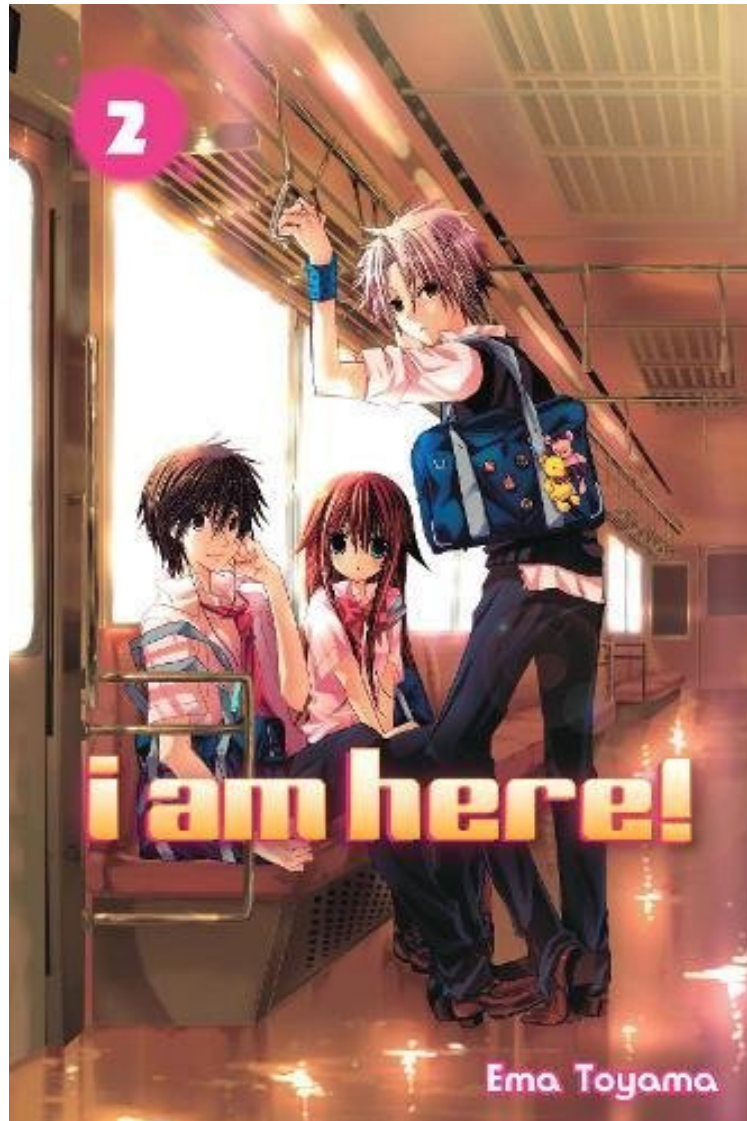


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**Ema Toyama : I Am Here! 2** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised I Am Here! 2:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very, very good By Jude~4/5 [More of my reviews are available on my blog, Geeky Reading, to which there's a link on my profile.] This little series was very adorable. I am a big fan. I really like Hikage. She's quiet and shy and invisible and doesn't know how to open up, even if she wants to. But she has a blog, where she posts often, with pictures she's taken, and talks about her daily life and struggle with shyness. You guys, I understand Hikage. I get it. I get it so much. I really feel for her. It's part of what made this series so enjoyable

for me, how much I feel for her. But she's also a much better person than I am, particularly with how she reacted to the girl who bullied her. (I mean, I would have smacked a bitch, but not Hikage.) She gets scared, but she also learns how to stay strong, and stick up for what she believes. I admire that about her, especially given her little experience. On Hikage's blog, she has two people who comment with her, Black Rabbit and Mega Pig. They encourage her to be open with the people around her, take the step to talk to them. Which is part of how she starts to make friends with her classmates, and get closer to Hinata, a popular boy in her class who's had his eye on her. Hinata is adorable. He is a seriously sweet boy, and I really like him. He really has just the cutest, sweetest smile. When he smiles, I want to smile. And the way he and Hikage are so similar, and how obviously well they go together, is just fantastic. I love it. Then there's Teru, Hinata's best friend. He's a little harsh at times, but for good reasons. I really liked him. There were also a few classmates that Hikage grew closer to, but we didn't really get to know them. Maybe if there had been more space, we would have; I would have liked to. Especially with Arisa, who seemed like a sweet, up-beat girl. I'm not going to ruin any of how it worked out, or who the identity of the commenters on Hikage's blog turned out to be, but I was pretty happy with it. I guessed it beforehand, and I was kind of hoping it was a little more surprising, but I was still happy with how it turned out. Also, there was a short story at the end featuring one of the commenters, and I just loved it. It was adorable and funny, and super sweet. Overall, I really enjoyed this series. It was sweet, heart-felt, funny, cute and adorable. I really loved it. And it has definitely made me want to continue Toyama's other current series, Missions of Love, which I am behind on.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A great conclusion to an adorable series. By R. Miller If you enjoyed the first volume (I Am Here! 1), then this volume should resolve the plot in a satisfying manner for you. Like the first volume, this one manages to pack all sorts of emotion into every scene. Unlike the first volume, the emphasis is no longer on Hikage Sumino being shy and trying to get noticed-- though that's definitely still an important plot element. Here, the story focuses on a love triangle that forms between her, Hinata, and Teru. This results in jealousy between the boys and puts a great deal of pressure on Hikage as she tries to decide who's right for her, who is the sun to her flower. You also learn more about the girl who has bullied Hikage from time to time. By balancing drama and humor well, I never felt like the manga was coming off as melodramatic, despite how high the emotions run. Aside from the main story, there is a special chapter at the end that fleshes out one of the minor characters (I won't spoil who it is). It turns out to be a touching little story of its own, providing a few chuckles along the way, of course. Plus, there are tiny sections that tell you about little quirks that Hikage's classmates have. Finally, you also get some small comics depicting funny antics among Hikage, Teru, and Hinata. There's nothing inappropriate here, so I could easily recommend this series to younger readers first stepping into the world of manga. Just know that it's sometimes a little tough to figure out what order you're supposed to read the talk bubbles in: there's usually a lot happening on each page. Also, it was sometimes a little hard to read the talk bubbles that were close to the book's middle crease. The art is, without a doubt, some of the best I've ever seen in a manga. It absolutely never comes off as lazy or rushed. I often stopped reading for a minute just to admire the artwork. To make a few caveats, some people may find the intense emotions in this manga melodramatic, even if I didn't. If you want super-duper combat and such, this manga about middle school life is not for you. Plus, there are a couple glaring mistakes in the translation ("This are some seeds..."), though they didn't interfere with my enjoyment of the story. Overall, from the beautiful art style to the touching story, this is a manga you shouldn't miss out on.

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Awesome. Worth the read!! Heart pumping action! xD By KawaiiWay I love the I Am Here! series. I can relate to Hikage so well because I grew up not being noticed at all... I actually cried with her because I know her feelings all too well. The 2nd book is my favorite though. I loved the ending. Ema Toyama made both Hinata and Teru likeable so I would've been okay with Hikage ending up with either one. But I'm super glad that she ended up with Hinata

Invisible to her classmates, Hikage Sumino is an eighth grader with no self-esteem. Her only friends are the visitors to her Internet blog. One day, the most popular boy in the grade suddenly talks to her. Encouraged by this twist of fate, Hikage determines to transform her life and declare to the world, I Am Here! **WHEN THE SUNFLOWER BLOOMS** After the sudden disappearance of Black Rabbit from her blog, a series of surprises continues to shake up Hikage's world. What if someone you met online turned out to be someone you knew in real life? In this volume, Hikage, Hinata, and Teru overcome jealousy and betrayal, and together learn valuable lessons about friendship, love, and forgiveness. This book collects chapters 11-19 of I Am Here! (Koko ni iru yo!). **FINAL VOLUME!**

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