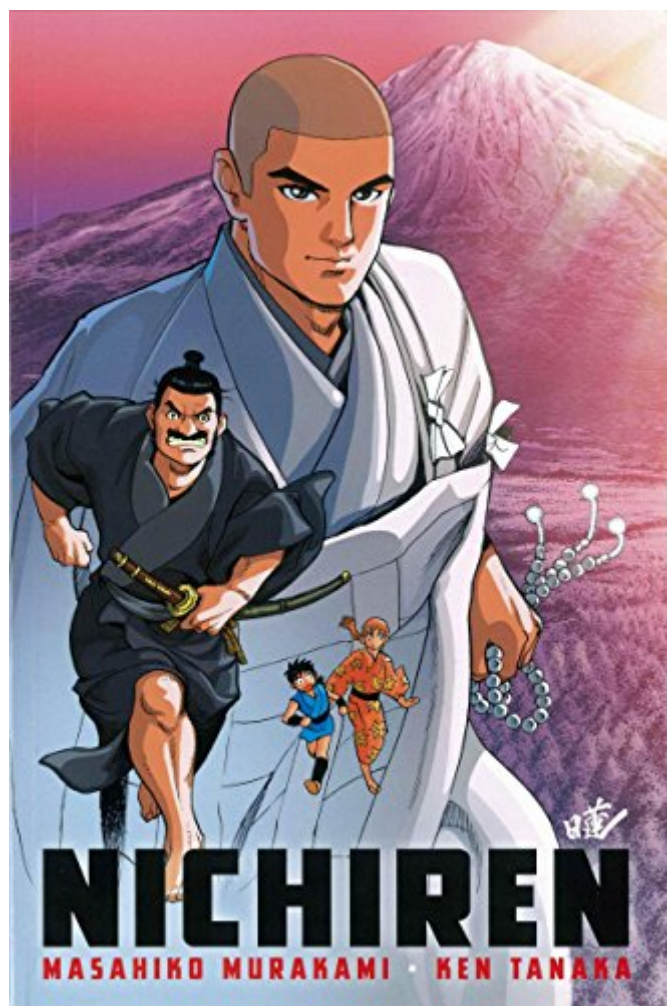


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# Nichiren



## Synopsis

In 13th-century Japan, disease, famine, violence, and natural disasters plague society. Samurai lords, blinded by power, shirk any responsibility to protect the citizenry. Religious leaders care more about currying favor with the powerful than helping common people find hope and a positive way to deal with their suffering. But one unknown Buddhist monk dares to speak the truth to power: Nichiren remonstrates with the authorities. He insists that all human life is precious and that the government needs to change its ways and become of service to the people. He criticizes the established religions as being merely pawns of the state, who teach ideas that only further the people's sense of powerlessness. The true purpose of Buddhism, he asserts, is to teach people a way to empower themselves, challenge their destiny, and experience happiness in this life. Based on actual events, this exciting comic touches on major milestones in Nichiren's life interwoven with basic Buddhist principles. This real-life adventure story will captivate readers as it illustrates the life of one courageous human being who stopped at nothing to bring happiness to the people and peace to the land.

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## Customer Reviews

NICHIREN provides a clear, dramatic, and easily accessible history of this "radical" Buddhist priest as he advocated for humanism in 13th century Japan. The artwork is wonderful! The story's tension between the rich and the politically powerful, and the average citizen is analogous to our current society. The government's attempts to subvert Nichiren's efforts, even to the point of plotting his murder, are tempered with the values of loyalty, friendship, and perseverance. The message to embrace one's beliefs throughout hardships and to speak up for justice until victory is achieved, is one many people may find inspiring today. I am looking forward to the sequel from the Sado years on!

Great book. The manga will keep child and adult alike entertained. Nichiren had a very interesting life. He is very inspirational. This would make a great gift for a Nichiren Buddhist or anyone interested in Japanese history, Buddhist history or who just likes a good read.

I read it and my 10 year read it and we both thought it was just so awesome! What we have been learning about Nichiren came to life for us in these graphic images! Thank you so much Masahiko Murakami!

Very good, even for adults. The female ninja adds a little spice.

I myself am a member of Soka Gakkai Buddhism, and I think that this was an excellent coverage of Nichiren Daishonin's life and how he worked to free Japan from corrupt priests and officials.

Great book to learn Nichiren Daishonin's turbulent life for saving world. My son loves to read this comic book.

GREAT, LEARNED MORE OF NICHIREN'S LIFE. 29 yrs practicing Nichiren' Buddhism. The other one gift to my daughter, whole family read and love it!!!

I am a practicing Nichiren Buddhist and thoroughly loved this book. The artwork is superb! Nichiren and the characters of Gosho come to life right off the pages!

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