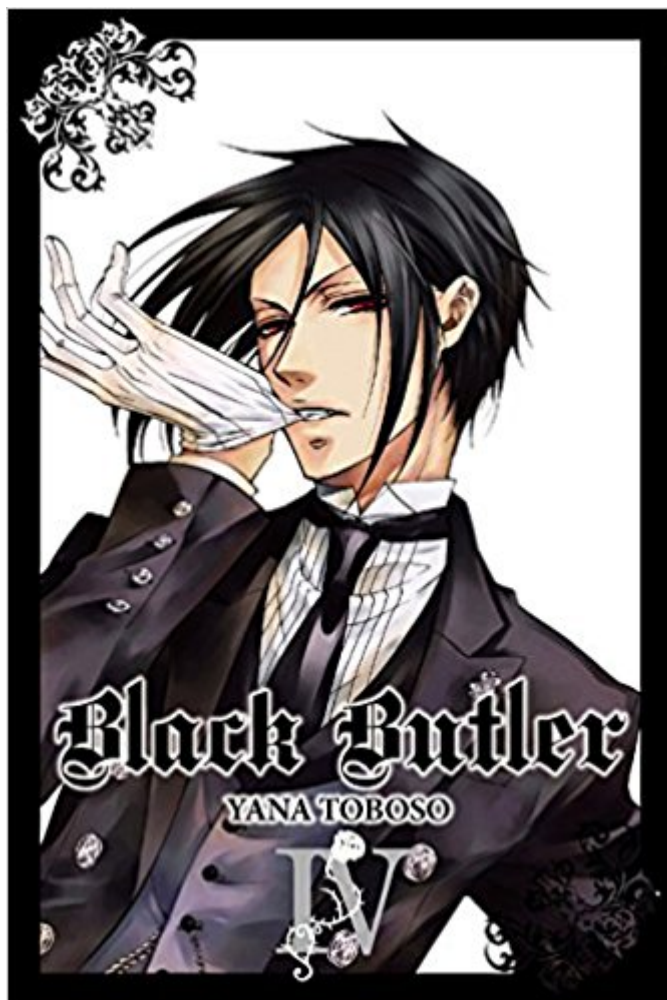


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Black Butler, Vol. 4



Synopsis

London - the capital of the Great Empire - is once again under siege, as a string of bizarre attacks on British citizens returned from India sends rumours flying and casts a pall upon Queen Victoria's rule. Sent in by Her Majesty, young Earl Phantomhive and his most capable butler, Sebastian, follow a trail that collides head-on with an Indian youth who claims to be a prince. And this prince possesses an extraordinary butler of his own! As an intense rivalry between the two butlers begins to form, will the kitchen be the dueling duo's final battleground?!

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Customer Reviews

Yana Toboso is the creator of the wildly popular series BLACK BUTLER which is currently serialized in Square Enix's magazine MONTHLY GFantasy. Her previous work was a single volume entitled RUST BLASTER.

I've never really been much of a manga reader. But I was so in love with Black Butler from the moment I started watching the anime that I decided to read the manga because I've heard that the two stories are different. Though the story has yet to venture to far from the anime yet, I am far from disappointed! The story and characters are great and the artwork is wonderful. So far reading this manga has been a whole new experience and now I'm finding myself addicted! You should definitely read this series even if you've never really read manga before. Because if you loved the anime as much as did, then I'm sure you'll love the manga!

This is the fourth volume in the Black Butler series. While I didn't enjoy it quite as much as the previous three books, this was still a very entertaining book. It is beautifully drawn and very intriguing as well as humorous and entertaining. In this book we meet a young Indian prince and his bodyguard; they are looking for a young woman named Mina and would like Ciel's help. Ciel is called to act in his role as protector of the crown when Anglo Indians are found stripped and hung upside down from shops in multiple incidents. This manga continues to be very well done. We find a bit more about Ciel's history and how Sebastian ended up serving him. We also learn a bit more about the Phantomhive business interests and how they are connected to the crown. All of it was very interesting and fun to read about. This book wasn't quite as good as the last two books (it ends up being a bit more silly) but it was still highly entertaining. The manga is beautifully drawn and has a lot of wonderful detail throughout. Overall an excellent addition to the Black Butler series. I would recommend to those who enjoy manga with both historical and paranormal elements. I can't wait to read the next book in the series!

I know not many people like my Black Butler Vol 3 review, but I did find the stooge characters over the top, and taking up way too much of the story. Vol 4 was excellent though. I really like the way Black Butler's story line is going, and the how we're learning more about Ciel's past (dark dark dark). We also are introduced to new 'interesting' characters and though one of them, the Prince, is a little flamboyant, his own butler made up for it, and when the stooges were center stage, they were still overshadowed by the new characters' personalities. There have been odd happenings in the city, one where English Indians (English citizens who went over to India) are being hung upside down from public places in their underwear with a note that seems to mean something else. Ciel and Sebastian will have to travel through the Indian portion of the city where gangs run rampant, and they don't like English citizens, in order to unravel the mystery. There was so much going on in this volume that I'm excited for the next one rather than just happy to have something to read. I want to see more of Sebastian in his demon form, and I absolutely love it when he 'teases' Ciel, Vol 5 will be out at the end of April.

The Stars Say It All.

Very Good

As slow as the curry arc may be, it introduces Price Soma and Agni and shows how Ciel and Sebastian have changed both of their lives for the better. It's a touching yet harsh arc but I really like this arc for its moving story.

I'm hooked on this series. I have to find out how Sebastian is going to take on Agni. The suspense is killing me, I wish the book didn't have to end on a cliffhanger.

My daughter has discovered Sebastian and was devastated V.4 wasn't at the bookstore. It took a bit to get here but the bookstore re-order came later than my copy. he's happy so I'm happy.

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