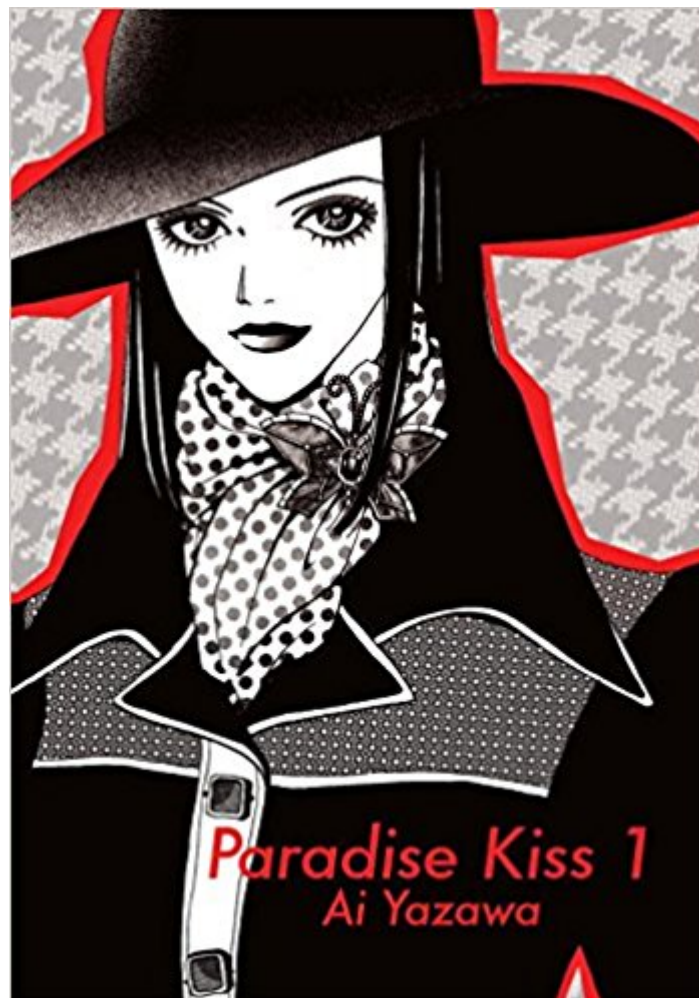


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Paradise Kiss, Part 1



Synopsis

Yukari is a spirited high school senior in the process of studying for her college entrance exams. Sadly the prospect of subjecting herself to a meaningless dull life leaves her feeling depressed about the future. In a bout of frustration, Yukari begins to ignore her courses and she begins to hang out with a group of fashion design students. But what Yukari doesn't know is that this circle is known as Paradise Kiss, and they are run by a pair of young designers already making their mark on the Asian scene. Furthermore, while her life is going to soon change, it will not be due to the elite political or commerce based future her family may have hoped for, instead her life may eventually be set in a world of high fashion, with her strutting down the catwalk as the face of Asian fashion!

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Customer Reviews

"Admittedly, the premise of Paradise Kiss sounds like an improbable schoolyard fantasy but the emotions are real. That message of individualism is also clear to see in Ai Yazawa's art style, which freely diverges from "normal manga" and instead takes its cue from the worlds of high fashion and counterculture. Highly original character designs, along with opulent surroundings and elaborate design elements, add up to a unique aesthetic experience." - Anime News Network's, "Right Turn Only"

"Pure soap opera, with riveting characters, this was most people's introduction to Yazawa in North America back in the Tokyopop days, and paved the way for Nana to be an even bigger hit. Glad to see Vertical putting [Paradise Kiss] back in print so it can get the attention it

deserves." - Manga Bookshelf

From 1999 to 2009 no shojo manga (girls comics) author in Japan sold more books than Ai Yazawa. Raised in Japan's Hyogo Prefecture, Yazawa grew up with ambitions to become a fashion designer. As a youth enrolled in the Osaka Mode Academy, one of Japan's most competitive fashion schools. In 1985 Yazawa made her debut in the pages of the monthly girl's anthology RIBON with the title 15th Year. While her tales focused on young love, but what captivated readers was her stunning sense of design. Since then she has gone to pen eleven more titles and has sold more than 100,000,000 books in Japan alone. Her title NANA was an international sensation, spinning off multiple movies, animated TV series, fashion lines and even inspiring international talents of music and film. Paradise Kiss has been translated into 10 languages and is considered her defining work.

Totally awesome! My wife and I just watched Nana and couldn't wait to branch out into the rest of Ai Yazawa's oeuvre. I've just started reading, but can already tell it is going to be just as awesome as Nana. The fashion is fun and the characters practically leap off of the page. - Nick

A wonderful conclusion to the series. All the characters are fantastically developed. Favorite series, favorite author, and i love this book!

If you are a fan of shoujo or fashion, I highly recommend this series! What I love about Ai Yazawa's works are the gorgeous, unique art, including LGBT characters and her ability to give each character, even supporting ones a lot of depth.

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I love the artwork and the story! DEFINITELY love the characters. This is a really unique manga~ and it has such great sense of fashion.

Paradise Kiss is my favorite manga yet. The story is wonderful! The Romance between Yukari and George is played out just right. The rest of the characters are really easy to fall in love with. A lot of people say the art style is hard to get used to but I think it's great to see something a little bit

different from the typical manga style that still works really well. If you're just getting into manga or looking for something new, you need to read Paradise Kiss! That's all there is to it. :D

Love, love love!!! Like the other reviewers said, it's really a big step up from the previous release! The first volume doesn't have the full out colored page but I can't wait for that in the other releases!!

The story of Paradise Kiss is very interesting. Its a great love story. It will appeal to an age group starting at around age 15+. This is the story of a young girl torn between two paths in life. The life she wants and the life she is made to feel she should live. Very enjoyable.

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