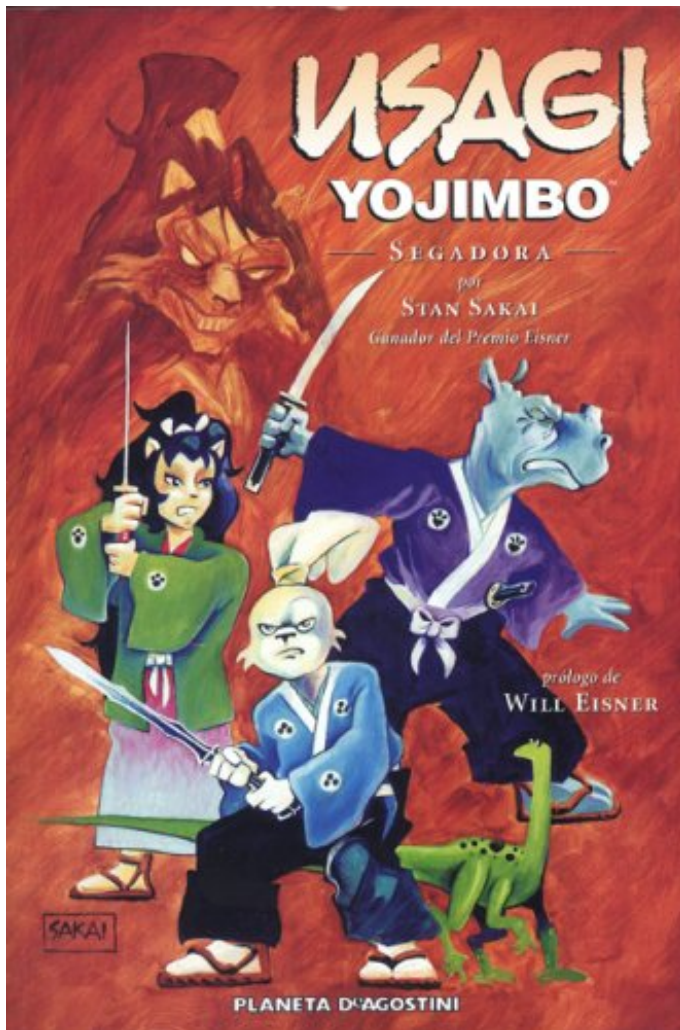

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**Usagi Yojimbo vol. 5: Segadora: Usagi Yojimbo vol. 5:
Grasscutter (Usagi Yojimbo #12)**



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Description

Usagi is no Bugs Bunny. He's a rabbit samurai who wanders 17th century Japan, a land ravaged by civil war and populated with anthropomorphic animals that are fighting to survive. Classic storytelling, flawlessly designed art and lovingly researched period touches. . . a true all-ages comics treat. -Publishers Weekly

Insightful reviews

Evan: I feel silly in saying that, yet again, the *Usagi Yojimbo* series has outdone itself. I cannot think of another series that so consistently builds upon itself as this one.

Grasscutter is phenomenal. It weaves together Shinto folklore, Japanese history, and *Usagi Yojimbo*'s cast of characters with perfect harmony. Sakai has crafted a GRRM-style pseudo-historical political intrigue epic (I mean the comparison to be a wholly favorable one). The stakes are genuinely high, the characters faced with real choices, and the climax and pay-off are together exciting and unpredictable.

Sakai's notes and extensive bibliography just make me fall further in love with it all. It's easy to appreciate a work through which an author's passions shine.

Ashley: I loved the delve into Japanese lore. In fact, the four prologue chapters were probably my favorites of them all. That's not to say the story wasn't entertaining.

Having only read the first volume when I pick up this it was jarring going to individual issues to an arc. That said, I enjoyed the change as the story got to feel really fleshed out. However, I noticed that it lost some of the whimsy that was so refreshing in the early volume.

Vanessa: Usagi is a samurai ('usagi' is 'rabbit' in Japanese--the characters are all drawn as animals). I'm sure there's a big, long backstory, so I don't know much about Usagi, but I didn't let that stop me. The first part of the book is a prologue about some Japanese mythology, then goes into the story of "Grasscutter", a legendary sword of the gods. This was all very interesting and handled well, as it was necessary for the rest of the story have meaning.

Not only was in an engaging story about Usagi finding the sword, but the artwork is incredible. The scenes flowed really well from frame to frame. The Japanese culture really came through in the story, which I thought was great.

And that's all I have to say. Usually my book reviews are more in-depth, but this was more of a 'fun' read for me, and since I don't know anything else about comic books, I have no basis of comparison. But I liked it, anyway.

Tyler Hayes: a stupendous people story that by no means was, blending jap mythology, eastern history, and poetic samurai motion into one tale of conspiracies and politics and magic and

clashing blades. this can be comics storytelling at its finest. The pacing is iffy the following and there, and a few could locate the climax a bit anticlimactic, yet it is nonetheless an outstanding yarn. hugely recommended.

Richard Sierra: I do pass many of the quantity yet i feel i am getting the idea that of this tale

Ryan George: My favourite booklet within the series! It feels superb and entire with a good outlined story!

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