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## **Crimson Snow:**

The battle on the sea continues, with the swarm of evolved akuma pressing hard on the Exorcists. Lenalee tries to tackle one akuma on her own, but realizes she can prevail only by unleashing the full force of her Innocence. Back on the ship Lavi prepares to call on a special attribute of his own Innocence. Will any of this be enough? Can the Exorcists hold on, or will they need help that may or may not come?

## **D.Gray-man, Vol. 8 Details**

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### **Kereesa says**

So I actually went and re-read the series before reading this volume, since I had NO freaking clue what was going on, and I really hadn't read this series in like over a year. Gah. I'm glad I did though, since it not only helped me remember what was going on, but it kind of reboosted the important stuff I had forgotten since then.

I must say I really enjoyed volume 8. Alan's still recuperating, Lenalee's kicking ass and leveling up as per usual shonen plotline, and the story is still incredibly moving and heart wrenching for me. Especially near the end of this volume.

The art has moved along fantastically from its initial beginning, and both Allen and Lavi make me fan myself often :P I do love the fight scenes-I seem to be a sucker for them.

All in all, this was a very good volume in the *D.Gray-Man* series. 4-4.5/5

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### **Kelsey Hanson says**

I'm not crying. You're crying! Oy that ending though! I've officially been reduced to a sobbing puddle of fangirl.

I love the crew, Mahoja, and Anita. Crowley was also really entertaining in this one, in a maniacal sort of way. Though I have to admit I'm somewhat relieved that this particular arc is over. Maybe it's the black and white illustrations, but sometimes these action-packed panels can get a bit busy and it's difficult to tell what is going on.

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### **Mehsi says**

Oh Lord. \*cries\*This was all just so sad, so much pain, so much death. :( :( That ending totally broke my heart. :( It was a terrific volume though, and focused solely on the team that is at sea.

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### **Hannah says**

This volume is one long fight and it's both badass and heartbreaking to watch. Bring on volume 9!

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### **Fugo Feedback says**

Buena idea: retomar este manga que siempre me gustó bastante y que sigo creyendo que va a seguir

mejorando.

Mala idea: agarrarlo sin repasar ni un poquito el tomo anterior, para cuando recordé dónde estaba ya casi se me acababa el tomo.

Bonus track: los extras. Muy agradables, como siempre.

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## **Babri says**

Nem igazán tudok erről a részről mit írni.

Linalee és csapata még mindig a tengeren küzdenek a hármas szint akumával. A csapat veszteségre áll. Linalee felveszi a harcot az akumával, és minden erejét beleadja.

Az Innocence-je átalakul, hogy megvédje őt a haláltól. Megmenekül, de a haja a nagy robbanástól és tőztől rövid lett. Lehet, hogy a „szív”.

Cross küldött egy átalakított akumát a csapathoz, hogy értesítse őket, életben van, és Edo-ba tart, mert küldetése van.

A csapat elhatározza, hogy utána megy.

Pár oldal erejéig láthattuk Allen-t is.

Ez a kötet nem volt valami élvezetes, sőt néha már untam, de kell egy ilyen is.

Megjelenik Bak-chan, az ázsiai központ vezetője. Allen kiborul, de miután megtudja Bak-chan-tól hogy vissza tudja szerezni a bal karját, egyből jobb kedvre derül mindenki.

Allen Innocence-je furcsa módon nem semmisült meg, hanem meggyógyította Allen szívében ejtett sebet, amit Tyki Mikk okozott.

Allen neki áll az edzésnek.

Eközben Linalee csapatát megtámadja egy hármas szint akuma, és nagyon sokan megsérülnek.

Egyre izgatottabb vagyok, hogy mi következik ezután, mert nagyon jó kis történet ez.

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## **Kirsten Simkiss says**

A sad ending, but a good story arc. It's sad to see so many side characters fall to the Akuma, but it was definitely in the back of my mind that all the humans had to have been affected by the Akuma with that level of exposure. Linalee's innocence evolving to protect her as it did has yet to be explained, though the Bookman seems to think it might be significant since it's never been done before. Is Linalee the heart? Is Allen? Who could be the heart?

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## **Scott Lee says**

With the exception of a few moments of bizarre dream meeting between Linalee and Allen, this entire volume is a blow-by-blow as those aboard the ship continue to battle their way toward Japan. It is a fantastically detailed depiction of the battle but managed to feel a touch slow to me, because a true blow-by-blow of that length just feels slow on paper, and nothing else happened.

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## **Jessica says**

The *akuma* attacking the ship on its way to Japan are strong, and among them is a very powerful Level 3. Lenalee uses her dark boots power to venture out onto the ocean to fight it. Will she be able to defeat an *akuma* so powerful on her own? Can Lavi and Arystar Krory destroy the other attacking *akuma*, who are hidden behind the clouds? Can Miranda hold the ship together long enough for them to make it to Japan?

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## **Michelle Elizabeth says**

This whole volume was essentially one big battle, mostly between Lenalee and a single, upper-level *akuma*. I guess because there wasn't much story here, wasn't much text, that this one only gets a passing grade. The only characters I feel connected to are Allen (he's such a sweet guy), Kanda (he's broody and dangerous, a very sexy combo! hehe), and, maybe strangely, Komui (I can totally relate to his lack of organization skills, and I love how he's essentially a genius but a real slacker as well), and they are all absent here. And Miranda cried again. I think someone should start a drinking game and take shots every time Miranda cries.

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## **Leigh Louise says**

Once again I am SOOOO glad I watched this series before I read it. This is another one of those ones that if I hadn't watched it, I would be so lost as to what's going on. I was only just able to follow it and it's because some of the scenes are quite dark.

This book follows Lenalee's fight with the Level 3 *akuma* in the ocean and the ending of the fight for those aboard the ship. It pretty much, once again, went the same as it did in the series, and there was slight translating mix-up which I found quite funny, in my version that I have of the book. It happened about 3 chapters in when the translator just left the Japanese text over the action, in one scene, and pretty much went "translators note: I don't know what that says". Lol, I thought that was pretty funny to say that to the reader lol. Lucky for them, at least that scene it was easy to guess what was happening. I'm not sure if this is in every copy of the book, however, in my copy it was.

Also noted was the fact that at the beginning of the series, Lenalee's name was translated too "Renali", however, in this book her name is written as "Lenali". I can't remember if I noticed this change in the previous books, but I surely noticed it in this one. It makes me wonder why these translations are getting the name different. Although I suppose in any language a name could be read in different ways. Looking forward to seeing if they bother changing Crowlies/Crow-Chan's name and Ravi/Lavi's name later on to fit the series.

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## **Jordan says**

I've gone back and forth between liking Lenalee and thinking she's an irritating crap face, but I think we're finding a happy compromise. For now, this volume, this time, I accept her, even with a bit of appreciation and affection. But not very much. I keep my distance and everyone's happy. Anyway, she has some heavy duty development and action this time around.

Even more interesting than that (to me) is Lavi's increasing development. I don't think he quite knows who he is emotionally... He's a little lonely and unstable, I think. Lenalee and him both have separation issues. And we love 'em both. So, the fights continue to be completely worthwhile, the plot is coming along perfectly, and no matter how serious it's gotten so far, we still get quite a few happy laughs and endearing moments.

So you know how in shonen, it becomes irritating and cheap that the main characters almost die every episode, even though it's obvious they won't really? D Gray Man has many fights and they're getting injured to the point of near death... but it's anything but boring, irritating, or pointless. Maybe it's just me, but Jun makes shonen rock.

Lenalee had more facial range in this volume... Bring on the creepy look...

Rating PG13

Like always, for the violence and religious symbols. 'Demon' like creatures, though they very much aren't, and lots of being injured. There hasn't been any gore, though there is blood and pain.

Spoiler Section:

Poor Lenalee :( That just changed her entire look. And that akuma is adorable.

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## **Ella says**

This series has so many tearful deaths. God I don't know how much more of this I can take.

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## **Nick says**

### **Overall Rating: B-**

*Synopsis: The plot revolves around Allen Walker, an Exorcist, in the end of the 19th century Europe. Allen is a member of the Dark Order, a group of Exorcists connected with the Vatican. Their mission is to stop The Millennium Earl, an evil ghoul intending to cleanse the world by destroying all the humans in the manner of Noah's great flood. In the first volume, we get some back story, learn that exorcists kick ass, have a clubhouse, and don't play well with others.*

D. Gray-man is written by Hoshino Katsura, and shows a lot of promise. I knew I was going to like the book when I immediately began considering cosplay options for the main character, Allen Walker. In the world of D. Grayman, apparently there are ghosts, ghouls and more, and the only thing that can fight them is an Exorcist. As mentioned in the synopsis, there is a clubhouse of Exorcists who are pretty much a bunch of pricks, but they have special powers and wear cool outfits. The plot isn't bad, but I didn't feel particularly attached to any of the characters (other than because they looked cool). It also felt a little too clichéd, but I'll probably pick up the second volume to see if I get drawn in any more. They are also apparently making this into an anime, and the art at least looks top notch, so I will give it a shot once it comes stateside.

If you're itching for something new to read, check out D. Gray-man, but there is lots of better manga out there, so only check this one out if you've exhausted the obvious choices.

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**Alexie says**

Where did Kanda go for like 8volumes?

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