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Karuho Shiina : Kimi ni Todoke: From Me to You, Vol. 5 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. 5:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Story of Friendships 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 always had trouble fitting in. but her whole life changes when she befriends the most popular boy in class.Sawako finally realizes that her feelings for Kazehaya are

more than Just admiration. But this novice in love has a lot to learn about romance. Not that Chizu can help her out any - she's got enough worries of her own to deal with! Can either of these shy girls take the next step toward a real relationship? Review: This book highlights the fact that the stories are about the group of friends that surround Sawako and Kazehaya, not just those two main characters. This is an approach that I really like in most writing. Kurumi admits to Kazehaya that she has feelings for him, but Kazehaya admits that he already cares about a different girl (he doesn't name Sawako, but Kurumi isn't stupid). Chizu (she is NOT shy, clueless, but NOT shy) is in a tizzy shopping for a birthday present for Ryu (Sanada). Although Chizu and Yani meet Sawako's parents for the first time (a sleep over at Sawako's house), Sawako (and Kazehaya) is more of a supporting character in this book. Sawako is initially confused by who Chizu has feelings for and Chizu is totally oblivious to the person who has feelings for her. I enjoyed seeing more of the other characters - Yano, Chizu, Ryu/Sanada, Mr. Arai (a teacher), Sawako's parents, etc. but this does mean that the main story line didn't seem to progress very much. This series moves slowly, but Sawako always leaves me with a warm feeling. I give book 5 of *kimi ni todoke* a 4. 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. Five Stars By Alipheese Great quality, the manga arrived perfectly! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Worth Buying! By Kokoro_Chan I absolutely adore this series! For those interested in a hilarious romantic comedy this is the series for you! You can't help but fall in love with all the characters.

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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. An animated TV series debuted in October 2009 in Japan.