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# Fullmetal Alchemist, Vol. 5: The Ties That Bind



## **Synopsis**

It's only been a year since the Elric brothers set out on their journey to find the elusive Philosopher's Stone. But a lot has happened in that short time. For one thing, Edward has become an official State Alchemist. And, as such, he often finds himself in the thick of one dangerous situation after another. Now, sidelined with a fever in a remote village, Edward is unexpectedly reunited with a childhood friend. Even though he's become a valuable member of his country's military organization, Edward can't help feeling a pang of jealousy. While he and his brother's fate is inexorably bound to recent life-altering events, his friend is busy studying to become a doctor and making his dreams come true. Suddenly, Edward starts questioning the purpose of his life. Stories from the childhood of Edward and Alphonse Elric--not seen in either the manga or anime! Also includes the heartwarming story, "Roy's Holiday," featuring Colonel Mustang and Lieutenant Colonel Hughes.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

"Born in Hokkaido (northern Japan), Hiromu Arakawa first attracted national attention in 1999 with her award-winning manga *Stray Dog*. Her series *Fullmetal Alchemist* debuted in 2001 in Square Enix's monthly manga anthology *Shonen Gangan*. "

At this point everything that I thought would sustain the story through its conclusion has been revealed. I am on the edge of my seat (so to speak) waiting to finish the series. Great read, quality addition, cheap as.... Definitely worth it over the kindle addition.

Purchased this for my son's Girlfriend as a Christmas gift - she was thrilled to have it in her collection!

thanks

Beautiful as always

what else can we say? FMA is fantastically written and drawn. The characters are expressive and relatable, and the story is, maybe not "gripping", but you definitely won't want to put it down for awhile.

I recently bought this novel along with two others and doesn't take too long to read with 225 pages (I think it took me a little over an hour to read through it, though I tend to go through a book quickly when it's short). The inside cover page features a colored illustration while the others in the novel are three black and white images and a sketch illustration at the end of the book. The book's size is small enough for comfortable reading and the chapters are separated with title pages. Overall I think the story was good, though the ending fight seemed resolved quickly and the afterword for this novel has a short comic strip about Ed.\*NOTE: I was looking around for information about the novels and thought it was odd that and other websites I looked at had the summary of the fourth novel (Under the Faraway Sky: [...] for the summary of this novel. The copy I bought was not titled "To Each His Own Bonds" like the image on here (my attached images are of the version I received without a Vol 5 on the cover and titled "The Ties That Bind", which I'm guessing was the version included in the 27 volume box set of the manga).

Great series. If only the anime could have been as good

Just as the title suggests, this omnibus only has 3 volumes included. The series is great and this book is too!

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