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# Fullmetal Alchemist, Vol. 16-18 (Fullmetal Alchemist 3-in-1)



## Synopsis

Bargain omnibus editions of one of the bestselling manga series of all time! In an alchemical ritual gone wrong, Edward Elric lost his arm and his leg, and his brother Alphonse became nothing but a soul in a suit of armor. Equipped with mechanical "auto-mail" limbs, Edward becomes a state alchemist, seeking the one thing that can restore his and his brother's bodies...the legendary Philosopher's Stone. Contains Volumes 16, 17 and 18! The Elric brothers head north to Fort Briggs in search of May Chang, whose Xing alchemy may contain the answers they seek. But as Ed and Al soon discover, the only thing less forgiving than Briggs's weather is the regiment of hardened soldiers assigned to defend it. Matters grow even more complicated when Ed and Al get thrown in lockdown and the sadistic Kimblee arrives from Central with Winry as his hostage. But even Kimblee's cruelty pales in comparison to the evil of the new homunculi watching from the shadows... Reads R to L (Japanese Style) for teen audiences.

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## Customer Reviews

Another amazing book in the Fullmetal Alchemist series. Fullmetal Alchemist is a great series that everyone should read. The manga was amazing. The cover art was fantastic, and it arrived in perfect condition, aside from a small dent in the upper corner, but I easily fixed that. I only buy the 3-1 edition books for the Fullmetal Alchemist series, and this was another fantastic addition to my collection. I will be pre-ordering the other 3-1 editions that come after this. Thank you for another perfect manga!

Ed and Al's flashback to how they were trained in alchemy by Izumi Curtis continues as they try to survive for a month on a deserted island with no conveniences and no food except what they can hunt for themselves. They also have an unwanted companion, a masked strongman with a wooden club who beats the snot out of them and steals their food whenever he gets the chance! And don't forget that this is just to earn the right to BEGIN training! We also get more information about what happened the night that Ed and Al tried to bring back their mother from the dead and what Ed encountered in those moments that took his arm and leg. Bringing us up to the present, the extended flashback also shows how Mustang came looking for the boys, after hearing about their powers. I thought this volume worked really well. It's not often that an entire volume of a manga is a flashback but some plot points in Fullmetal needed some more clarity. But don't get me wrong, there are still a ton of mysteries left that I look forward to seeing revealed. I liked the sequence on the island because when Fullmetal is at its best, it raises some hard questions about the nature of life, of how we are just specks in the universe of small consequence and how there are powers out there that we will never understand.

This is a tale of suffering and redemption. A beautiful story of two brothers who refuse to give up in spite of everything life has put them through. It is a wonderful story. A tear jerker. A heart warmer. An inspiration. I loved it. The manga is a bit different than the anime. To get the whole picture I recommend getting the blu-ray anime sets along with the manga. Get FMA and FMA Brotherhood as soon as you can. You won't be sorry.

Another great volume in a great series. Volume 6 helps identify the Elric Brother's past, and help explain why they became who they are. Providing insightful, yet comedic storytelling allowing you to feel everything the brothers do. Every FMA fan should read through the manga, maybe more than once!

The good guys have regrouped, they have fitted the pieces of the puzzle together and they have developed a plan to beat the homunculi and their father, they have also made a very bold first move going on the offensive finally to try and end this war swiftly and with minimum losses on their side. Action is finally happening in this volume and things are starting to look dire. Both sides have unexpected aces up their sleeves and both have a few more tricks left in them. The good guys target? King Bradley. The bad guys target? Alphonse! Edward and Winry also are drawn side by

side for the first time in a while and it is to find that Ed has grown a great deal. I loved reading those panels and watching the two of them interact one last time before the battle. The journey that started with Ed and Al trying to get their bodies back has changed a great deal and taken a back seat with their attempts to save Amestris. The brothers are both growing up as they are putting others first before their own concerns even as Al's body deteriorates and Ed is running out of tricks to try and keep them both alive. I'm looking forward to what is going to happen next. So much is at risk right now and we have had the rug pulled out from under us often enough to know that people can and will get hurt and be killed in this series. There are no guarantees.

I thought I would die of boredom when I read these because I had already watched all the episodes of the anime. Boy, was I wrong! Quite a bit different from the anime because they are so much better! I couldn't put the book down! Highly recommend!

I love this manga and have read it several times. It was a lot of action and it is very cool to see the relationships between the characters in this volume. The art is amazing and is very well done. The whole fight is well written and it keeps you engaged the entire time. I always say this is my favorite manga series and this volume is a great example of why I love it so much.

The more this series goes on the more complex it gets, in a very good way. Volume 6 continues the flashback from volume 5 covering the history of the boys and how they learned alchemy. The training was almost unbelievable to read about. I could not understand why some of the unspeakable and terrifying things even happened to them in the first place. This was true in the anime as well. But it really sets the tone for just how brutal and dark the rest of the series gets as things progress. They need to be toughened up in their training for what comes after and I understand that more now. But, the first time I read it? I could barely stomach it. The rest of the volume doesn't lighten up much either as you see the rest of what you caught a glimpse of in the very first frame of the very first volume (finally!) and get a lot of questions answered. But not all, of course. I really enjoyed having all the blanks filled in concerning the history of the brothers and how they got to where they are. I also enjoyed having some more of the tenets of alchemy spelled out for us and more of a foundation set up so that we can better understand the limitations, and what happens when an alchemist tries to play god (an ongoing theme). After all the humble pie from volume 5, volume 6 goes straight for your gut. Those poor, poor boys.

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