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**Kore Yamazaki : The Ancient Magus' Bride Vol. 1** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Ancient Magus' Bride Vol. 1:

65 of 65 people found the following review helpful. "It's true that the world in which you grew up was not kind...but it was not your enemy." No spoilersBy LeafFrom my Goodreads: NO SPOILERSWow. If you like Harry Potter or A Darker Shade of Magic or anything with a fantastical twist that delves deep into folklore, the surreal and makes you want to live there, this is the manga-or book-for you.Chise Hatori has lived a life of solitude. No one loves her. Her parents abandoned her, and since then, everyone who wanted to care for her dumped her to the side like garbage. So when we find her chained, scared and with circles under her eyes, it becomes clear that Chise is a very damaged girl.

She can see fae and other magical things that were the cause of her abandonment, and the reason her life was turned upside down. Elias Ainsworth, a renowned Mage, buys her for 5 million dollars. With her freedom, Chise is to be trained to become a powerful witch that draws all power to her body, known as a Sleigh Beggy. Not only are they extremely rare, but the fact that she can see magical beings is also unusual for her kind. Elias gives her the chance to live with him or to make her own life, but after how kind he is and how he refers to her as family, she can no longer go back to her old life. Except that Elias forgot some important information. He intends to wed her, but we don't know why. It might seem strange for this creature to marry Chise, but he is much more human than he first appears. He is intelligent, holds a dignified and refined air and is very well known. I could easily describe this series as a mix between Studio Ghibli and Harry Potter. There's something so magical about this that it seems so sweet until you realize just how dark this series can go. Chise has struggled with depression and attempted suicide in her past, and the fae she comes across may or may not kill her depending on their mood. The story draws from a lot of English folklore—mainly Irish. We have Silkies, fae, dragons and even a cat kingdom! While the idea of the story might turn some people away, I ask you to please reconsider. This is a rare beauty that I never knew I needed until I read it. I want MORE. I want to see more interactions between Elias and Chise, and I want to see Chise grow into a powerful witch. With the first antagonist stepping up and attempting to slice Chise to bits, things have gotten even more interesting than ever. And the art is beautiful and so different than most manga art I see. I'll be picking up volume 2. If you are interested, here are some youtube videos about the mangaka. She was a complete noob just doing her thing when an editor told her, "Hey, let's make you a mangaka!" And instantly, her manga has become a hit. And there's good reason for it. Also, I will link a short amv that captures some of the dark beauty of this series and made me interested in the series to begin with. I hope you will at least give them a look! Amv: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k1H-GVWUtJU> (ONLY 1 minute and 41 seconds!) Video about manga and success part 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gxIMxcK7QuI> Part 2: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hNg5xN1qdwMutm\\_content=bufferd6aacutm\\_medium=socialutm\\_source=plus.google.com](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hNg5xN1qdwMutm_content=bufferd6aacutm_medium=socialutm_source=plus.google.com) 3: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=47ZYTzTRqmc> 10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Harry Potter meets Beauty and the Beast By Robert Fisher A few months ago, I received a catalog of manga and anime products and saw the citation for this title. Both the cover art and the description caught my interest and so near the release date, I put in an order. The first volume lived up to expectations; this has the makings of quite a good series. A fellow reviewer saw parallels with Harry Potter and I would add elements of Beauty and the Beast as well. Our heroine Chise is an engaging figure. A neglected orphan, she finds herself in a situation in which she can develop the mystic abilities she possesses. She may not understand the world she's entered, but it looks like she's a quick study. Elias Ainsworth, the skull-headed mage, is also fascinating; powerful but socially, a bit awkward. The first volume opens with the diary entry of the household maid Silky who may have potential as a character. There are nice chapters involving dragons and cats that are thoughtful and touching. If the future volumes maintain the quality, The Ancient Magus' Bride will be a fine series. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Intriguing! Ready for something new? Give this a try! By Oddy I would describe this manga as Intriguing fairytale oriented story telling with beautiful art characters. It has a unique take on relationship building and I felt the narration with the same absorption as a novel. The first book in a series, the story starts out slow building mystery and intrigue around the Mage the creatures drawn to the main character. I struggled to keep focus a bit at first but the story picks up towards the end and I'm glad I picked up the other two mangas that are out. Stick with it! This is sure to be a fun ride. If you're tired of the same old magical girl / slice of life / fantasy genres this story is one of its own. Off beat and fresh is the best way to describe this series without giving too much away. If you like Grimms original tales, you should enjoy this ride. I look forward to more from this artist.

The Ancient Magus' Bride is an all-new manga series that features a fascinating relationship between a troubled teenage girl and an inhuman wizard. Enter the Magician's Apprentice Her name is Chise Hatori, a penniless orphan troubled by visions. Sold as a slave to an inhuman mage, she is about to begin a strange new life, filled with magic, fairies, and other beings of a fantastical nature.

About the Author Kore Yamazaki is best known as the author and artist of The Ancient Magus' Bride.