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**Karuho Shiina : Kimi ni Todoke: From Me to You, Vol. 2** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Kimi ni Todoke: From Me to You, Vol. 2:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Story of Friendship and RomanceBy Anne MFrom back cover:Sawako Kuronuma is the perfect heroine.... for a horror movie. With striking similarities to a haunting movie character - jet-black hair, sinister smile and silent demeanor - she is mistakenly called Sadako by those around her.Rumors start flying about Sadako's new friends claiming that Yano's been around the block and Yoshida's a former

gang member. And the source of all of this tattle? Sadako herself! Will Sadako retreat to her former life as a loner because of a single misunderstanding?! Review: Rumors are spreading and Sawako is accused of being the source. When Sawako overhears that Kazehaya will become unpopular if he continues to be friendly to her, she decides to avoid her new friends (Ayane Yano and Chizuru Yoshida) and Kazehaya to protect them. Meanwhile, Yano and Yoshida are trying to track down the source of the rumors. Miscommunications make it seem that Sawako was never friends with them, but Sawako doesn't seem the logical source for the rumors. In a confrontation with Kazehaya, Sawako is told that avoiding her friends can hurt them. She seems to have honestly never considered this. Kazehaya tells her that he should be the one to decide whether his popularity is more important than his friendship with Sawako. This confrontation seems to give Sawako the courage to face the girls spreading the rumors. Yano and Yoshida come to stand with her as she faces the accusations that she was the source of the rumors. She states her true feelings for everyone to hear. Yes, it was very cliché, but that doesn't mean that the book didn't leave me with a warm feeling. I especially like that the relationship with Kazehaya is being developed as a friendship before a romance. This series does move slowly, but Sawako always leaves me with a warm feeling. I give book 2 of *kimi ni todoke* a 4.5. In order to come up with an overall review/rating for the series and this specific book within the series, I used the following criteria:

Character development: Excellent (5). This series is about teenagers and their relationships; primarily focused on the high school environment and activities. The characters are very real and human. I would be surprised if anyone reading this could not find someone that they can relate to. The characters grow and we learn more about them in a consistent manner. In the 20+ books that I have read of this series, I have not noted any actions that seemed out of character based on the character development and story line. Characters have changed, but they have changed in ways that are logical and consistent with what the reader knows of them.

Art: Is slightly better than average (3.5) I enjoy this series a great deal, but the art could be improved especially the faces.

Relationship development: is Excellent (5) Although this series does move slowly, this means that the relationships develop as they would in real life. The shy girl doesn't get the guy by the end of the first book, friendships don't develop (or end) abruptly and for no reason, etc.

Overall Story: Very Good (4). This is not my 'typical' genre of manga, but I did enjoy reading the books. My big complaint is that it seems to move so so slowly. It is about relationships - love, friendship, frenemies, and acquaintances. Sawako agonizes for chapters over decisions. Since I do the same thing, I can't fault her, but at the same time, it does make the story move very slowly.

Author's notes/extras: Not every author includes author's notes, however, Karuho Shiina has. I enjoy learning more about the person behind a book so I appreciate the extra effort that the author takes to tell us about herself.

Will I re-read? Excellent (5). Yes, I will re-read this series. As a matter of fact, I DID. I read most of the books (the first time) on-line, but felt guilty that the author and publishing company were not benefiting. I then purchased the books and have found that the print version from the publisher is the better way (for me) to enjoy these books.

Will I recommend? Very Good (4.5). If you enjoy this style of manga, I believe you will enjoy this series.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Together At Last! By Ellen W. In this volume, Sawako and Kazehaya finally, finally get their feelings across to each other at the school festival. They're both incredibly happy, and Sawako has to keep reminding herself that it's not a dream. There's some confusion among their schoolmates whether they're really a couple, but Kazehaya does his best to clear this up. Pin actually has some helpful advice this time around, before almost causing another big misunderstanding. Finally, Sawako worries about how Kurumi will feel when she finds out about the new relationship. "*Kimi ni Todoke*" had been dragging for the past couple of volumes for me, but this one totally renewed my interest. Sawako and Kazehaya are just too adorable together. They're the picture of first love, blushing and making embarrassing statements to each other. It gave me a case of the warm fuzzies. And I love it that the manga doesn't take them too seriously. It doesn't not take them seriously, either. Actually, it doesn't really comment one way or the other. This is no small feat when you're still showing all of the emotion and telling the story through the eyes of the main characters. I think this is what makes "*Kimi ni Todoke*" more realistic and poignant than a lot of other sugary shojo manga. It's also just hilarious to see the other characters teasing the new couple. On a final note, it was good to see Pin give be serious for a couple of scenes. He's one of my favorite characters, and I'm always glad to see his best side. I'm sure Sawako and Kazehaya still have more challenges ahead in their relationship, but it seems that all the confusion between them is over. Looking forward to seeing how their relationship develops from now on!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Volume 2 - Rumors By Amelia When Yoshida and Yano hear that Sawako is the source of the rumors about them their first reaction is to laugh. They think the idea of Sawako as a backstabber is so absurd it's funny. However, as vol. 2 progresses, one misunderstanding after another leaves Yoshida and Yano fearing that Sawako actually doesn't like them at all. To their surprise, they discover that they think of Sawako as a friend and are hurt to think she doesn't feel the same. As for Sawako herself, she wishes she was friends with Yoshida and Yano, but gets it into her head that being around her will hurt the popularity of the two girls, and Kazehaya as well, so she starts avoiding them all... but she discovers that she can't go back to being the loner that she was. Thankfully the misunderstandings are cleared up by the end of the volume so the unhappiness of the three girls isn't dragged out too long. However, Kazehaya's distress is not fully resolved. He is relieved to learn the real reason Sawako avoided him, but then feels that he needs to step back and let Sawako better establish her friendship with Yoshida and Yano before he tries to take his own relationship

with her further. Volume 2 concludes with Kazehaya wistfully wondering how long he should wait before pursuing Sawako. We see the nameless wavy-haired girl from vol. 1 again at the end of vol. 2, and while we still don't know who she is, it's looking like she may be the source of the rumors.

Will the curse of Sadako leave her friendless for life? R to L (Japanese Style). Sadako's chance to become friends with Yano and Yoshida is about to go down the drain when rumors start flying that Yano's been around the block and Yoshida's a former gang member. And the source of all this tattle? Sadako herself! Will Sadako retreat to her former life as a loner because of a simple misunderstanding?! Sawako Kuronuma is the perfect heroine for a horror movie. With her jet-black hair, sinister smile and silent demeanor, she's often mistaken for Sadako, the haunting movie character. Unbeknownst to but a few, behind her scary facade is a very misunderstood teenager. Shy and pure of heart, she just wants to make friends. But when Kazehaya, the most popular boy in class, befriends her, she's sure to make more than just that she's about to make some enemies too!

About the Author Karuho Shiina was born and raised in Hokkaido, Japan. Though *Kimi ni Todoke* is only her second series following many one-shot stories, it has already racked up accolades from various "Best Manga of the Year" lists. Winner of the 2008 Kodansha Manga Award for the shojo category, *Kimi ni Todoke* also placed fifth in the first-ever Manga Taisho (Cartoon Grand Prize) contest in 2008. In Japan, an animated TV series debuted in October 2009, and a live-action film released in 2010.