# Manga Panel

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## Why Manga?

- It's fun!
- Variety of storylines and genres like fiction
- Quick and easy to read





## Why Manga? Part 2

- Manga sales quadrupled since 2019
  - 25.2 million manga books sold in 2022 (Circana Bookscan)
  - global manga market at \$11.68 billion
    USD (2022)





Sources: https://comicbook.com/anime/news/manga-sales-g rowth-united-states/ and Polaris Market Research

## Background information and keywords

- Reading Manga
- Panels/Chapters/Volumes
- One-shot
- Filler
- Mangaka
- "The Big Three"
- "The Dark Trio"
- Shonen Jump/Weekly Young Jump/Kodansha (Morning, Afternoon, Evening Magazine)/Shojo Beat/Hana to Yume



## Manga Categories

- Top age categories
  - Shonen, Shojo, Seinen, Josei, Kodomomuke
- Sports Manga
- Isekai
- Yaoi/yuri
- Mecha
- Gekiga
  - EX: Lone Wolf and Cub
- Doujinshi/Manhwa/Manhua/ Light Novel
- Slice of life
- ...and more!



## Shonen (少年漫画)

- Targeted towards adolescent boys and young men.
- Features action, comedy, and elements of coming of age storytelling.
- Is the most popular (for sales) genre in the Japanese market.
- Power of Friendship!
- Can range on themes and subject ex: dark trio
- Known Examples:
  - One Piece by Elichiro Oda
  - My Hero Academia by Kōhei Horikoshi
  - Chainsaw Man by Tatsuki Fujimoto
  - Spy x Family by Tatsuya Endo



## Shojo (少女漫画)

- Aimed toward adolescent girls and young adult women
- Typically focuses on character relationships and emotions
- Can have a supernatural twist
- Sometimes explores subversion of gender roles
- Known examples:
  - Fruits Basket by Natsuki Takaya
  - Ouran High School Host Club by Bisco Hatori
  - Kaguya-sama: Love is War by
  - Yona of the Dawn by Mizuho Kusanagi



## Seinen 青年

- Aimed at young adult and adult male readers 18-40ish.
- Often features more mature themes than shonen, displaying more graphic depictions of violence and more mature themes.
- Seinen is categorized based on the magazine they are published in. So it can WIDELY VARY.
- Can include erotic scenes but is different then openly erotic manga like Seijin or Ecchi.

#### • Popular examples:

- Berserk by Kentaro Miura
- Vinland Saga by Makoto Yukimura
- Vagabond by Takehiko Inoue
- One Punch Man by ONE



## Josei

- Targeted toward adult women
- Typically deals in more mature themes and situations of adulthood
  - can have a sexual bend to it but not always

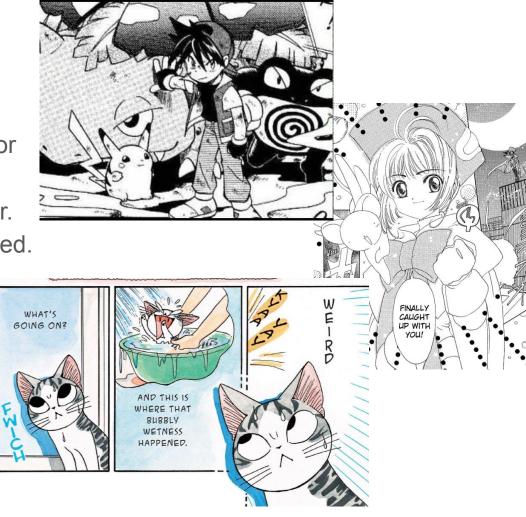
#### • Known Examples:

- Princess Jellyfish
- Chihayafuru
- Paradise Kiss
- Loveless
- o Nana
  - We know! It's technically a shojo! But it's totally josei :)



## Kodomomuke

- Translates literally to "intended for children"
- Aimed at kids aged 10 and under.
- Usually fun, cute, and light-hearted.
- Can be more episodic.
- Known examples:
  - Pokemon
  - Cardcaptor Sakura
  - The Complete Chi's Sweet Home
  - Doraemon



## **Recommendations for Collection Development**

- Use MyAnimeList or Goodreads!
- Look to see what is popular/trending in manga serialization magazine
  - Shonen Jump, Hana to Yume, etc.
- Look to see if a popular manga author has created other works.
  - Ex: Naoki Urasawa with *Monster, 20th Century Boys,* and *Pluto* or Takehiko Inoue with *Slam Dunk* and *Vagabond*
- It is worth getting manga that will never end. YES!
  - EX: Hunter x Hunter or NANA
- Omnibus are cheaper than individual volumes (usually).
  - For longer series, these can be great cost-effective options for collection purchasing, but: disclaimer!!!



## Great manga titles you might not have heard of

- Bloom into You by Nio Nakatani
  - teen/young adult, slice-of-life, LGBTQIA+
- *Monologue Woven for You* by Syu Yasaka
  - Adult, slice-of-life, LGBTQIA+
- The Girl from the Other Side by Nagabe
  - Teen, fantasy, no romance
- Love Me for Who I Am by Kata Konayama
  - teen/young adult, slice-of-life, LGBTQIA+
- Vampire Dormitory by Ema Toyama
  - teen/young adult, vampire/paranormal, romance

- Boys Run the Riot by Keito Gaku
  - Teen/young adult, Slice of life, LGBTQIA+
- Sakamoto Days by Yuto Suzuki
  - Teen/ young adult, Action, Comedy
- Goodnight Punpun by Inio Asano
  - Adult, Coming of age, Psychological drama

## Popular Manga You NEED to Have

- Junji Ito titles
  - All hail the king of horror manga
- "The Big Three"
  - One Piece, Bleach, and Naruto
- "The Dark Trio"
  - Jujutsu Kaisen, Chainsaw Man, Hell's Paradise
- Pokemon Adventures
  - Top 10 most manga sales and a great intro to manga for young children
- Shojo heavyweights
  - Cardcaptor Sakura, Fruits Basket, Sailor Moon
- Others:
  - Ranma ½
  - The Promised Neverland
  - D-Grayman
  - Black Butler

