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For over 20 years, the character Vampire Hunter D has haunted the imaginations of people around the world, its image forever etched in the mind's eye through the dazzling artwork of Yoshitaka Amano. As the original novels appear in English for the first time, American readers are clamoring for a more extensive look at this singular creation. Coffin obliges. This gorgeous retrospective embraces the full scope of Amano's work with the character: in the novels, as inspiration for the animators of the two theatrical films, rare paintings, and illustrations created for release as limited edition prints.

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H. Anne Stoj says

Many thanks to Far for whatever Christmas it was where she gifted me with this. Truly a marvelous moment.

Amano's work is sheer beauty. I remember one of the reasons I was drawn to Vampire Hunter D in the first place was the cover art. His work can also be found in the novels (which, I admit, I find melodramatic, but they're enjoyable for that reason--at least D's more of a vampire than, oh...Edward Cullen, let's say.) Back to Amano. Yes, the book is large. It takes up weird shelf space as it's really a coffee table book. But it's so worth having if one's a fan either of Vampire Hunter D or Amano or both. There's such a sweeping scope of images and it's the sort of thing that can be lingered over. At least I linger. I can't imagine why someone wouldn't.

Portia S says

The Vampire Hunter D series have always been brought to life, not only by the words of Hideyuki Kikuchi, but also the through the ink drawings and paintings of Yoshitaka Amano. He created the first images we know of the dhampire, described as strikingly beautiful and young in his black cloak, long sword and travellers hat. The beasts and nefarious souls of the frontier were artfully formed through the flowing ink of his pen.

Looking through this book is an opportunity to gather a completely visual view of the Hunter. His decisions, his acts, his will and his strength.

Amano's portraits are classic relying on the contrast of the beautiful pale face and black garments to capture the dark piercing stare of the Hunter. The bits of colour are captivating in their brilliance and scarcity, and are usually not from the Hunter himself, but the humans he has taken up to defend.

The Hunter, he is a force to be feared and revered, and this book pays perfect homage to him.

Danisty says

Stunning! Yoshitaka Amano is one of my favorite artists. I'll more than likely get one of these pieces as a tattoo at some point.

Matthew Cranford says

The art is beautiful, and the images add their own version of the tale of D. While Amano has a very definitive art style, he shows a very wide variety of what he is able to do with that style.

I enjoyed looking through the many images. This is a high quality book, no expense being spared, it would seem. The (few) pages that contain writing are written both in English and in Japanese, and the English is flawless (I'm sure the Japanese is as well, but as I failed my Japanese classes, I really couldn't tell you.)

If you're not a fan of the style of Vampire Hunter D, or if you just get bored by art books that just feature a bunch of pictures of the same thing over and over again with no apparent plot line, you may want to steer clear, or just look at a friend's copy of this book. Otherwise, it's well worth the purchase.

Felicia says

I am a big fan of vampire D, so this bought and added to my collection for pure fan base only.

Drew says

the beautiful visual world that intensifies an amazing storyline; well worth a lookthrough

Michelle Wardhaugh says

Ethereal. Beautiful. Magical.

David says

Have not read the book yet, but a warning: This book is HUGE.

Nishi Serrano says

Of course Vampire Hunter D is one of my all time vampire heroes! And Amano's work has inspired me since the 80's.

Becky Hoffman says

I find it funny that artbooks are on good read. What should I say, the pictures spoke to me? I just like Yoshitaka Amano. He's an amazing artist.

Queenosiris says

I LOVE the artwork! Simply beautiful. I am not a huge fan of Vampire Hunter D (it was okay), but this artwork is stunning and original.

Derrick Mcdonald says

Always a pleasure to check out Amano works surrounding D and Final Fantasy.

A. E. S. says

A collective visual masterpiece from Yoshitaka Amano's vivid imagination.
