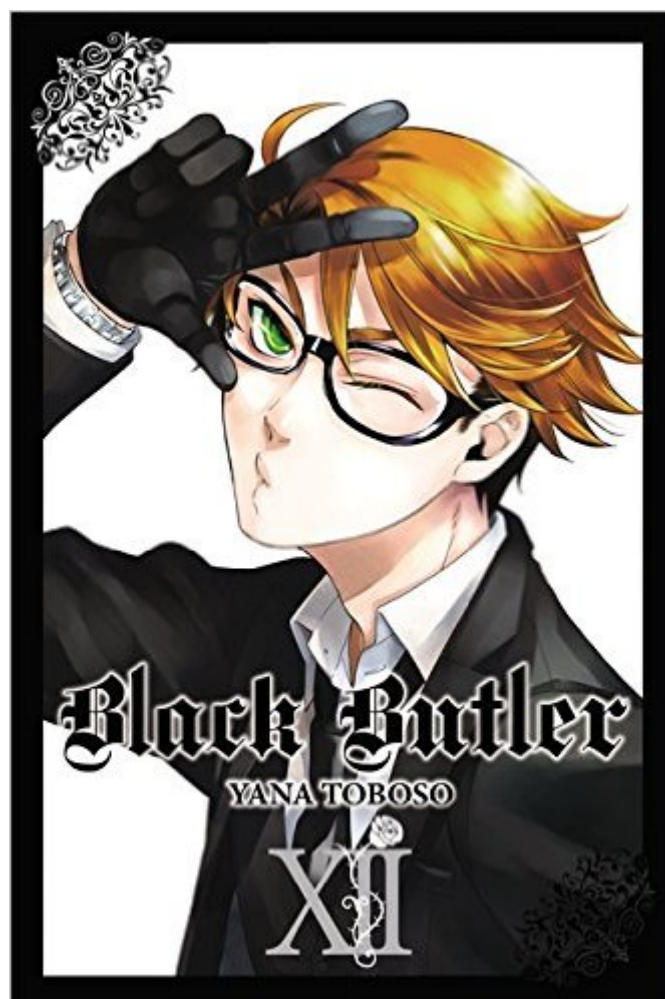


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Synopsis

The decks of the Campania run red with blood when the corpses brought back to a semblance of life by the Aurora Society's "absolute salvation" turn on the ship's passengers in a ghoulish farce. With their investigation waylaid by this primitive struggle for survival, Earl Ciel Phantomhive and his exceptional butler, Sebastian, are trapped at the mercy of both the unnatural and Mother Nature herself. For even as dead feet shuffle along the opulent decks of the luxury liner in search of living prey, in the distance there looms before the cursed vessel a massive iceberg that glows and crackles eerily in the gloom of night...

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Customer Reviews

I've read each volume of Black Butler since it's US release and with Volume 12 (chapters 53-57) the action cranks into overdrive and it's the best page-turning, nail biting ride I've enjoyed in a long, long time of reading manga. I will not give you a mindless rehash of the plot or ruin the story for you...but hang on to your seats and make sure you can read it undisturbed because you will not be able to put this one down until the end--and you'll close the cover with a 'WOW!' and preorder Volumes 13 and 14. Yana Toboso--you've outdone yourself. This makes up for the filler of the 'whodunnit' arc--Black Butler is better than ever.....however...I will say you'll get a tiny glimpse of a tiny bit of Sebastian in his demon form...watch for it!!!

Character development shines in this volume, indicating impressive future changes in the ways

each character will react and behave in upcoming installments. The characters are becoming more dynamic, and the interactions between them changing in surprising and interesting ways. This volume left me excited about their further progression. The snarky humor still has its place in the series and had me giggling here and there through the flurry of action and perilous situation the characters faced from beginning to end. No spoiler here, let's just say Sebastian isn't the only badass in this one! The Titanic homage was clever without being a rip-off whatsoever. But Titanic buffs, check out the logo on the china dish :)

Ok when I saw it was a zombie attack, I kind of groaned but this turned out to be one of my favorite stories. We get to see Sebastian as the devil he can be and Grell makes a fantastic appearance. But the end was the best part. I won't give it away, you have to read it for yourself.

I just love Black Butler the stories are always interesting the fashions always fun. This installment is no different, Ciel, Sebastian and company on a luxury cruise full of danger this volume of Black Butler is action packed and we learn something interesting about Ciel's fiance Elizabeth.

~4-4.5/5 [More of my reviews are available on my blog, Geeky Reading, to which there's a link on my profile.] (Contains spoilers.) Oh my god, this was the best volume. It was just everything I wanted to happen. What I've been waiting for. And it was even better than I thought it'd be. I'm so happy I finally continued this series, and that I have more books after this one ready to be read. Because I am so ready for this, you guys. Ok, so. Zombies are what Ciel and Sebastian are dealing with. They haven't put a name to them, really, but that's what they are. There's a lot of them, too, because this guy, working for some (at the moment) unknown company, is transporting them, after claiming to be able to bring people back from the dead. Well, turns out, he can. Only they're not really conscious, and they want to eat people. And then, to make matters worse, the ship hits an iceberg. Ciel is stuck with Elizabeth and Snake and Rian, the guy behind the zombies. Sebastian is checking on Elizabeth's family, who are just fine because they're swords-people. Then the grim reapers show up (Ronald Knox and Grell Sutcliffe), and they're collecting souls and killing zombies, and sometimes fighting with Sebastian, who is then trying to prolong the sinking and/or save Ciel and company. Ciel is getting a little sick, because he's got a weak body. Elizabeth and Ciel end up separated from the others for a while, and they're just so sweet. Elizabeth is scared, and trying to stay strong and cute for Ciel, and Ciel is worried but doing his very best to keep Elizabeth safe (awww!). And

then! And then something really awesomely huge happens with Elizabeth. It has even more depth than I thought it would, and Elizabeth is awesome and badass and knows more than anyone gave her credit for. I love her. And I'm so very excited to see what happens with her (and everyone else) in the next book. This battle is just awesome. There's so much happening! And so much badass-ness, with so many different characters. I'm loving it.

This was another spectacular volume in the Black Butler series. This has remained a consistently very well done manga series that is incredibly entertaining and keeps the reader guessing. Ciel and Elizabeth (and crew) are aboard a cruise liner bound for the Americas. Ciel has been charged by the Queen to check out the mysterious Phoenix society. The Phoenix Society seems to have found a way to reanimate the dead without a soul being present. Lots of undead on a cruise ship with a lot of people and a looming iceberg...nope nothing is going to go wrong here! This volume was spectacularly gory and just absolutely everything you want in a plotline consisting of a crazy zombie infested cruiser. We get some excellent action scenes with Sebastian and find out that the women of Elizabeth's family (including Elizabeth) have some mad fighting skills of their own and belong to a secret society of their own as well. Additionally we get to meet a new Reaper who wields...of all things...a lawnmower (oh yes, homage to Dead Alive). There is also some Titanic story woven in here (looming iceberg...huge ship....you see where this is going!). This was an incredibly fun and entertaining read with a ton of action. I was absolutely riveted to this book. The illustration remains absolutely amazing. Overall just another incredible addition to this absolutely spectacular manga series. I think this has got to be my favorite manga series of all time. Highly recommended to those who enjoy paranormal manga with some demonic action.

I highly recommend this volume. A great cast of characters show up in it and Sebastian has his hands full. Some things exceed even a demon of a butler's ability to deal with. You get to see Elizabeth and her family step into the limelight a bit here and it is quite worth it! Action-packed with multiple, intense story threads going on, this is the kind of volume you show a friend to get them hooked.

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