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**Kosuke Fujishima : Oh My Goddess! Vol. 22** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Oh My Goddess! Vol. 22:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The best "otherworldly girlfriend" manga of all time!By J. AlfordI've read my fair share of manga over the last few decades, but this was the one that really got me started into not only being an otaku, but a lover of finely-crafted Japanese comics! Kosuke Fujishima created this as a slight spinoff of his You're Under Arrest manga about female police officers where the characters were briefly praying to a goddess. With this in mind, Fujishima took the already cliché premise of a normal guy with a magical girlfriend, but managed to make it one of the most endearing and charming titles in anime and manga. The manga starts out with college freshmen Keichi stuck at his dorm having to answer phone messages for his gruff upper classmen in the motor

club. After unsuccessfully being able to order take out, he accidentally contacts the Goddess Helpline. Answering his call is the lovely goddess Belldandy, sent from Heaven to grant him one wish. Keichi jokingly wishes for a goddess like her to be with him forever, and a grand lightshow signifies that his wish is approved. Belldandy is now "bonded" to Keichi, and any attempts to separate them are repelled by the Ultimate Force which twists fate around to keep them together. Bell and Kei then luckily move to a spacious abandoned temple outside of town after getting kicked out of the dorm. They are later visited by Belldandy's older half-sister Urd, who after using her powers to force some romance between them gets banished to Earth for a time, and ends up moving in with them. Belldandy's younger sister Skuld later moves in also to add to the hysterics. Aside from them, Bell and Kei's relationship is constantly being interrupted by rivals at school, other pesky goddesses, and forces from Hell itself, including Urd's mother Hild who's in charge of all devils. One of the most reoccurring villains is the demon Mara who is an old school rival of Urd's, and is constantly trying to ruin the goddesses' time on Earth. The manga has been running constantly since 1988 with nearly fifty volumes in print. This has spawned off a 5-episode OVA series in the 90s, a full-length anime movie in 2000, and an anime series involving the Mini-Goddess back-up feature from the manga that ran on an anthology show. A brand new anime series ran in 2005 that retold the origin story but in greater detail than the original OVA, and lasted for two seasons. There have recently also been several OAD shorts offered with volumes of the manga in Japan, but so far nothing in English. The manga was released out in America at first under the title "Oh My Goddess" to make it seem more appealing to western readers, but was later renamed to the original, and also included some of the chapters that were left out of the first printing. There are currently several omnibus editions available through Dark Horse Comics which makes for a great starting point, so give one of them a look. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This manga will suck you in. By M. Emme Where to start with Oh My Goddess!. The story and the characters will suck in without you even knowing it. I did not want to like it, but the premise was cute so I gave it a go. As others have said the main story revolves around your typical university geek who in one fell swoop had his life changed when a young goddess entered his life. This simple set up does not prepare you for how sweet this very popular manga is/was. You end up caring about the main couple (Keiichi and Belldandy) and their very tame, but loving relationship, as the story meanders around with a little mild drama and light comedy driving things. The minor characters add enough variety and good fun to keep the story from getting tired. From an art point of view, Fujishima did a very nice job. The story reads and looks good. You can see that it was drawn a number of years ago, as the fashion does look very 1980s. That is neither here nor there, but is kind of fun to date the story. From a product point of view the Dark Horse Manga printing of it was well done. I love the letters to the editors and translation notes at the end each book. It is also nice that Dark Horse, like most good manga these days, is doing the right to left publication. In the end, this classic manga has a great story across the full series. It is sweet, without real violence, no real nudity, no fan service to speak of and with the main themes revolve around very likable characters. It has a great Yamato Nadeshiko (idealized Japanese woman) vibe off of Belldandy that drives the way she deals with Keiichi and the way she views her sisters, that is very sweet as well. If this is your cup of tea, and you end up caring about the characters, then I think you will enjoy it very much. If the pace is too slow, or you just want Keiichi to grow a pair and kiss the girl, well then it may get a bit old. If you find that you like it, check out the anime version as well. This also is very cute, is very close to the manga, and worth a look either before or after you read the manga. 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Start With This Book By AstroNerdBoy I saw the 5-part OAV (original animation video) "Oh My Goddess" DVD's and was very impressed. However, because the series was so short, I went online to see if there was a manga (Japanese comic book) series since most anime is from manga. Enter "Wrong Number" done by Dark Horse Comics. This should replace the "555-Goddess" book previously done since this contains the chapters that were not included in that original book 1. People who've watched the OAV's will see the major elements from the first and second videos done in this book. However, there are notable differences such as a monk that lived in the temple that Belldandy and Keiichi end up living in. We are introduced to the following characters: Keiichi (the guy with the wish), Belldandy (the goddess), Tamiya (large classmate), Aoyama (cool classmate), Sayoko (the girl jealous of Belldandy), and Megumi (Keiichi's sister). One thing people who've seen the OAV will be surprised at is the art. Belldandy doesn't look like she does in the OAV. Much like many other comic strips or comic books, Fujishima-san had not yet refined the artwork. Don't worry, the artwork gets better with each volume. Story-wise, this volume mainly focuses on Keiichi and Belldandy getting to know each other and their life at college. Bottom line: If you loved the "Oh My Goddess" DVD set, you will REALLY enjoy this manga and all of the manga's in this series. If you've never seen the OAV's but want wholesome, light reading material, get this book!

Ever since a cosmic phone call brought Belldandy, Urd, and Skuld - a trio of literal young goddesses - to live in college student Keiichi's residence, his personal life has been turned upside-down, sideways, and sometimes even into strange dimensions! After her demonic mother Hild lays down the condition for changing Peorth back to normal, Urd tells Mom that she can go back to Hell, but Urd sure isn't coming along. Hild's counter-offer promises to combine the magic-circle powers of herself, Belldandy, Skuld, and Urd to restore Peorth, in exchange for a promise from Urd to...

well, she'll tell Urd after the ritual!