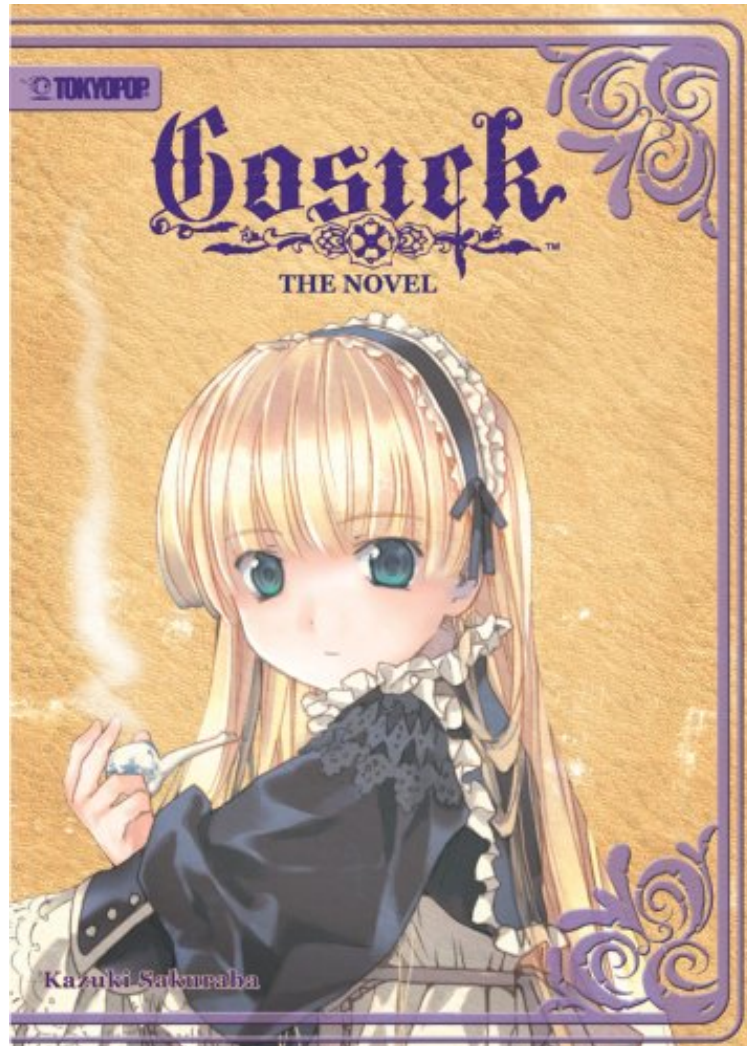


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Kazuki Sakuraba, Hinata Takeda : GOSICK Volume 1 before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised GOSICK Volume 1:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Not brilliant, but still fun.By Pipe_NerdI've been enjoying the anime, so I figured I'd try the book. In the end, I have mixed feelings.- The good:The characters are endearing, the plot is dark and intriguing, and the physical book itself is absolutely GORGEOUS. Lovely artwork.- The not so good:The writing itself is unfortunately a bit lackluster. I don't know if the problem lies with the author, the translator, or both, but the writing in general simply feels amateurish and unpolished. I realize that most readers don't get hung up on stylistic issues like I do, but poor writing can really ruin an otherwise great story for me. There are a number of "Japanese-isms" that seem clumsily translated, and a lot of the "clues" to the mystery are more or less shoved unsubtly

in your face. There are also a shocking number of typos and misused words.- Overall:I'd give 3 and a half stars, but since I can't, I'll say 4 out of 5. The story and characters are entertaining enough to keep me reading despite the unimpressive writing -- and to honest, reading a translation with my hyper-critical English-major eye is probably a little unfair!1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Victorique solves a fine mysteryBy David W. OlsonThe front cover suggests Sherlock Holmes, with a young golden-haired girl filling Holmes' role. The book delivers.First, read all of the product reviews. My review of the reviews shows that each misses one or two things about the book. All-together they cover the book well. Also see [...]'Gosick 1' is definitely a Young Adults fiction. Quite a bit of it is cartoonish, such as the adult police detective Grevil de Blois, and his two assistants. The situations strain probability, eventually coming across more "wow." than "what?"Victorique seems to live in the library of Saint Marguerite Academy (typo in the novel; it should be Sainte) Kazuya is a foreign student at the academy who has come to know Victorique. His righteous indignation at a slight done to Victorique gets both of them a holiday at the coast, and Victorique's curiosity then gets both of them deep into a mystery, with danger that they won't survive the night.Having finished it, would I read another? I can think of a half-dozen books by other authors that I would want to read first. When I get around to wanting to read another book of this set I think I am more interested in 'Gosicks 1', a short story collection set before 'Gosick 1', before wanting to read 'Gosick 2', the next logical novel in the series.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I love it.By Jose F GomezThis light novel is one of my favorites ones. It is not heavy as other out there with suspense and detective-ish but it does the job. I recommend it especially if you have watched the anime.One downside is that the translator of this book had a s***ty as editor since i spotted many English words errors. Many.

The year is 1924, the place, Sauville, a small European country neatly tucked beside the Alps... Kazuya Kujo has been studying abroad at the prestigious Saint Marguerite Academy, where urban legends and horror stories are all the rage. Most Kazuya ignores--but the story of the Queen Berry, a mysterious ghost ship, really gets to him. Of course, his brainy friend Victorique is much more intrigued by true stories, and she uses her unrivaled logic to solve mysteries even the town's famous detective can't. Ironically, it's Victorique's inquisitive nature that leads the duo to board a ship that matches the Queen Berry's description to a tee, a ship that might just hold the key to solving a sinister mystery... Kazuki Sakuraba's modern twist on Holmes and Watson--pairing Victorique, a wizened young girl with doll-like looks and her eager-to-please sidekick Kazuya--make this international bestseller a must-read murder mystery.