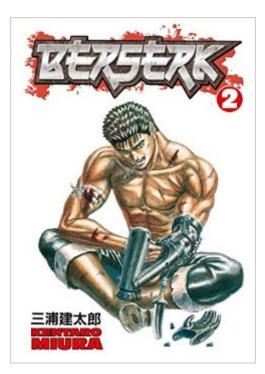
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## Synopsis

The evil Count uses his dark powers to transform a defeated guard captain into an inhuman horror to combat Guts, the Black Swordsman. Puck, Gutsâ <sup>™</sup> pint-sized fairy sidekick, is captured when he attempts to stop an old doctorâ <sup>™</sup>s execution, and he is given as a gift to the countâ <sup>™</sup>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 Countâ <sup>™</sup>s minions. Face-to-face with the Black Swordsman at last, the Count reveals his true form, and even Gutsâ <sup>™</sup> super-sized sword may not be big enough to contend with this demonic monstrosity!

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## **Customer Reviews**

Wow. I LOVE this series. As we delve deeper into Guts' journey, the characterization is superb: Guts the Master Swordsman who's raw fury and power comes at the cost of his humanity(?). Plus, Puck the Elf is hilarious and never fails to get a laugh. He is a great balance to Guts' demeanor. Kenturo Miura's artwork is so effective in creating this chaotic world that you'd almost swear something moved in the background :) This continues to be a dark tale and I don't expect it to lighten up anytime soon - which is a good thing! The only bad thing was the cliffhanger ending....I want more BERSERK!!! PLUS, we haven't even gotten into where the anime took place.If you've seen this anime, get the manga...you won't regret it. For those who haven't, read if you dare...the Behelit awaits.... 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 HAHAHAHAHA). 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 IIIIIIIII DO NOT LET GREEDY SECOND HAND SELLERS RIP YOU OFFIIII (anything over \$15 is unreasonable and criminal) ALL THE VOLUMES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR RETAIL PRICE AFTER OCTOBER 23RD 2013IIII

If you have seen the Berserk anime released by Media Blasters then you have only scratched the surface of this story. The anime only covers about a third of the manga (which is currently 27 volumes and growing). I do not recomend this manga for those faint of heart, or those that felt the anime was too violent. The manga is much, much more graphic than its anime counterpart. Aside from a few very minor editing/spelling mistakes (In the first volume there is a minor spelling mistake in reference to a castle) I have no problem with Dark Horse's translation of Kentaro Miriua's Berserk. Highly Recommended

Met my expectations and more. My pleasure to give as a gift, recipient was pleased and enjoyed the storyline immensely. Arrived in good condition, well packaged and in tact. Delivered on time and with a smile! Would reccommend to a friend with confidence from this seller. Buy with confidence.

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.

Berserk will have any fan dying for the next issue. I had held off for a long time buying this manga series, (for what reason I still don't know) but I am so glad that I finally got into this Manga. Story really, answers alot of questions I had from the Anime, which in my opinion was good but I wanted to see more of Guts as the "Black Swordsman" which the Manga has and the Original BERSERK anime did not. Get and read for yourself, you will be a fan as I am.

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