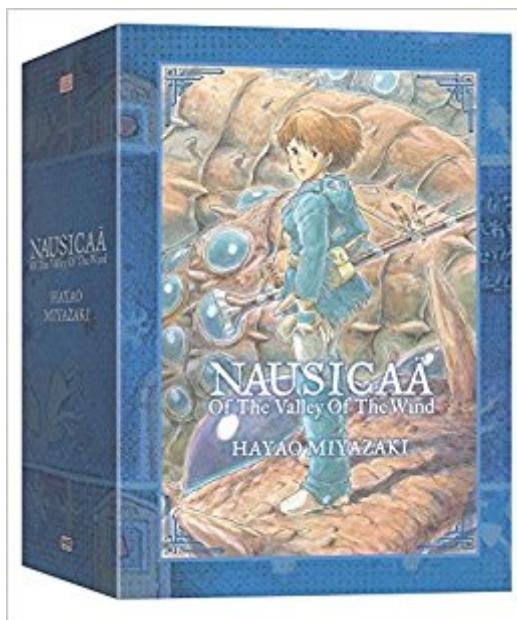


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## **Customer Reviews**

Hayao Miyazaki is one of Japan's most beloved animation directors. In 2005 he was awarded the Venice International Film Festival's Golden Lion Award for Lifetime Achievement, and his Studio Ghibli received the festival's Osella Award for overall achievement in 2004. Miyazaki's films include Spirited Away, winner of the 2002 Academy Award® for Best Animated Feature Film, as well as Castle in the Sky, My Neighbor Totoro, Kiki's Delivery Service, Princess Mononoke, Howl's Moving Castle, and Ponyo, all of which have received great acclaim in the U.S. Miyazaki's other achievements include the highly regarded manga series Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind and Starting Point: 1979-1996, a collection of essays, interviews, and memoirs that chronicle his early career and the development of his theories of animation.

The Viz's "Nausicaä Of The Valley Of The Wind Box Set" is just about perfect and everything that a manga edition should aspire to be. I've decided to upload a series of photos so you can appreciate for yourself what a treat this edition is. The package consists of 2 large hardcovers books inside a beautiful and strong slipcase, including a small color poster. Nausicaä was previously published in 7 softcover volumes and is now collected in full in this 2 HC books. So for all of that, the \$60 price tag (much less with discount), is an unbeatable value. Both story and art is by Hayao Miyazaki, that's right, HAYAO MIYAZAKI: the man who co-founded the internationally acclaimed Studio Ghibli, one of the greatest genius of animation this world have ever seen. The art is simply amazing, the storytelling is brilliant, the pages are full of life and detail and magic. \* \* \* \* \* These are the highlights of the edition \* \* \* \* \* - The format is over-sized (like Akira's volumes), with a trim-size much larger than the one we are used to for mangas: the books are 10,4 by 7,3 inches. This gives you a much better appreciation of the art, and that's exactly what you want, being Miyazaki's pages so full of detail and wonder. - Book I is 568 pages long and Book II is 552 pages long, adding up to 1120 pages worth of Miyazaki's art! - Both books are hardcovers with sewn-binding, which allows for a very comfortable reading experience. It's a real pleasure to be able to enjoy a manga in HC format, as opposed as softcovers, it feels like a real luxury. - The printing quality is excellent, with sharp line-art and a delicate sepia tone ink. - The paper quality is beautiful and very apt for the reproduction of art. The paper stock is NOT glossy; it's traditional manga paper stock, but it isn't flimsy or cheap at all. It's really nice and proper for the edition. - Each volume includes 8 pages in color at the beginning of the book. These pages are printed in glossy paper stock and the art reproduction is beautiful, with vivid colors and outstanding detail. - The slipcase is very solid and well-build, and the books fit perfectly inside of it. - The box set also includes a small two-sided color poster (16,5 x 11,7 inches), which is a very nice addition to the package. - The reading order is from right to left, respecting the original page layout. In conclusion, the Nausicaä deluxe box set is the best edition of a manga I've ever seen. I really hope Viz and other publishers release critically acclaimed titles like Akira or Vagabond in deluxe editions just like this one.

Growing up the Americanized horrible cut and dub of the movie was one of my favorite movies (I did not realize how much had been cut and changed until years later). My father was an avid comic book reader, and the aforementioned movie got him turned on to anime and all things Ghibli and Miyazaki. He had the local comic book store special order the Nausicaä series as it came out. It originally ran from 1982 to 1994 in Japan, and the English translation editions took at least two years before they were available. I remember the excitement in the house when he came home with

the last issue. It was around the turn of the century that I finally was allowed to read them all. If anything, my love for the story grew. There is so much more to her story than the movie (which is now available with a better translation, uncut, and without renaming the main character). In this collection (if I remember correctly) the movie ends around the end of part two of seven. Do not be fooled, there is so much more in the first two parts that they were able to fit into the movie. (Also note that the manga was still a work in progress when the film was made.) This collection is beautiful. It includes a double sided poster of Miyazaki's water colored drawings of Nausicaä, the covers of each volume showcase his work, and there are several colored pictures in the intial pages of each book. If I remember correctly, they may be some of the original comics' covers. I believe this set should be owned by any fan of Miyazaki, Studio Ghibli, and, especially, of the film by the same name.

This may be a comic book, but Miyazaki's stories are always far more advanced than just a comic. This is a gorgeous story with an incredible world and moral. It's hard to explain this.... but if you don't know anything about Nausicaa, I recommend watching the movie. Just know, the movie is based on only a small part of this story, but if it intrigues you and makes you think it could be so much more, then you are right! And all of that is in this book! I watched Nausicaa as a child and fell in love with it back in the 80's. For those that don't know Nausicaa came to the USA long before Disney discovered how much more amazing Ghibli movies were than their own! Back then, the movie was edited down to about 30 minutes, you can look online for the pissy excuses they gave for it. However, even with the short, mutilated version of the movie, you could tell the movie was special. It wasn't until the mid 90's when I found a bootleg copy of the full movie and my mind was blown by the depth of the true story. Several years later, I found this and decided to read the full manga series..... I can't begin to explain how much MORE there is to this story! This is probably the saddest and most beautiful story I know.

The best manga ever. Nausicaa is the most realistic character I've ever seen with a very wide range of emotions that all have the backstory to be there. She has such conviction in her actions that even though she gets sent into a story that is kick started beyond her control. Generally protagonists only fight because there's an antagonist who is disturbing their peaceful way of life, but Nausicaa is already planning her actions well before any antagonists appear. There's a large world with many factions and even though it's a high fantasy story it deals with so many humane problems. The tragedy of war, the humanity of animals, and environmentalism as a concept are all tested as

Nausicaa faces many challenges that both change her and re-convince her of her goals. Could not be better 10/10

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