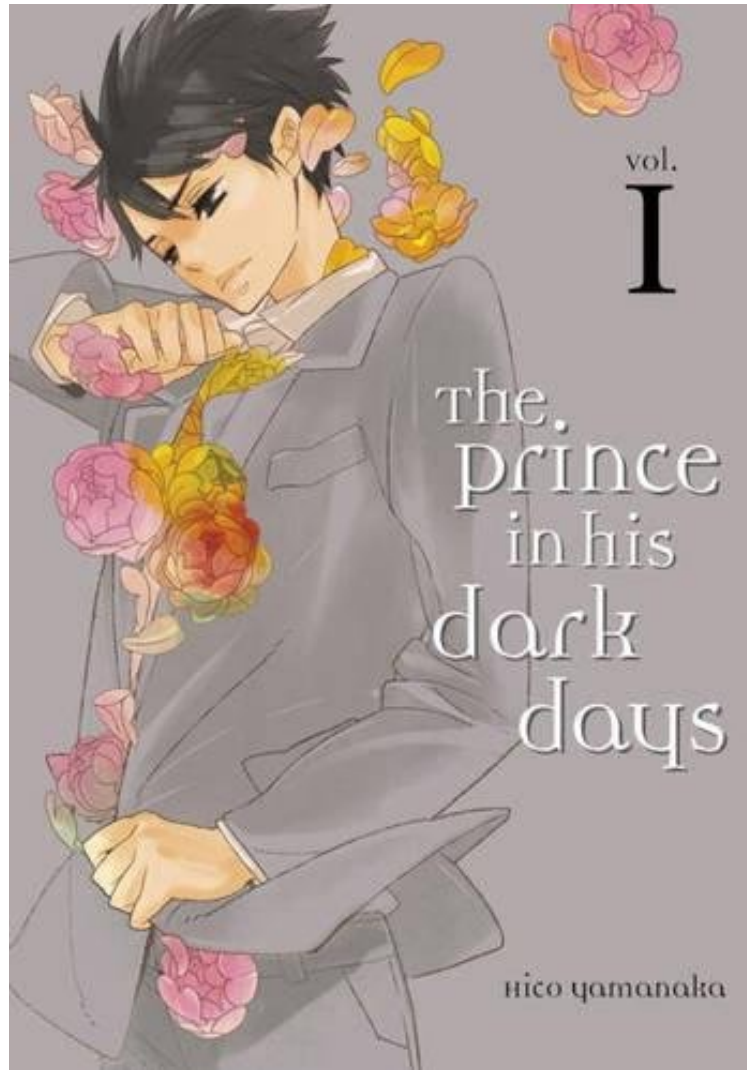


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TerrySeventeen-year-old Atsuko is an excellent student at her high school, but bullied by all the other students to the extent that she gets hives if anyone touches her. Her teachers do not understand the situation, asking her why she cant do things like go on a field trip (shed love to but cant afford it). Worse, her mother has gone (the manga does not explain how or where) years ago. Her father is a drunkard who relies on Atusko for financial support. She cant get a job, so she inveigles dirty old men into thinking they can take nude photos, accepts their money, then runs away. Things come to a head when her father insists that she quit school and go to work for someone, apparently a brothel keeper, to whom he owes a large sum of money. Around the same time, a group of rich students out slumming briefly kidnap Atusko and take her to the mansion of their friend and leader Ituro, the spoiled heir of a wealthy corporate executive. Atsuko emerges shaken but unharmed. She is very impressed by the mansion, believing that anyone who lives there, completely free from want, must be happy. She and Ituro have also made the discovery that aside from the length of Atuskos beautiful hair, they look almost identical. Shortly thereafter, Ituro mysteriously disappears. Ituros loyal friend Ryo persuades Atusko to take his place until Ituro comes of age in six months, at which point he will be 18, an adult, and come into his inheritance. The deception is immediately discovered by Ituros equally loyal butler, who promises to keep it a secret. However, Atusko (with considerable training and aid from Ryo) manages to deceive Ituros circle of shallow friends and the distant mother he only sees a couple of times a year. She comes to appreciate not only her comfortable surroundings, but being able to learn new things, and the thanks and praise of Ryo and the butler. The purpose of Volume 1 in this manga series seems to be to set up the story and get the reader interested enough to buy Volume 2. Probably future volumes will reveal why Ituro disappeared (and why, perhaps, someone wanted him to), whether Atusko will be able to continue the deception, and some mysteries about Ryos background. Maybe even what happened to Atuskos mother. Currently, Im rooting for Atuskos job to become permanent. Shes so much more intelligent, sensitive, and kind than Ituro. I have put Volumes 2-4, listed on , in my shopping car. I have no idea if more than those will be published.

PRINCE IN DISTRESS A drunkard for a father, a household of poverty... For 17-year-old Atsuko, misfortune is all she knows and believes in. Until one day, a chance encounter with Itaru the wealthy heir of a huge corporation changes everything. The two look identical, uncannily so. When Itaru curiously goes missing, Atsuko is roped into being his stand-in. There, in his shoes, Atsuko must parade like a prince in a palace. She encounters many new experiences, but at what cost? A heartrending modern love story.

About the Author Hiko Yamanaka is a prolific yaoi and shojo manga artist whose past works include End Game, the samurai drama Shinitagari to Hibari, and a contribution to the official Yowamushi Pedal short story anthology. The Prince in His Dark Days is her first manga to be published in English.