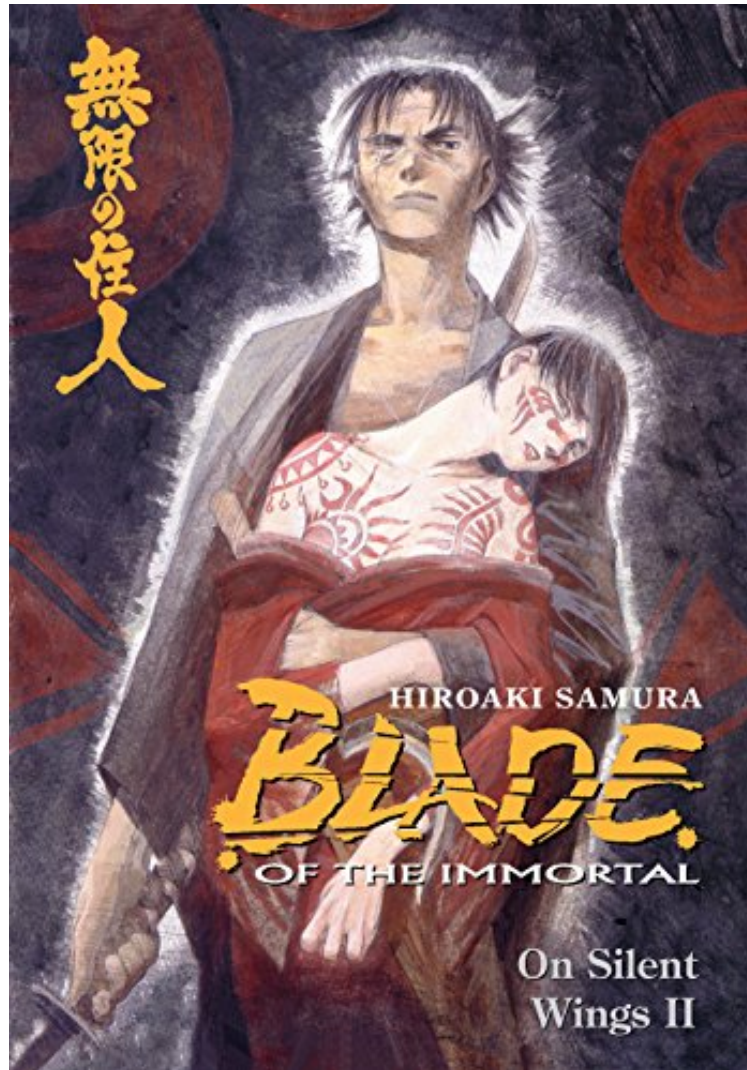


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**Von Hiroaki Samura : Blade of the Immortal Volume 5** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Blade of the Immortal Volume 5:

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Never stop the amazement Von Gerardo Braham Caballero What can i say about this wonderful masterpiece that have not been said by me in other reviews or by other fans? First for those who do not know about the history (others bear with me). Rin is a young girl who is looking to avenge the murder of her family at the hands of a rival sword school; she meets Manji, a samurai cursed with immortality until he kills a thousand evil guys. What follows could have been a cheesy samurai opera where, in every chapter Manji kills an "evil" guy until they find the boss of all the minions and

kill him after a dramatic battle. Well, that is not the case for this series. Mr. Samura manages to make the best story I have read so far by playing with the meaning of good and bad masterfully, the first books had its compliment of gore, but from the third book so far, each fight gets harder not because of the physical might or swordmanship but for the moral reasons to pursue vengeance, at every corner Rin must face real flesh and blood adversaries, not just plain evil antagonists, each with a reason for what they did. This is the second part of a story that centers around Rin, we finally find out what she really thinks, and specially how she feels, about what she is doing. She and Manji find one of the guys responsible for the death of her family, he is now a mask maker with a little boy under his care. Instead of blindingly killing him, Rin tries to figure out if he really has reformed or if it is just another mask he is wearing now . And she also has to solve the dilemma that by killing him she would make an innocent boy a vengeance filled monster just like her. The ending is great and you really begin to ask yourself if you could keep going after all, even with such good reasons as the one Rin has0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The plot thickens.Von Mary D. StrawserFinally, after many volumes, we get some real exploration of Rin as a character. Both 'On Silent Wings' and 'On Silent Wings II' deal with Rin's inner struggle. In this volume, Rin describes the rest of the events that occurred the night her father died. It is both a sickening and an illuminating scene. This scene is very telling about several members of the Itto Ryu - some of them are even worse than they seem, others prove themselves more worthy than Rin would be willing to admit. This series is really beginning to flesh out. The question raised by the On Silent Wings story arc is, what will Rin do? She can't seem to stop killing the men she hates, yet deep inside she knows it to be wrong. One thing is for sure, Rin is tearing herself apart with self-loathing and doubt. Meanwhile, Manji is becoming more protective of her, but at a loss as to how to help her.As to the artwork, it is beautiful as always. One picture that I particularly enjoyed was one of Manji holding the unconscious Rin in his arms, looking at her with the most boyish expression I've seen on his face so far. It is a beautiful moment, and Samura captures it perfectly. Another interesting moment in the artwork is Rin's dream, which marvelously illustrates her feelings of doubt and anger, as well as her growing respect for Anotsu.A great manga series. I think everyone should read it, especially those of you who think that 'comic books' are kids' stuff. The intricate plot, the detailed, realistic artwork, and the fascinating characters all contribute to make this one of the best books I've ever read0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Brutal, powerful and beautifulVon Steven MyersThis volume of Blade of the Immortal is certainly more brutal than any of its predecessors: we see the depth of suffering endured by Rin's mother and the cruelty of the Itto-Ryu.The real beauty of this volume, aside from the incredible art (I've never seen pencil work to match Hiroaki Samura's), is the dilemma at the heart of the story: Rin has just saved (in On Silent Wings I) the son of one of the men who raped and murdered her mother, and who set her down the road toward vengeance she's walked from the first volume. Does she want revenge now, only to send the boy she saved along that same road? Blade of the Immortal is never easy: not for the characters, who don't face the simplified, stylized problems of most comic books, and not for the reader, who is not shielded from the brutality of the world in which those characters live. Your stomach may turn (mine did), but Blade of the Immortal is not exploitative; the violence is not twisted into something erotic. That said, it's still absolutely not for kids (particularly this volume), but if you are a comic book-reading adult, start reading Blade of the Immortal.

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