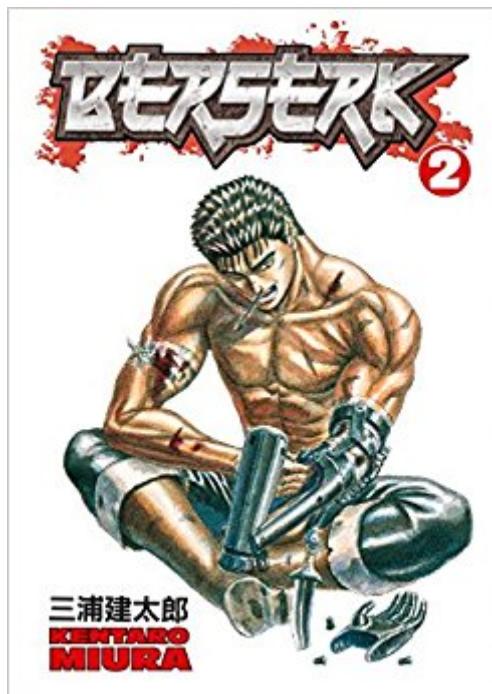


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## Berserk, Vol. 2



## **Synopsis**

The evil Count uses his dark powers to transform a defeated guard captain into an inhuman horror to combat Guts, the Black Swordsman. Puck, Guts'™ pint-sized fairy sidekick, is captured when he attempts to stop an old doctor's execution, and he is given as a gift to the count's daughter, a sweet girl in a gilded cage, imprisoned by her father in her own room. Guts, determined to make mincemeat of the Count, assaults the castle and carves a swath of blood-soaked destruction through the Count's minions. Face-to-face with the Black Swordsman at last, the Count reveals his true form, and even Guts'™ super-sized sword may not be big enough to contend with this demonic monstrosity!

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## **Customer Reviews**

This review is strictly for the Manga: 'Berserk'. This review and the text it is laid out in is the opinion of the author. The Berserk manga is one of the best stories I have ever read. I initially watched the old anime and decided to read the book and I must say I am blown away by the depth of the story. The hero will take some getting used to, but he grows on you. The villains will leave you in disgust, and you will not be able to stop turning the pages. This is a great series, and it is definitely a worthwhile read. Don't miss this story!

Berserk is amazing. Those who've read/ seen any of the series, it's great. However it's despicable how second hand sellers are trying to absolutely take advantage of the fans when it comes to selling the manga volumes. I see some of the volumes for no joke one THOUSAND dollars (for a

used copy no less HAHAHAHAH). I would just really like to know where these greedy and outrageous prices are coming from. So on an end note BERSERK IS BEING REPRINTED ON OCTOBER 23RD 2013 !!!!!!! DO NOT LET GREEDY SECOND HAND SELLERS RIP YOU OFF!!!!( anything over \$15 is unreasonable and criminal) ALL THE VOLUMES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR RETAIL PRICE AFTER OCTOBER 23RD 2013!!!!

I love this series and highly recommend reading it to anyone who likes to read manga books, except I would not recommend it for young children, obviously ;)

The only problem I've yet to have with Berserk is how fast they are as a read. I finished volume two in less than a hour. Though I will admit that the manga had me hooked, it wasn't just that that made this manga seem so short despite being over two-hundred pages. A lot of what happens in this manga is presented in imagery, and not in character dialogue. In fact, contrary to today's manga, where everything is over-explained, the Berserk manga under-explains. It lets its action speak for itself. I don't consider this a bad thing, though; it just sucks closing the book for the last time. In this volume, the battle with the Count continues from the first volume. Helping Guts is a strange man named Vargas, who wants nothing more than to see the count dead, yet is incapable of doing anything himself, as well as Puck, the little elf that constantly annoys/helps Guts throughout the manga. This volume also teaches us a little bit more about the brand on Guts's neck, as well as showing Guts rare, emotional side. And of course, it has heaps of violence, blood, and gore, along with a smidgen of comedy interlaced during some lighter moments. Though I felt the volume short, it still gets a five from me, and easily so. Berserk continues to get better, especially since I started my little trip through the world of Guts and his many demon enemies through the anime series. It's great getting to know his deeper history, as well as seeing Guts at his worst moments. If you've already started collecting the series, then you obviously shouldn't miss this. And if you've only seen the anime series, then buy this along with volume one and start collecting the series. Just note that the gore in this manga is graphic, and has a few scenes of nudity, which is often followed by some pretty disturbing imagery. I'd recommend following the book's instructions; if you consider yourself a mature reader, then get this.

Volume 2 marks the continuation of the Guardians Of Desire arc. I have to say, this is a great volume. We learn a bit more about The Count, and his non-demon daughter : Theresia. We're also introduced to the Behelt, a living tool for summoning the members of the "God Hand". (Though we

know little of them now, they turn out to be the main antagonists of the series) The art is great, especially during the fight scenes with The Count's daemon, his soldiers, and The Count himself at the end of the volume. There's not much to say about this volume, but it is a great one. And Berserk just keeps getting better and better!

This is, by far, one of my favorite manga series. The creator did an excellent job of giving the main character(s) back stories that effectively explain their respective motivations. This series is NOT for the faint of heart. It is exceedingly graphic in both violence and sexual content. Kentaro Miura does not shy away from socially vile concepts and actions, either. If you want a deep and adult themed story, this one is worth a look.

It was an entertaining follow-up to the first book and contained largely the same amount of nudity, gore, and generally disturbing imagery. There is also some solid characterization and plot movement taking place, keeping things interesting for the reader.

This follows Guts into his meeting with the Count. I will not spoil anything but the art continues to show nothing but quality set in a dark adult story line. This is not a high school comedy, this is Berserk.

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