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## SHANNON SANTIAGO

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OWARIMONOGATARI, Part 2 Kodansha America LLC

Launching into new territory that the author hadn't mapped out when he embarked on the series, NEKOMONOGATARI (White) tells the tale of heroine Tsubasa Hanekawa from her own perspective, in her own voice—if that can hold true for a damaged soul who, depending on who you're asking, suffers from a split personality or a supernatural aberration. The bone-chilling brokenness of her household, where father and mother and daughter keep three separate sets of cookware in the same kitchen and only ever prepare their own meals, and the profound darkness nurtured in the genius schoolgirl's heart, come to life, if that is the word, through her self-vivisection. As for our customary unreliable narrator, Araragi, we seem to learn revealing tidbits about him now that we have an outside view of him at last, while his lady friends Senjogahara, Hachikuji, et al, freed from his predilection for proudly inane banter, show subtly new faces to us via their female interlocutor. Welcome to the Second Season.

**Astonishing Times** Vertical Inc

The latest book of the final season of the best-selling MONOGATARI series. Before we witness the series' climactic showdown in the third volume of the "End Tale"—each part of which forms its own cohesive whole—narrator Araragi wrestles with a crucial bit of history that had turned him into the loner we met at the very beginning, who opined that friendships only lowered his intensity as a human. What initiates his pilgrim's progress of a reckoning is his first encounter, at school, with the mysterious freshman Ogi Oshino, self-described niece of the equally enigmatic aberration expert Mèmè, and the book's opening chapter is a harrowing standalone novella of a whodunnit involving a locked room of sorts. Our increasingly well-adjusted hero kept on being decent at one thing even when he was just hanging on, but this forte, an unlikely aptitude for math, of all things, becomes the focus of a cheating scandal and a web of recollections that forces him to come to terms with, what do you know, his capacity to connect to people.

OTORIMONOGATARI Yen Press LLC

Nadeko encounters a giant snake who claims to be a deity named Kuchinawa. Kuchinawa promises Nadeko that he would grant her

wish if she aids him in the search of his object of worship. Little does Nadeko know that obtaining the object of worship will cost her more than what she expected.

*Pretty Boy Detective Club 3 (light novel)* Yen Press LLC

How far does one go to help a lost child? In the case of returning narrator Araragi, the answer is too far, across the veil of time. Dutifully (if unknowingly) following up on Hachikuji's cheeky foreshadowing, he concerns himself with his young lady friend and her fate in this installment of the cult-hit series, heroically unable, once again, to find his own way home. Thus the tale is also, or more so, about the journey itself, the dark honeymoon of a trip he takes into the past with the dweller in his shadow, Shinobu. Even among a cast that routinely disrespects chronology with their meta-commentary, she takes the cake, or the donut, by rewinding the clock for a perverse road movie, one that by and large goes nowhere, spatially. It's Kabuki not as in the theater, but with the character for "tilt"—as in a slanted attitude toward the world, the posture of a bohemian. Or, perhaps, of a legendary vampire who once sought death, and of a high school senior who once tuned out life doing their dandy best to attend to an embarrassing wealth of aberrations in a provincial town.

**BAKEMONOGATARI.** National Geographic Books

Following up on the high note of family ties on which the previous installment concluded, but preceding it chronologically, we find Araragi and his little sister Tsukihi, the heroine of the last volume, in full sibling rivalry mode as they bicker about love. The conversation that cannot end unfolds in its unabashed original glory herein. Like KIZUMONOGATARI, which delved into our

narrator's disastrous spring break, Cat Tale (Black) is a prequel about another catastrophe, mentioned often yet never recounted even in a foregoing chapter dedicated to Miss H.: namely, the model student's rampage over Golden Week, a string of holidays starting at the end of April. Closing out what has come to be known as the "First Season" of the series, this episode of 'GATARI, as rich as ever in silly banter and poignant profundities, richer than usual in snide meta comments about the anime, will make you laugh and cry, or just put a grownup smile on your face, maybe, but is guaranteed to stay with you forever.

**TSUKIMONOGATARI** National Geographic Books

A certain middle school girl has a fondness for hats, which serve as a line of defense against eye contact along with the overlong bangs she's worn ever since she was little. Speaking in fits and starts when she doesn't fall completely silent, her go-to line is "I'm sorry," and she's given to referring to herself in third person. Nadeko Sengoku is pretty, and not just cute. When a jealous classmate tried to hex her with a fraudulent charm, Miss Bangs went and got cursed in earnest all by herself, having done her homework wrong and performed a gruesome ritual at a forgotten shrine. Thank goodness Big Brother Koyomi noticed and rescued her that time, but chopping up snakes at a place of worship that was dedicated to a serpent... It might come back to bite her again, hmmm? Hoping to be saved by someone, but unable to ask for help, the shyest member of the cast explores a running theme of these tales in her own halting voice this round: While self-reliance is well and good, beware of its debased counterfeit minted from a mere reluctance to connect with others. You know what I mean?

Final Fantasy VII: The Kids Are Alright: A Turks Side Story

Kodansha America LLC

From the best selling novel series by renowned author NISIOISIN, comes the manga adaptation of the Monogatari Series! Artwork by Oh!great. Mayoi Hachikuji: A grade schooler who meets Koyomi Araragi and a “Lost Snail” who can never arrive at her destination. “I’ll bring her to her mother’s safe and sound—that is my duty.” She’s got to get home before her feelings fade away...

Pretty Boy Detective Club (manga), volume 2 National Geographic Books

A team-up made in manga heaven! The wildly popular Monogatari novel series by renowned bestselling author NISIOISIN has now been reimagined into a knockout manga adaptation by none other than legendary artist Oh!Great (Tenjo Tenghe, Air Gear)! One day, high-school student Koyomi Araragi catches a girl named Hitagi Senjouhara when she trips. But—much to his surprise—she doesn’t weigh anything. At all. She says an encounter with a so-called “crab” took away all her weight ... Monsters have been here since the beginning. Always. Everywhere.

Defeating the Demon Lord's a Cinch (If You've Got a Ringer), Vol. 1 Kodansha America LLC

HUNGRY HUNTER Fate has a new quest: chase down Myne and close the Door to Distant Lands—and maybe get some answers out of his resurrected father. This time, however, he’s heading out with a whole party in tow, including Eris, Memil, and Roxy. But Fate’s not the only one wrestling with this new camaraderie. Roxy’s glad to finally be fighting by Fate’s side, but she knows she won’t be able to stay there unless she too reaches the

Domain of E...if she can survive it.

ONIMONOGATARI e-artnow sro

Weaving together tales of a world after the Infinite Crisis, this collection follows Teth-Adam, the antihero better known as Black Adam, during the year without Superman, Wonder Woman, and Batman! Will Black Adam’s vision of a free Kahndaq be realized, or will his dreams come crashing down around him? Collects stories from 52 #1-3, 6-10, 12-16, 18-26, 29-34, 36-40, 43-50, 52, and the 52 Omnibus.

Otorimonogatari Kodansha America LLC

Our sorry hero, his reformed girlfriend, and the amnesiac class president have all graduated from their high school out in the boondocks, and self-described Sapphist and ex-basketball ace Kanbaru, retired by reason of an “injury,” is starting her senior year and the narrator of this volume—her voice far more introspectivethan the smutty jock’s we thought we knew. Bereft of the company of her beloved mentors, the only other person around her with any working knowledge of aberrations the junior Ogi Oshino, apparently a relative of the Hawaiian-shirted folklorist, she feels a bit alone and blue, and sick with dread that the devil residing in her left arm courtesy of the Monkey’s Paw might act up again while she sleeps. Investigating a rumor that she fears might lead back to her, the former star ends up peering into an abyss of negativity called Roka—a “wax flower” to take the characters’ meaning. Trapped in a pit the like of which could only be escaped by the one girl who was able to pull off slam-dunks in her basketball nationals, can the penitent Kanbaru, however, still be aggressive?

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Mayumi Dojima has just become the newest member of the Pretty Boy Detective Club when her first challenge as Mayumi the Seer literally falls into her lap: a suspicious businessman drops a wad of counterfeit bills on the sidewalk, and suddenly the games are afoot! At a shady casino operating out of their rival high school's gymnasium, the Pretty Boys encounter a fiendish new foil—leading to a nail-biting showdown between beauty and fraud... And just when things seem to have quieted down, a chance discovery in the art room leads the Pretty Boys to 33 mysterious paintings, and a bizarre kidnapping that took place at Yubiwa Academy seven years earlier—?!

### OWARIMONOGATARI, Part 3 Yen On

It, like the dark that makes up most of the cosmos, is not an aberration. Nonbeing can swallow you whole, yet if anything, it's the anti-aberration. Darkness, in fact, is the Law, an executioner from whom a mark can try to run and hide, but only for so long. When it comes calling, the fortunate just might have the time to say goodbye. And the Darkness is—here now. Before ever visiting Japan to find a place to die, four centuries, indeed, before her failed suicide attempt, the legendary vampire Kissshot literally stepped foot on the land of the rising sun with an epic jump that ended a lonely sojourn in Antarctica. It was back in those days that the proud noble created her first thrall. It was then, too, that she first met the Darkness. Having messed with a more recent past with her help, and returning to the present to reunite with two more characters that look like little girls but are actually his elders, Thrall No. 2 Araragi reclaims the mic only to cede it in large part to the bloodsucking demon who goes by “Shinobu”

these days. Her story, though, may not even be the most poignant one told herein.

### **HANAMONOGATARI** Dark Horse Manga

Continuing their journey north, Lawrence and Holo stop in the village of Tereo in hopes of finding a local abbey where they might uncover more information regarding the fate of Holo's ancient home, Yoitsu. Soon after their arrival, though, the companions are caught up in a local dispute between Tereo and the neighboring town of Enberch that could cost Lawrence and Holo both their fortunes and their lives! With the Wisewolf's help, can Lawrence devise a way to save an entire town from ruin - and his skin and that of his traveling companion in the process?

### *ZOKU OWARIMONOGATARI* Kodansha Comics

A modern superhero story that celebrates the genre and redefines heroes for a new generation. In a world where superheroes are common place, Noah Sans, a young reporter trying to live up to the legacy of his father, investigates a mystery involving missing superheroes that quickly turns into a thrilling conspiracy. Noah Sans, a young reporter living in the shadow of his father, lives in a world full of superheroes—but no one seems to care. After a world changing event called The Cataclysm, people moved on, and now heroes are old news. But when Noah begins investigating a mysterious murder, he comes face to face with his most revered heroes and is forced to confront a secret past that could change the world forever. *Astonishing Times* is a love letter to the medium of comics and a celebration of superheroes old and new. Award-winning writer Frank J. Barbiere returns to creator-owned comics alongside Arris Quinones, host of YouTube's Variant, to craft a modern classic

that redefines superheroes for a new era with stunning art by Ruairí Coleman and color artist Lauren Affe. Together, the team hopes to inspire a new generation of fans young and old, and remind us all that heroes are everywhere. Collects *Astonishing Times* #1–#5.

*OTORIMONOGATARI* Kodansha America LLC

"“I love you.” “I smelt for you, Senjogahara.” Koyomi accepts Hitagi’s feelings and solves Mayoi Hachikuji’s dilemma. Everything starts to look up...until a mysterious raincoat busts him up out of nowhere...!”

*Katanagatari 2 (light novel)* Kodansha Comics

I thought my place in the world was gone, but the world is so much bigger than I ever realized. Evan Townshend is just one of many who lost everything during Meteorfall two years ago, and like the others, he has had to rebuild his life. In his case, this means working for Mireille's Investigative Services, a small company that tracks down missing friends and family. But when a case of mistaken identity drags him into a run-in with the Shinra Company's intimidating Administrative Research Department (better known as the Turks), Evan and his fellow investigator Kyrie Canaan begin a journey to discover the truth—about both the world around them and themselves. And the truths they uncover may run deeper than they expect... Experience another side of the world of FINAL FANTASY VII with this prequel to *Advent Children!*

**OWARIMONOGATARI, Part 1** Kodansha America LLC

Ten years have passed since the Demon Lord Kranos declared war on mankind. As the situation grows desperate, the Ruxe Kingdom summons a hero from another world to stand against

this threat. Assigned by the Church to join the hero's party, a battle-worn priest arrives to fulfill his obligations but is shocked to find that his companions are utterly inept! A mage who can only use fire magic, a swordswoman recently defected from her father's fighting school, and a hero obsessed with women?! With an average level totaling just 15, there's no way these novices are capable of taking down a demon lord! But a job's a job, so it's up to the man of God (who thankfully has power to spare) to support these buffoons from the shadows. With an extraordinary healer on their side, defeating their target will be a cinch! ...Hopefully.

*Black Adam: Rise and Fall of an Empire* Kodansha America LLC

Just when we thought the darkness menacing the town had been identified, named, and tamed, clear and unclear mysteries of seasons past looming or surfacing, then resolving, not without tears, not without bittersweetness, of course, but satisfyingly, in a tripartite finale, all loose ends tied up into, or at least with, a bow...

The End Tale continues—if only for one last time, in a bonus stage for the ages, as our softie of a protagonist who wished for all parties involved, including himself, maturely enough, to end up happy, sees his reflected image freeze in a mirror and regretfully, regrettably, reaches for it to find himself through the looking glass.

In an alternate reality where bits of the world have been flipped around, the hero comes face to face with the hidden side(s) of familiar faces, along with author NISIOISIN, whose bravura attempt to reimagine character possibilities concludes, with signature flair, the MONOGATARI series proper—thank you for

reading.

*BAKEMONOGATARI (manga)* 11 Yen Press LLC

From the renowned author NISIOISIN, the creator of BAKEMONOGATARI, Zaregoto Series and KATANAGATARI. Comes a new, innovative mystery series, Pretty Boy Detective Club! Mayumi Dojima is finally a full-fledged member of the Pretty Boy Detective Club, known to her compatriots as Mayumi the Seer, she of the beautiful eyes. Summoned suddenly to the disused art room that serves as the club's headquarters, Mayumi is pressed into service to assist with an ambitious redecorating project. But

when they discover a secret room containing thirty-three mysterious canvases, the Pretty Boys are faced with their most perplexing puzzle yet. Who is responsible for these strange paintings, and are they connected to an impossible kidnapping that took place at Yubiwa Academy seven years ago? The third installment of the Pretty Boy series offers a beautiful mystery with an even more beautiful solution! Best-selling author NISIOISIN (Monogatari series, Decapitation, Katanogatari) brings his trademark blend of wit, wordplay, adventure, and cracked philosophy to a new mystery series for fans of all ages.

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