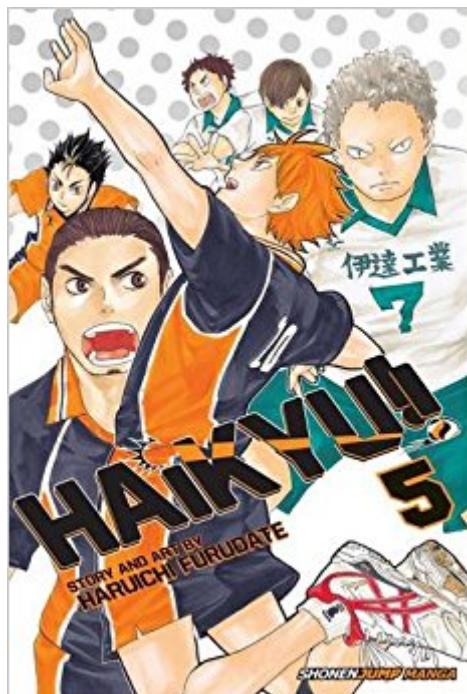


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Synopsis

Shoyo Hinata is out to prove that in volleyball you don't need to be tall to fly! Ever since he saw the legendary player known as "the Little Giant" compete at the national volleyball finals, Shoyo Hinata has been aiming to be the best volleyball player ever! He decides to join the team at the high school the Little Giant went to "and then surpass him. Who says you need to be tall to play volleyball when you can jump higher than anyone else? After Karasuno loses all of their practice games against Nekoma, the cracks in Karasuno's teamwork are more apparent than ever! With Inter-High qualifiers looming over them, Hinata, Kageyama and the rest of the team will have to work hard to be able to stand a chance. But with two of the top four schools in their qualifier block, Karasuno's chances look slim. How will they overcome this challenge when just thinking about their second opponent, Date Tech, makes Karasuno's ace, Asahi Azumane, tremble in fear?

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Customer Reviews

Haruichi Furudate began his manga career when he was 25 years old with the one-shot *Ousama Kid* (King Kid), which won an honorable mention for the 14th Jump Treasure Newcomer Manga Prize. His first series, *Kiben Gakuha, Yotsuya Sensei no Kaidan* (Philosophy School, Yotsuya Sensei's Ghost Stories), was serialized in *Weekly Shonen Jump* in 2010. In 2012, he began serializing *Haikyuu!!* in *Weekly Shonen Jump*, where it became his most popular work to date.

Volume five advanced the plot for the third years and in particular, the captain Sawamura Daichi.

Furudate seemed to decide now was the time to show the types of people that Daichi encountered in his middle school days and how they have grown as they each took on their roles for a team. Between the female captain of the girls volleyball team (Yui) or even the hard working player on the cupcake team, Hayato Ikejiri, we were able to see how Daichi has had an effect on them, one which made them try their hardest even when the odds were against them. It became a very memorable moment for all three of them and made me feel the emotions. The three additional pages added in the Winners and Losers chapter definitely helped to convey the message. The rest of the volume focused on one of my favorite teams, Date Tech against Karasuno. The match doesn't end here as it's too good for just part of a volume so I'm looking forward to v5. New characters introduced on the team, the iron wall of datekou being Futakuchi Kenji and Aone Takanobu are great. I like the personality of Futakuchi and do wish Aone spoke, however, they are perfect. Bonus content this time was just the three added pages to a chapter, as well as the usual character profiles.

Somehow a manga simply about volleyball manages to keep you guessing what will happen next. This volume features more intense action, and some genuine heartfelt moments. Just like the last volume, this one left me craving for more.

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Some of the in-between competition times, and some of the time at the beginning of the competition as everything is being explained, can be a bit boring for me. I don't really care much for the actual volleyball rules and techniques. Plus, the in-between time doesn't have very much character focus—it doesn't spend extra time outside of games to let the characters hang out and grow and get to know each other. Most of the focus is on the game and their skills progression. Which I actually don't mind. The group gets to practice some more, they have two weeks to practice what they've learned from the practice game. And then they start on the inter-high competition.

Karasuno's first round is against another small school, and though they give a good game, Karasuno wins. After the first game, I liked seeing how shocked Hinata is, because this is the first time he's won a game. At the same time as he's reflecting, we get to see how the loss is for the other team. We also get a small break to see how the girls' volleyball team is doing, and how they might be getting some inspiration from the overly optimistic boys' team. The second round is against

a team that Karasuno lost against the school year before, which certain members are still upset about. It's nice to see how the team works together in order to make up for it, especially for Asahi. Even though the team is still learning and getting to know each other, they do work well together. They are becoming a solid team. A review copy was provided by the publisher, VIZ Media, for an honest review. Thank you so, so much![More of my reviews are available on my blog, Geeky Reading, to which there's a link on my profile.]

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