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Log Horizon, Vol. 1: The Beginning Of Another World - Light Novel



Synopsis

Thirty thousand Japanese gamers awake one day to discover that the fantasy world of >, an MMORPG that was formerly their collective hobby, has become their cold hard reality. Severed from their everyday lives, they confront a new horizon filled with ravenous monsters, flavorless food, and the inability to die! Amid the chaos, veteran gamer Shiroe gathers his friends, the guardian Naotsugu and the assassin Akatsuki, and together they embark on an adventure to change the world as they know it!

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Shiroe was one of the more experienced players in the online role-playing game called Elder Tales. He took some time off because of real-life obligations, but returned to the game because of an exciting new upgrade. He was one of 30,000 people playing the game on the day the upgrade went live who discovered that the game had suddenly become real. As the days turn into weeks, everyone trapped in the game world wonders if this is real or if this is part of the upgrade, and what is happening to their bodies back in the real world? This is primarily a story about gaming, and therein lies its strength and its weakness. For readers who are fans of video games, specifically MMORPGs, this book would be a good choice. This is also recommended for fans of the Log Horizon anime, because it provides more in-depth knowledge of this world's backstory. However, the sometimes overwhelming amount of detail about the gaming experience could easily deter readers who are not familiar with MMORPGs. This book is more of a "light novel," and looks like a

manga at first glance with a limited number of manga-style illustrations. But it is actually a novel that packs a lot of story and exposition. VERDICT For fans of online role-playing games or the Log Horizon anime. —•Andrea Lipinski, New York Public Library

Kazuhiro Hara is the artist behind both the Log Horizon light novel series and its manga adaptation. Mamare Touno is an author best known for his sci-fi light novel series, Log Horizon.

I came to know of Log Horizon through the anime first so my expectations of the light novel were simple: to retell the story I watched in the anime but take advantage of the (written) medium to expand upon the thoughts of the protagonists as well as fill in some of the gaps in the anime. I am pleased to inform Log Horizon, Vol.1 accomplished that task admirably. Whereas in the anime our main protagonist (Shiroe) appears to adapt rather quickly to his new environment, the novel explains this was actually a rather lengthy process with some trial and error. As a matter of fact, the novel's take on Shiroe is a bit more ruthless than in the anime but there is method and logic to his ruthlessness as will be evident to the reader when s/he comes upon the fight with Demikas towards the end of the book (Volume 1 covers all events up to and including the fight with Demikas). The novel also (lightly) touches on more sensitive issues that the anime would rather ignore. Maryelle and Henrietta still retain their same quirks from the anime with everything that involves. Whether that's a plus or minus I'll leave it up to you. The novel also takes the time to explain the rules of a MMORPG world as did the anime what can also be a plus/minus. Basically, if you want to read a slightly darker take on the anime with some additional footnotes, Log Horizon, Vol.1 does the job. Hopefully, Volume 2 will follow suit.

I'm a fan of the anime too. The translation of the book is top-notch and to me it reads like a regular novel as opposed to a light novel. I'm ordering all the rest of the series too. If you liked the anime, I definitely suggest giving the light novel a try.

Even if you watched the series, the book still surprises you from how the characters see each other, which isn't really explained on the anime. There's also the characters' stats and profile between the chapters, which helps having other look at how they could be if you didn't like the anime design (but they were really faithful to the original characters, so you find yourself remembering some scenes). The author could have put more plot on this first book, because there are some moments that the characters just "think" about the same thing that the other one from the last chapter was explaining

to the readers (see this as "thinking" too). aside from that, i have to say that i'm hoping that the other volumes can be released with this much quality or maybe, if possible, even more.

This is only the first vol. so it is slow so it can introduce the concepts and characters, as well as there new environment and how they react to it. Due to this the characters have yet to be fully developed and more just introduced, however they are not flat or one dimensional even if there personalities and quirks are common. Its exploration and explanation of what they are doing and how they are doing it is good and though provoking, however the 1st chapter was a bit rushed at the beginning part.

Really loved the anime and wanted to show the support with buying the book, Story has more details but the anime adaption follows it really well.

I have this translation since I found that anime was made after the light novel. First I found wiki-translation but some time ago I received info that professional translation prepares to be out. Now I re-read story with good translation.

This review is for the light novel. Loved it! Went into a lot more detail than the anime. This book goes through the first 4 episodes of the anime and ends with the rescue mission of Serara in Susukino.

Great!

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