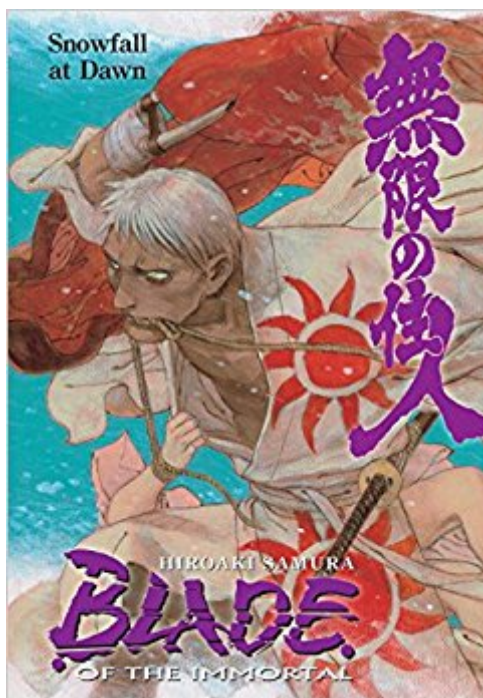


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# Blade Of The Immortal Volume 25: Snowfall At Dawn



## Synopsis

The showdown that fans have been waiting for begins here, as Manji and Shira finally cross swords! Although he's missing an arm, Manji's mystical healing powers still ensure that he's a formidable opponent – but his greatest foe, the masochistic Shira, has a few depraved tricks up his own sleeves! With Shira deadlier than ever, having had plenty of time to plot twisted revenge schemes, will Manji be able to protect Rin from his deranged nemesis? Plus – an Ittô-fury warrior dies, in typically dramatic Hiroaki Samura fashion. Samura's widely acclaimed Blade of the Immortal manga series has won awards across the globe, including the Eisner Award in America, the prestigious Media Arts Award of Japan, and multiple British Eagle Awards.

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## Customer Reviews

This book begins with a stunner of a sword fight, Samura never having done anything remotely like it before, but scarier, in another sense, is what the boy Renzo has been going through (Shira is bad bad news). For us science fans, there's an analysis of Manji's kessen-chu 'worms' that gives an understanding of his regenerative abilities, and new evidence of Samura's figurative poetry through the portrayal of the human form under water - beautiful. Megatsu can't resist making yet another appearance as the human pin-cushion, and the comedic spy duo, Meguro and Tanpopo, get more involved. Small detail: Shira makes an odd, surprising confession to himself, concerning Manji.

This is the first time I have read and reviewed any graphic novels by Hiroaki Samura, who has won some awards for his illustrations and stories. I guess I should have started with volume 1: in the Blade series to get a complete picture of this Samurai tale. In any case, I purchased volumes 25, which is this one (Snow Fall at Dawn), and volumes 26, and 27. Since I love anything to do with the Japanese martial arts (Judo, Jujitsu, Karate-Do), and especially the Samurai arts, (Kendo, Kenjutsu, Wakizashi-jutsu, Tanto-jutsu), I found this book very entertaining and interesting. This volume deals with the showdown between Manji and his hated nemesis, Shira. Even though Manji has only one arm, he also has mystical healing power. A good hero needs a bad guy formidable opponent, and Shira is certainly a sick and depraved villain. The illustrations tell most of the story as there is not a whole lot of dialog in this graphic novel. I did like this book and I am looking forward to reading the other two volumes of the adventures involving "The Blade." In conclusion, if you follow the work of Hiroaki Samura's "Blade" series you may want to check out this volume (25). It is a good read and I love the illustrations. Rating: 4 Stars. Joseph J. Truncale (Author: The Samurai Soul: An old warrior's poetic tribute)

RIGHT ON! I have been collecting these tpb's since #1- I feel compelled to leave a review advising any of you who got turned off from the books due to Manji's prolonged imprisonment. (Or turned off by the watered down animated series) JUMP BACK IN. IT GETS SO GOOD!!!! I cannot wait for the next collection.

Great Condition

the story line for this has always been great and the artwork is superb, I know anyone would like this manga and series!

A+++

The book was in great condition and looked brand new. I was very content with the product/book. Thanks for everything.

As usual, Samura still doing a amazing job in "Blade of the Immortal". Can't wait to see what's next. Super recommended!

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