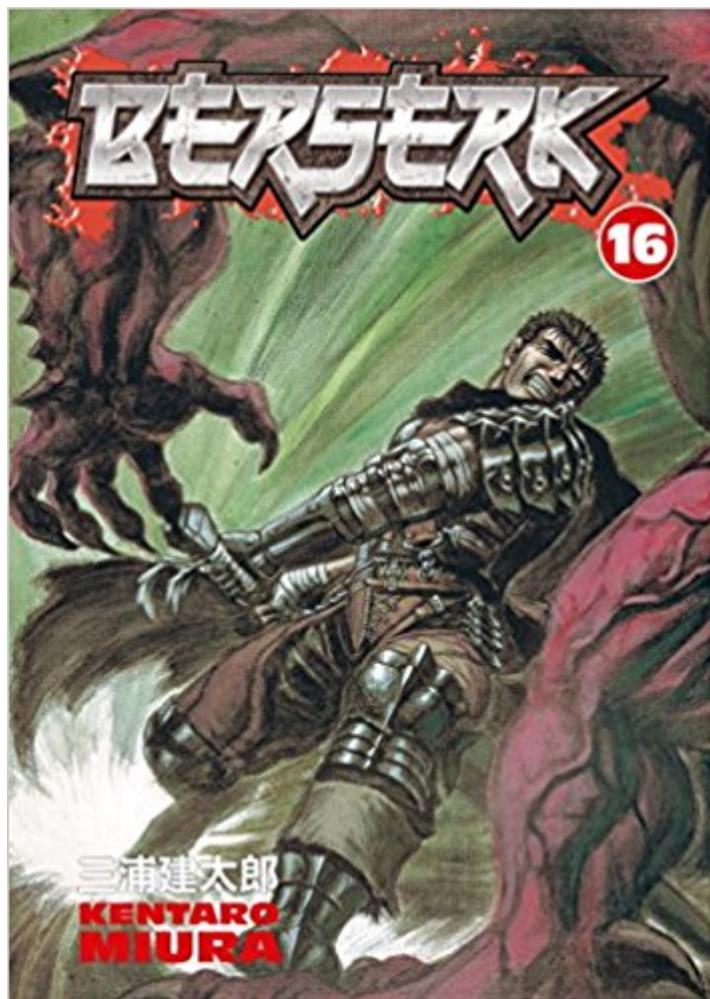


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Synopsis

Warrior supreme Guts has been marked for sacrifice to the armies of the damned, and now he has the blood of a village of possessed children on his hands — a horde of elf-demons straight out of a fairy-tale fever dream. But now Guts must deal with the Queen of the Elves herself, and though she may be cute as a button, she has hideous power and lethal intent, and in her wake, no one lives happily ever after!

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Customer Reviews

If you've made it to 16 you are already hooked. If not, start at vol 1 (it may take some a few volumes to get sucked in, Miura was much younger when he wrote the initial volumes).

My Fav. Manga of All time.. that's All i need to say..Thank you Kentaro miura for making this epic manga..I bought all the volumes from 1 to 36 and can't wait for volume 37 to come out..

As the title of my review suggests, there isn't a lot of rest for the Black Swordsman in volume 16. The book starts out with Guts fighting the fairy queen, Rosine, who has a few tricks up her sleeve for Guts, and ultimately transforms into a more powerful form and the battle takes on a whole new level testing Guts to the limit again. Sadly, after a well deserved and hard fought victory, he encounters the Holy Chain knights, who have terrible timing since he just fought one of his toughest foes yet, and is captured. The leader of the Holy Chain Knights, Lady Farnese, becomes more than a little frustrated with Guts' disregard for their religious beliefs, and she reveals a deeply conflicted

personality, one that hopefully we will get to learn more about and see her character grow in the series. One of the more notable parts of this book are the manifested "Beast of Darkness", an apparition within Guts which taunts him at times and commands him to spill more blood. The Beast takes many shapes but most often it takes the silhouette of a large wolf. Another important note is Guts' image itself, as he seems to appear more like the evil he's fighting than a normal man, as if the horrors he endures again and again have twisted him into something else entirely. It's not the prevalent image of him by far, but in this novel you see Guts' appearance change into something more reminiscent of a monster or a devil, like he belongs in the darkness more, or at least like he is certainly not out of place there to say the least. I thought seeing this side of Guts outside of a battle and during a simple conversation a little exciting and troubling at the same time. It marks an interesting change in Guts' character, one I can't wait to see develop in the story. This was a fairly good novel of the bunch, one that deserves a read, it's also pretty good action and character growth so it goes by faster than some, but it leaves you hanging. None the less, I highly recommend this installment of the series.

Perfect gift for a friend. Great manga

I think this book well summarizes everything I like about the series to date, it has good action scenes, good interactions, and a bit of dark humor. I disagree with an earlier reviewer, I am glad that Dark Horse is now translating the sound effects - I also like the fact that they're not just ham-handedly trying to convert it into English equivalents there are some things for which it just doesn't work. (The 'sound' of something being noticed, for example).

Wraps up the lost children arc.

Nice

Amazing story

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