

1: Showa: A History of Japan Series by Shigeru Mizuki

Showa A History of Japan is the first volume of Shigeru Mizuki's meticulously researched historical portrait of twentieth-century Japan. This volume deals with the period leading up to World War II, a time of high unemployment and other economic hardships caused by the Great Depression.

The long wait is almost over! A History of Japan arrives in stores November 11th!!! I hope everyone is as excited as I am. I guarantee this is one of the most incredible comics you are likely to read this year. Then juxtapose that with a quaint story of growing up in the Middle East during that time. It sounds weird, I know. Showa is both epic and intimate. It tells the story of any entire countryâ€™multiple countries, actuallyâ€™all the while being a deeply personal tale of young Mizuki Shigeru and his unusual life. It is a cautionary tale, showing how countries can slide from fair, democratic nations to warmongering monsters in only a few decades. The book itself is just beautiful. I spent months of my life with Showaâ€™translating it, then working with the fine editors at Drawn and Quarterly to fact-check and tighten the translation down until it was perfectâ€™and I was still blown away when I got the physical volume. And I love the oversized edition. The original Japanese edition that I translated from is nowhere near as niceâ€™or as hugeâ€™as this English-language edition. And engrossing to read. Once through is not going to be enough. A History of Japan from Drawn and Quarterly <http://www.drawnandquarterly.com/>: There is still time to preorder Showa A History of Japan and to guarantee you get a copy. You can preorder it here [Showa A History of Japan from amazon](http://www.amazon.com/), or support your local comic shop by picking up a copy there. A History of Japan!!! There are eight volumes in total to this series as originally released in Japan, being released in English in these massive 2-volume editions. The next volume is available for preorder right now on amazon. If you plan on getting a copy at all, I recommend preordering it. Not only do you get the best price you are likely to get, but the publishing industry cares a lot about preorders and a strong preorder will convince stories to get behind the book You can preorder Showa A History of Japan here [Showa A History of Japan from amazon](http://www.amazon.com/).

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