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Lauren says

Kitchen Princess is about a girl named Najika who has an extremely positive and upbeat personality. She has been admitted at Seika Academy's Special Class because she has a talent in cooking. Through various adventures and mishaps she struggles to find her way along with the help of Daichi and Sora Kitazawa.

I read this series on a whim; I was really into cooking at one point. It is cute and fun, just pure enjoyable reading. I was delighted to find out that there are even recipes for what she makes in the back! I am totally going to try them.

Najika reminded me a lot of the Fruits Basket character Tohru Honda, having a love of life and everyone/everything around her even though tragedy has clouded her past. Najika is selfless and always that first one to offer a helping hand.

I also like how this manga has a direction of where it is going and a direction for the characters to take. They know what path they want to go and what goals they are searching for. It is one of those manga stories that seems to be really inspirational to me and inspires me to go and try to find out what I want to do with my life.

Sarah Crawford says

Seiya makes fun of Lavendar House, the orphanage, and Najika slaps him. The director wants Najika to participate in something special for guests. It doesn't dawn on her that it could be a trap of some sort. Najika is told that Lavendar House is being shut down. It also turns out the high tea for the guests was a trap after all.

The director wants her to lose to Seiya. If she does, he'll save Lavendar House. Daichi finds out about the trap and confronts Najika. The director's effort is blocked, though, so it becomes an honest competition. The director keeps trying to put down Najika's efforts, but the contest is judged a tie.

Daichi and Najika are becoming closer and closer while Seiya gets madder and madder about all the attention she's been getting. Seiya starts working at the diner to keep an eye on Najika but he continues to demonstrate that he has no people skills at all.

Then it turns out that Seiya seems to be interested personally in Najika.

Jerry says

A Quickie Review

I kind of feel sorry for the main character; she has had a rough time of it lately. Wonder how she will get out of this one...

Ashley says

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Rating: 3 1/2 star

Opening Line: "Seiya Mizuno... is the Flan Prince?"

Quote: "He begged me to help him. How pathetic."

Mikaela says

Just when i thought that the director is being nice already.. *sigh* it was fake. He's prepared a competition between Najika and Seiya. ugh! He's so annoying! -_- and he wants Najika to lose on purpose! WTH!?! but that didnt happen. it was all fair in the end. :)

I've noticed that Najika is starting to fall for Daichi! XD heehee! but seems like Seiya Mizuno is gonna be observing Najika for awhile.. haha! He's trying to figure out why people like Najika's food better! :P lol.. i'm sure he'll understand soon. And gosh! i find myself falling for him!! waah! >.< i got shocked when Mizuno kissed Najika on the cheek! 3 lol..

Jocelyn says

Sigh~ Read it sooo fast. But soooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo goooood!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! High tea sounds like a really fancy tea. I think I tried it a long long long time ago, but can't really remember... Just sounds so cool though. I love little cakes and tarts you know? I really like the part when Najika comes to serve her sandwiches in the high tea competition, and it looked like a huge loaf a bread. I absolutely lovedd Daichi's reaction when he saw the whole loaf of bread, I couldn't stop laughing! His face was soooo funny!! Although these books are tragic, there is always something really funny that always gets me laughing non stop. Like in the first book, when Najika comes out for Christmas and Fujita-san was like "Why me?" That was sooo funny. Anyways, getting off track, I really liked this one, and I really sad that it's almost all over :(I think I am taking these book a bit too seriously... I just feel so deep in the story that I forget the things going on around me, and feel like it's actually happening, but then I realize, oh yeah it's just a story. Hahaha xD

Alya Atiera says

[My heart hurts so badly when Sora died. I didn't root for him to be with Najika but it still hurts you know? I feel like the author is playing some sort of trick on me especially when Seiya showed up. I mean he looked a

bit like Sora so..... I mean who wouldn'

DonutKnow says

Cute! Mizuno and Najika sitting in a tree... :P

Pamela says

Amazing art as always and a great addition to the story (high tea party).

On a personal note... oh no!! I'm reading mangas again instead of novels (I usually read novels). This is usually a sign I'm reading a book that isn't interesting enough. ?

Lola says

I love this series it adds a lot of drama into it and it is just amusing.

Sara Bennett says

I love this manga series! It's clean, funny and has really great characters :) I picked up the first one and was hooked pretty quickly! The characters are just sweet and funny.

Najika is trying to find her Flan Prince who saved her from drowning and helped her remember the joy of food. Now she's at a special school learning how to use her cooking skills and absolute taste and great memory to make others smile.

Currently she is recovering from her friend and crush Sora-Sempai who died in an accident. His brother Daichi has really been a big help, so has her other friend, Akane. They're all shocked however when a new talented cook shows up who looks just like Sora-Sempai! Najika is going head to head with him in several contests. And she's just discovered that he might be her flan prince!

Pros:I love this series :) The characters, as I said are really great. Najika is positive and determined. Plus a great cook! That's another great thing about this manga series. They have a recipe for each chapter and the recipes are located at the back of the book! I've only tried one so far (didn't work so great) but I'm planning to try another one soon!

There is a bit of romance but otherwise nothing objectionable in this manga, so far. It's really clean and funny! Very enjoyable and one of my favorites :) I can't wait to get my hands on the next volume!!

Cons:There really aren't any :P I really loved it :)

Amber says

Najika and Seiya are still cooking rivals until the thing she loves most almost gets taken away from her. Can Najika save her home of Lavender house and keep people loving what she makes or will that all go away? Read on and find out for yourself.

Still a pretty good cooking manga series. I can't wait to see what happens next!

MissAnnThrope says

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The Director is up to his dirty tricks again and he is intent on destroying poor Najika. He manipulates Najika into a High Tea competition with Seiya and threatens her with the fate of Lavender House. I swear, this guy has a stick shoved so far up his butt.

I adore Daichi for always being there whenever Najika needs a friend. This series is quickly coming to an end, and I hope that he is part of the fairy-tale ending.

Sesana says

Kind of a rough volume for poor Najiko. There's a lot more development of her new rival, Seiya, and the difference in their cooking styles: Seiya cooks to show off his ingredients and his skills, and Najiko cooks to make each person who eats her food happy. It's why Seiya's food may be objectively better from a technical standpoint, but why people end up liking Najiko's food more. Seiya's personality development really starts here, when he decides to understand how and why Najiko is so successful. The real villain isn't him, it's the director of the school, Daichi and Sora's father. And even he has a motive that is at least understandable: he honestly blames Najiko for (view spoiler). That doesn't make him any less of a jerk in general, though.

Kayla Eklund says

I really enjoyed this. The only thing that bothered me was the ending felt a little rushed. They went from not really liking each other to what happened (trying not to spoil anything for those that haven't read it). I'm starting volume 9 next. It will be interesting to see what Najika's reaction is.
