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Little did Nao Kogure realize back in middle school that when she left an umbrella and a box of bandages in the rain for injured delinquent Taiga Onise that she would meet him again in high school. Nao wants nothing to do with the gruff and frightening Taiga, but he suddenly presents her with a huge bouquet of flowers and asks her to date him—with marriage in mind! Is Taiga really so scary, or is he a sweetheart in disguise?

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From Reader Review Honey So Sweet, Vol. 1 for online ebook

Tânia says

First manga ever!! (review will come)

Kate says

4.5/5stars

THIS WAS REALLY CUTE?? OMG?? I DON'T EVEN LIKE SHOJO AND THIS WAS ADORABLE

Somehow this story is very similar to many romcom shojos but also very different? if that makes sense? its got a lot of the same themes/quirks but also has its own twist on how they're being done - its very refreshing.

and omg Onise is my child i must protect him

Online Eccentric Librarian says

More reviews (and no fluff) on the blog <http://surrealtalvi.wordpress.com/>

In many ways, this does hit several shoujo romance cliches: normal girl and guy with rough appearance who actually has a heart of gold and will win her over in the end. Of course, she'll have a crush on someone else and will have to slowly but surely come around to the guy who really likes her. But that said, it is a sweet title (as the name implies) and certainly worth a look.

Story: Nao has always been a bit timid and a coward. So when she saw a delinquent looking boy sitting in the rain looking beat up, she drops an umbrella and bandages next to him and then runs away. Imagine her surprise a year later when he shows up at her new high school asking to be her boyfriend. Afraid of the bleached red hair and scary looks, she complies. But it turns out Taiga Onise might have been completely misunderstood. And so her heart, broken when her parents died and salvaged by a kind young uncle, will slowly warm to Taiga and his innate good intentions.

Taiga Onise clearly fell in love with out protagonist through an act that she considered cowardice (she ran away without helping further) and he considered kindness (the umbrella and bandaids). The first few chapters were about both establishing new friendships in their first weeks of high school with other misunderstood souls. Enter a school trip, a haunted forest, and her uncle needing help at his restaurant and fortunately finding that Onise is a very good cook at 15 years of age indeed.

Honey So Sweet is best categorized as heartwarming. Sweet but not deep, the characters are likable and this is more romance than slice of life. Taiga is always sweet and considerate - and if a bit too perfect, he is the ideal boyfriend. Nao, meanwhile, also has a good heart and makes a likable main character. This is Amu Meguro's debut series and it will be interesting to see where she takes it from here. Reviewed from an advance reader copy provided by the publisher.

Grace says

This is a sweet start to a series which I feel I will easily become addicted to. I liked the art style which was used, especially the cute pictures at the start of the new chapters. It was easy and quick to read (I finished it over a couple of hours). Looking forward to the next volume!

Lauren says

This was such a cute, fluffy and adorable read! I loved the artwork and the storyline was sweet. Really happy that I decided to purchase this series.

RTC

Amanda [Novel Addiction] says

A friend told me I HAD to read this, and considering she's not a huge manga fan, I figured I better get on that... This was definitely adorable. I think I'll need another couple volumes to see how I really feel about it, but the fact that I'm actively looking for the second volume is a good sign.

Devin says

(this is a review of volumes 1 AND 2)

I don't really remember how I stumbled across the Honey So Sweet manga series, but when I did I was like "hey this sounds cute, let me see if my library has it! *checks* hey they do, let me go get it!". Thus I did. Viz is currently in the process of publishing all six volumes, with a new one coming out every three months. The third volume was released at the start of July, which I am currently awaiting for my library to get a copy of for me.

So far, with two of the six volumes read, I'm really enjoying it. It's fun watching (well, reading...) Kogure and Onsie go from not knowing anything about the other person aside from rumors to being in love with each other. Just like the story itself, the artwork is great too.

If you're wondering what Honey So Sweet is about, it's about a girl, Nao Kogure, who had given a boy, Taiga Onsie, an umbrella and box of bandaids back in middle school. (they're in high school now) She didn't know him at all, all she knew about him were the rumors – that's he's a troublemaker, a delinquent, and that he even harms little animals. In high school they run into each other and Onsie says to Kogure that he'd like to date her. Since she's scared of him and believes the rumours that he is nothing but trouble, she's scared and says yes. However, as she soon finds out, none of that is true, and Onsie is one of the sweetest and most caring people on Earth. There are plenty of funny moments in the manga, plus I love how Amu Meguro would randomly go on tangents in the pencil sketch corner of the second volume. Through those pencil sketches I discovered that we both share a love of butts. No, really! It says that in volume 2!

So yep, I'm definitely liking Honey So Sweet so far!

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Mary says

"I was desperately looking...for a chance to impress you."

Rip my heart. Sometimes it's best to be friends first.

Nao is in high school and keeps to herself. Her parents died when she was six and she lives with her uncle, Sou, and the years she spent under his care has produced conflicting feelings. She wants to make friends so she tries not to get involved with bad company to keep her reputation good.

But her kindness ushers in a seemingly unwelcome person into her life: School Delinquent Onise.

Onise asks her out with marriage in mind (totally normal lol) and she at first rejects him...only to take one look at his face and change her mind. She's afraid he'll punch her or smt and at first I was going GURL at least stand up for yourself. But considering her background and since I could relate to her actions, I could easily go along with it.

She ends up feeling guilty about saying yes and tells him. He admits he knew all along and thought it would be nice just to hang out with her. (?_??) So they settle to be friends and he asks for nothing more. Nao is super happy to finally have a friend and through this friendship, the two start to branch out.

Honey So Sweet is a slow volume but it really tackles a lot of relateable situations: unrequited feelings, loss, loneliness, misunderstandings, the cruelty of peers, the pressure to fit in, and most importantly, why we should be honest with others.

I would only read this when you're fine with a very slow series. It's adorable but unless you're in the mood you might put it down because you might want something with more oomph to it. Don't get me wrong-it's def a good first volume. It's just something that should be read if you're either in the mood for fluff or if you adore all shojo.

* I own all the manga I read and don't support scans.

Chelsea says

This looks like a really fun and cute series and I am looking forward to seeing what happens next.

Sesana says

It has a really rough start, with a relationship based on fear and intimidation, but that gets worked out quickly enough. I almost quit reading in that first chapter, but the male love interest becomes much, much better after that.

Mehsi says

This was a really adorable, fluffy, cute manga with fantastic characters (well except that one guy that got dragged into the party).

Nao, a sweet, kind and caring girl, who is finding out that while people look frightening that doesn't mean they are like that inside as well. Taiga, our sweet and handsome guy with the scary face is indeed not that scary as he looks. Actually he is also looking for friends, for happiness, for joy.

I really had quite a laugh in the beginning parts of this manga. Nao's reactions to Taiga, they made me laugh so hard, though of course I also felt sorry for Taiga.

But after that bumpy and hilarious start in their relationship they quickly become friends, and I can see (just like everyone around her) that it is way more for Nao (we already know how Taiga is thinking after all). Of course, typical of a manga like this, she keeps denying it, or is she really that dense? I guess we will find out as the manga goes on. I do hope for a lot of romance though, these 2 are really cute together, and I would love to have some romance between them.

I didn't like all the characters, as I said, I didn't like that guy that got dragged into stuff by Taiga. I know, it is wrong of Taiga to do that, but I also don't think that the guy should do all the stuff he did. Taiga just doesn't know any better ways of communicating it seems.

The field trip, and what happened there? Poor Nao.

The art is absolutely gorgeous, at times I had to pause to drool over the gorgeous full-paged art. Wow!

Would I recommend this manga? Yes, are you looking for something cute? Something funny? Then be sure to check this one out!

Review first posted at <http://twirlingbookprincess.com/>

Nidah (SleepDreamWrite) says

I hadn't heard of this series before. But the covers are adorable. And so was this volume and of course the story. Good start.

Dana says

Review is for the whole series, read at your own risk!

Easily one of the cutest manga's I've ever read. It's a real gem. I love their relationship from the start.

Tyrule says

It was a very cute story. It shows how you should never judge a person based on their appearance and rumours! The main character Nao Kogure isn't like the weak protagonists seen in most shojo manga, and the boy Taiga Onise in love with her isn't forceful or pushy or like a typical boy in shojo manga. They're really likeable characters. There isn't much drama (yet), which is very good for me, I get tired of the drama in many shojo manga. The artwork is beautiful and the words are big and easy to focus on (not too much dialogue on one page, which makes it easier to focus) it also has a good amount of content for the price it is. A very calming, cute, easy to follow read. Nothing too complicated!♥ Shojo and non-shojo fans can enjoy this. The story does end on a cliffhanger though so maybe pick up vol 1 & 2 at the same time XD

David Schaafsma says

Nao once left bandages for an injured Taiga; now, in high school he has the rep of a "delinquent" (translation?). Nevertheless, one day (early on in this first volume) he approaches her with flowers and asks her to be his girlfriend (with an eye to possible marriage, he says?!). Flustered, she initially had been afraid he might be approaching her to bully her! Still flustered--she doesn't even know him or hang around people with reputations like his!--she sort of agrees to his offer, but she really has to get to know him and be friends with him first (which sounds to her and us like a better starting place). As she begins to do this, she finds he is different than his reputation.

I am reading a few shoji manga (primarily for girls) for possible inclusion in courses I am teaching, and Honey So Sweet is pretty sweet. Maybe 3.7 rounded up. I think not quite as fun as My Love Story by Kawahara but it's still pretty fun.
