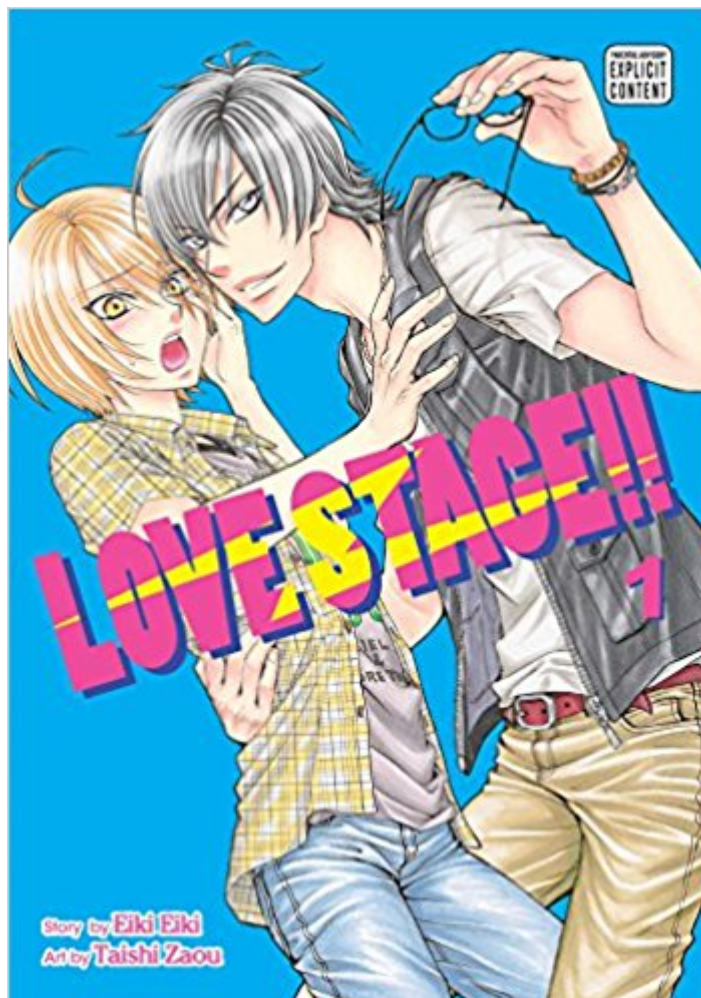


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Synopsis

Izumi Sena is an average guy born into a family of famous celebrities. A college student and total otaku, he works hard every day with the goal of someday becoming a manga creator. His father is a singer and his mother an actress, while older brother Shogo is the lead singer for the popular band "CRUSHERZ." Though his family is packed with famous celebrities, Izumi Sena is just your average guy. Currently a college student, he is a huge otaku with aspirations of becoming a manga creator. But one day he gets roped into participating in a TV commercial and meets popular young actor Ryoma Ichijo. Could this be the same boy he starred in a commercial with over ten years ago?!

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Customer Reviews

Eiki Eiki is the creator of numerous yaoi and shojo manga. Her previous English-language releases include Train?Train, Millennium Prime Minister, and The Art of Loving. Born on December 6, she is a Sagittarius with an A blood type. Taishi Zaou's works have been published in English, French, and German. Her previous English-language releases include Green Light, Fevered Kiss, Living For Tomorrow, Mysterious Love, and Electric Hands. She was born a Capricorn on January 10 and has an O blood type. Eiki Eiki and Taishi Zaou's hit series Love Stage!! has been adapted into a drama CD and a television anime series. They also publish doujinshi (independent comics) under the name Kozouya. You can find out more about them at their website, <http://www.kouzouya.com/>.

It's a story about time, gender, whatever barrier is in the way, at least for one of the main leads in the story initially then eventually both. The story focuses on Izumi Sena, an otaku fan of anime/manga [especially magical girls genre] aspiring to be a manga artist [despite a lack of skill] born into a celebrity family, and Ryoma, a one-time past co-actor Izumi meets when they were young for a commercial turned into an A-list actor, and the trials and tribulations they must go through keeps pulling them closer and closer together. The first volume focuses mostly on introducing the main two leads and how they met initially in the past, Izumi's family background and their dynamics, Izumi's aspirations and obsessions and Ryoma coming to terms and accepting his feelings for Izumi despite knowing he's a boy after thinking for so long Izumi was a girl. The overall tone of the story though is very light, cute, silly and fun, so not overly serious. Both lead characters are likeable and cute and the author does a great job in presenting the characters and showing how they became that way. Izumi will initially come off as very spoiled and childish but as the manga progresses you find out it's due to how he was raised and sheltered [specially by his older brother Shogo and Rei, a manager to the family agency]. Izumi for the most part is somewhat of a reflection of how youth idealizes careers, goals and future. Ryoma on the other hand is a little more grounded than Izumi, at least in regards to the idea of working hard towards feasible goals. The art is great. I find Eiki art to be somewhat distinct compared to other yaoi artist in regards to the character designs [especially how she draws the faces]. In this volume there's sexual activity, however, it's used in a way to develop the storyline, not just for the sake of throwing it in. If you enjoyed Junjou Romantica or Sekaiichi Hatsukoi, I highly recommend picking up Love Stage. It's a charming yaoi love comedy and endearing characters and nice art.

I've loved this manga since I could only get it in fan translations. I'm so happy to see it released on kindle. I look forward to more being released!

I decided to indulge and purchase volume one of the Love Stage series. After seeing the anime I had to see what differences or enhancements the manga had to offer. I was not disappointed. The cover in itself is bright and eye catching. The artwork inside is breathtaking and very reminiscent of the anime art style. This volume gives a nice intro into the series and definitely left me wanting to read more. As an avid reader of yaoi manga I definitely recommend this series for newbies and veterans alike.

Very cute story, great drawings, and keeps you wanting to read more. This is some of the highest quality Manga.

Love stage!! Vol. 1 great job I watch the cartoon of it but the book is far the best five stars

I think it's very appropriate to use cute to describe this Manga. It makes for a very fun and entertaining read. Its more on the lighter side, and has a way of making you laugh. I'm rather glad the author decided to not have our protagonist dress up as a female, and keep that as part of the main plot.

I love reading Love Stage!! It's such an interesting read with a few good sex scenes later on in the volumes. I was so excited to find out you can buy the book in English. I already bought volume 1 volume 2, and volume 3!!!

I started reading this as a recommendation. It didn't disappoint. Izumi and Ryouma are a great couple though it doesn't show immediately (something that I like more than some yaoi I've read). Definitely a must read for a fan of the genre.PS. Yea, Izumi, you are a BL. ;)

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