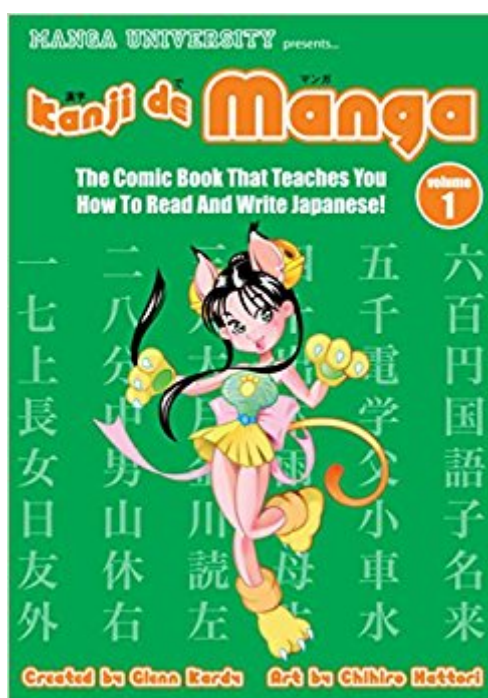


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# Kanji De Manga Volume 1: The Comic Book That Teaches You How To Read And Write Japanese! (Manga University Presents)



## Synopsis

The comic book that teaches you how to read and write Japanese! This brand-new series from Manga University uses original comic artwork to teach readers how to identify and write the most common Japanese kanji ideographs. Volume 1 introduces 80 basic kanji that all Japanese schoolchildren are required to learn before entering the third grade. Subsequent volumes in the series will focus on more difficult kanji and kanji compounds. Each page features its own comic strip, kanji pronunciation guide, stroke order, and English explanations.

## Book Information

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These cute, little books use manga-style graphics to help English speakers learn the Japanese writing systems. Kana de Manga: A Fun, Easy Way To Learn the ABCs of Japanese! teaches the hiragana and katakana syllabaries, the closest that Japanese has to an alphabet. For each kana are provided the sound, a word using the sound with accompanying illustration and cultural note, the stroke order for drawing the kana, and empty grids for practice. Front and back matter provide kana contractions plus more information about the kana systems. Almost 40 pages are devoted to practice grids, unnecessary for library readers. The volume is inexpensive, cute, and useful, although other kana tutorials that use mnemonics that is, likening the kana to an image can be effective, too. The four Kanji de Manga volumes teach 320 of the more complex Chinese-based kanji characters, of which some 2100 are used in standard Japanese. These books teach kanji only

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WOW! This how to is amazing and so much fun! My Daughter absolutely LOVES it! The pictures and how to's are very easy to learn. She really liked how it is also a comic that teaches. She is just a beginner and this book is absolutely perfect for her. We love how it is simple words and sentences you can use everyday. Its not over sized either it is perfect to carry around with her in her backpack etc. If you are interested in purchasing this how to book for yourself or as a gift I highly recommend you do! Its a great learning tool!

I bought this as a Kindle download for use with the Cloud reader and it's great. I have the book in one window and an online dictionary in the other ([...] Add a piece of scrap paper to practice writing and you're ready to learn some kanji, AND, if you're up for it, a lot of interesting little tidbits of vocabulary and colloquial speech from the manga panels if you're willing to parse them out on your own with the online dictionary. I agree with others that it would be great if they used previously learned kanji in the context of subsequent chapters, but they don't and that's the way it is. This is not a deeply thought-out system of integrated learning by any means, but as one resource among many, it's a lot of fun and very helpful. 'Yes' to needing other books as well, 'yes' to using flashcards, online resources of all types, speaking with natives and other students, listening to Pimsleur on the way to work and so on and so on. This book should in no way be considered your one stop solution for learning Japanese! Learning is pro-active, and something we have to pursue for ourselves, as doggedly as we can. There is really no simple or effortless way to learn Japanese.

Given that understanding, you can have a lot of fun with this book. For the price of a fancy Starbucks latte, I've got to say 'give it a try'!

The book is a nice size had nice images. I just really wish it gave a little more explanation and an English pronunciation to some. About maybe half of the book it gives you space to practice writing what you've learned. I did wish that some one the sentences would have characters from other pages in the book but, oh well.

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Purchased this as a gift for a teen. She was very happy with it.

If you put the work in like trying to read in Japanese you can practice with this book then it helps

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