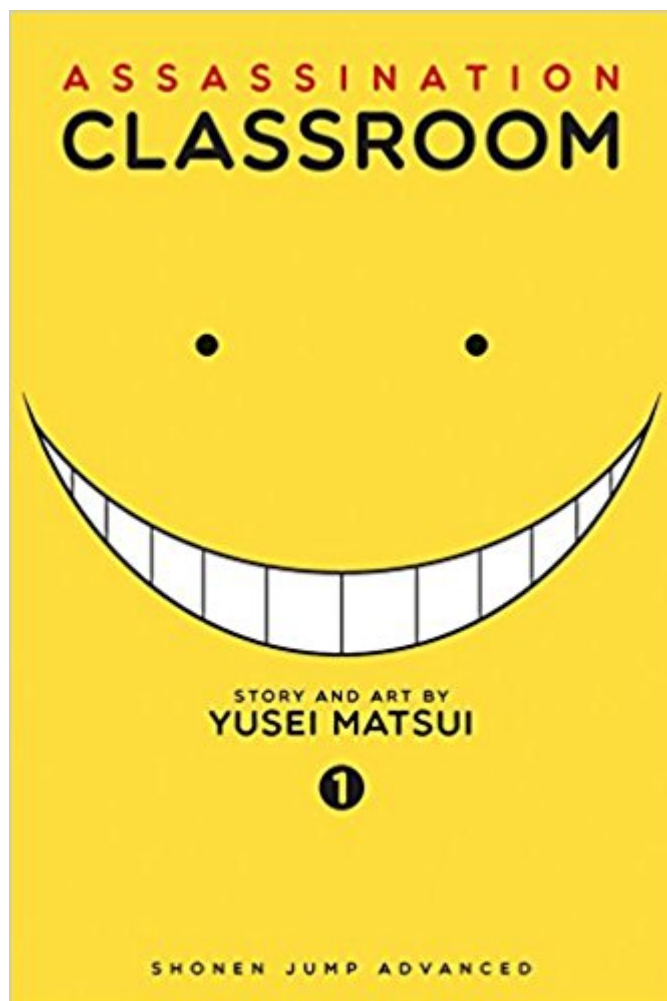


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# Assassination Classroom, Vol. 1



## Synopsis

The students in Class 3-E of Kunugigaoka Junior High have a new teacher: an alien octopus with bizarre powers and unlimited strength, who just destroyed the moon and is threatening to destroy the earth unless they can kill him first! Meet the would-be assassins of class 3-E: Sugino, who let his grades slip and got kicked off the baseball team. Karma, who's doing well in his classes but keeps getting suspended for fighting. And Okuda, who lacks both academic and social skills, yet excels at one subject: chemistry. Who has the best chance of winning that reward? Will the deed be accomplished through pity, brute force or poison...? And what chance does their teacher have of repairing his students' tattered self-esteem?

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 9 Up •An alien who has the power to destroy the earth makes a couple of unusual decisions. First, he eradicates most of the moon (what's left of it is in a permanent crescent shape). Then he says that he will destroy the earth later that year unless class 3-E of Kunugigaoka Junior High can figure out how to kill him. Several factors make this seem like an impossible task •class 3-E is academically the worst class in the school, and the alien can move at Mach 20 speed, escaping every assassination attempt so far. The alien, nicknamed Koro Sensei ("teacher who can't be killed") by his students, is by turns hilarious, deadly, and an excellent teacher at the middle school. This book begins as a simple adventure story, but the further teens get into the story, the more they will see the subtext of "bad" students becoming empowered to find their real

talents. Matsui's artwork is filled with action and humor, capturing the realistic aspects of the human characters and the smiley face and tentacles of the alien. VERDICT An entertaining adventure story ranging from darkest to lightest comedy that will leave readers clamoring for the next books in the series. —Andrea Lipinski, New York Public Library

Yusei Matsui is the creator of *Assassination Classroom* and *Neuro: Supernatural Detective*, which was adapted into an animated television series.

What if you were assigned to a classroom and instructed to kill your teacher? We've all had teachers that we wish to get rid of, but what if the teacher was an alien who could move at Mach 20? Welcome to Classroom 3-E. Full of all the "rejects" and losers from the main school building. If your grades were failing or your conduct was poor you were transferred to this room. An alien has come to earth and upon destroying the moon to a permanent crest has decided to become a teacher. He wants to help polish the students in Classroom 3-E. Oh and upon graduation the students must assassinate him or else he destroys Earth. Isn't that lovely? This alien is a tricky one at that, he also has more tentacles than an octopus and could be compared to one. The normal things that would kill a human, doesn't affect him. The students are assigned weapons and BB's to help take this creature down. They may try to kill him at anytime as long as it doesn't interfere with their studies. Nagisa's the main character of the group who's a guy. Now from the drawings and little pigtails in his hair. . . I confess I thought he was a she. Strange, misleading hairstyles. . . Anyways, he calmly collects information about Koro Sensei, the students gave the alien this nickname since he didn't have a true name. Karma's a cool, sneak attack assassin who's been suspended but upon returning he seems to be a bit of a true match for our teacher. Still needs to be polished and I'll tell you this he really does get polished by Koro Sensei. Tee hee. I love this book in how there's an intense mixture of comedy and impending doom upon the students. Koro Sensei's not allowed to harm any of the students in his classroom until after graduation. He also doesn't take them seriously because they're children. I really loved this book and I had a constant smile on my face as I read. I didn't catch any foul language but I think they're may have been a little. Nothing compared to my loud neighbors that drop the f bomb every three words. No sexual stuff, until the very end, but there's no step by step or anything. Just a female assassin eliminating a male target. This is going to be a great series I just know it. I hope to read more about this interesting teacher who wishes to destroy earth and yet he acts like a normal, caring teacher with his students.

A zany series about an other-worldly teacher who has one wish before he destroys the world, to teach a high school class and giving them the almost impossible challenge of killing him to prevent their inevitable doom. When he first arrives to class 3-E at Kunugigaoka high he seems like this terrible guy but the students soon learn that he really cares. Later in the series you begin to learn his twisted backstory and why he does what he does. The main characters include Nagisa, an outcast, runt, who never was that popular but has a true talent for assassination, and Karma, a cynical student hellbent on killing their teacher. Sadly, most of the side characters are slightly one sided and don't have any development throughout the story. This is a light hearted manga with some great gags and interesting characters. I recommend it to any anime or manga fan but not for beginners.

A monster destroys the moon, then threatens to destroy the Earth. He has only one odd demand: that he be allowed to teach a classroom of misfits and rejects for a school year. The government tasks his students with assassinating him. And that's the very unique, very entertaining plot of Assassination Classroom. I recommend it.

It's a great concept, a class that is tasked with assassinating their alien teacher who will destroy the world if they are unsuccessful. The twist is, he is a great teacher who ultimately wants to make his students successful. My one complaint in this volume is that we don't get to know any of the characters all that well, as each chapter is centered around a different student. I'd like to see one or two main characters, and then add supporting characters along the way. I'll definitely keep reading though!

I buy this for my daughter, she loves the series.

Good anime

Fantastic offering from Viz on one of the newest big series coming from Shonen Jump in Japan. The classroom setting is a setting that has been done many times before in media and in manga. However, with the touch of assassinations on it as well as a nice message on quality education and helping the kids rise to their best in adverse conditions, it feels fresh and new. It is fresh and new too with its mix of characters. I enjoy how their class also doesn't have the usual suspects, like a joker or a bully, but instead offers one of cohesiveness and camaraderie. Everyone is working together. The volume features 7 chapters. There is an extra two page omake of sorts. In between

chapters there are character profile pages, and some other little drawings too. There is no color insert like what is offered with some of their other Shonen Jump Advanced manga. In terms of names, everyone seems to be kept the same as they were in the JPN version, honorifics aren't there (so no more Karma kun), however they do call the teacher Koro sensei (which is a pun), and one that I'm glad for. Volume 2 will introduce another challenge for the translators and a western version, what will they call Irina...

Kooky premise with entertaining characters and fun story lines. An ensemble of students give it all they got to kill their teacher, an octopus-looking figure with a round, color-changing head. Yeah, it's that kind of weird. The string that pulls you along is the mystery of Koro Sensei and will the students really have to kill their teacher in order to save the world?

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