# Manga Staff Picks

Apollocary Planes The Apothecary Diaries by

Natsu Hyuuga

YA GN HYUUGA (MANGA)
Maomao, a skilled herbalist, is
compelled to serve as a humble palace
servant despite her desire for freedom.
When she dispels a supposed curse
affecting the imperial heirs with her
cunning, Maomao catches the eye of
Jinshi, a handsome eunuch, and rises to
the role of food taster. However, Jinshi's
intentions for her extend beyond her
newfound position, leading Maomao
into a world of potion-making and
unexpected investigations.



#### Bungo Stray Dogs by Kafka Asagiri

YA GN ASAGIRI (MANGA)
Having been kicked out of the
orphanage, a despairing young man by
the name of Atsushi Nakajima rescues
a strange man from a suicide attemptOsamu Dazai. Turns out that Dazai is part
of an armed-detective agency staffed by
individuals whose supernatural powers
take on a literary bent!



## The Case Study of Vanitas

by Jun Mochizuki

YA GN MOCHIZUKI (MANGA)
A tale of vampires and curses set in a whimsical and dark steampunk Paris unfolds! On the streets, rumors abound of a clockwork grimoire said to sow curses among the vampires. Now, guided by the Book of Vanitas, the gears begun to turn, and the story of two men, Noe and Vanitas, takes shape...



## Frieren: Beyond Journey's End by Kanehito Yamada

by Nameriilo Tairiaua

YA GN YAMADA (MANGA)
Elf mage Frieren and her fellow
adventurers defeated the Demon King,
bringing peace to the land. Decades
later, the funeral of a friend confronts
Frieren with her own near immortality.
She embarks on a new adventure to
fulfill her comrades' last wishes and
understand what life means to those
around her.



## **Fullmetal Alchemist** by Hiromu Arakawa

YA GN ARAKAWA (MANGA) Edward and Alphonse Elric, in a failed alchemical ritual, lost their bodies: Edward his arm and leg, and Alphonse his entire body, leaving his soul trapped in armor. Edward, now equipped with mechanical limbs, becomes a state alchemist to seek the Philosopher's Stone to restore their bodies. The brothers' quest pits them against powerful foes in a world ravaged by alchemical abuse.



## **Kaiju No. 8** by Naoya Matsumoto YA MATSUMOTO (MANGA)

In Japan, where monsters frequently encroach on daily life, Kafka Hibino works in a cleaning business specializing in monster disposal. One day, he is transformed into a monster by a mysterious creature and becomes the target of the Japan Defense Force as "Kaiju No. 8."



#### **My Happy Marriage** by Akumi Agitogi

YA GN AGITOGI (MANGA)
In Meiji-era Japan, Miyo Saimori,
a mistreated daughter considered
worthless for lacking superhuman
powers, is sent to audition as a bridal
candidate for Kyoka Kudo, heir to a
powerful family. Treated as a servant
by her half-sister and unloved by her
own family, Miyo's future seems bleak.
However, rumors about the cold and
cruel Kudo clan leave her wondering if
this new home might be kinder than the
one she left behind.



#### Noragami by Adachitoka

YA GN ADACHITOKA (MANGA)
Yato, a homeless god without a shrine
or worshippers, offers a service to help
those in need for a small fee, hoping
to raise enough money to build his
dream shrine. He takes on all kinds of
jobs, from finding lost kittens to helping
students with bullies.



### A Silent Voice by Yoshitoki Oima

YA GN OIMA (MANGA) Shoya, once a bully to his deaf classmate Shoko, ends up taking the blame for their classmates' cruelty, leading to her leaving school. Six years later, they meet again, and Shoya seeks redemption for his past actions.

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