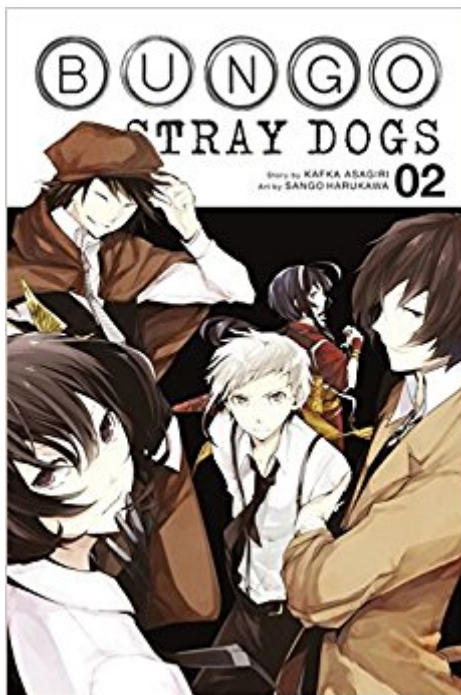


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# Bungo Stray Dogs, Vol. 2



## Synopsis

Regaining consciousness after nearly losing his life to Akutagawa, Atsushi is paralyzed by the thought of bringing more death and destruction down on the heads of his companions at the Armed Detective Agency and vows to run away. But before he can make good on his resolution, the Mafia sends Ryuurou Hirotsu of the merciless Black Lizard squad to storm their offices! Between the bomb-tossing Motojirou Kajii and the demure, kimono-wearing Kyouka Izumi, will the Mafia's literary giants close the book on Atsushi and the Armed Detective Agency for good?!

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## Customer Reviews

Kafka Asagiri is the creator and author of Bungo Stray Dogs. Sango Harukawa is the artist of Bungo Stray Dogs.

I collect the manga

I love this series so far! Can't wait for the next volume!

\*\*\*This volume was supplied to Constant Collectible, a nerd website I write for, in exchange for an honest review. All thoughts are my own.\*\*\*This series will be problematic to your to-be-read list. Be warned.Bungo Stray Dogs is a series where the characters are very loosely based off of real-life authors. Real-life Japanese authors, to be exact. Real-life Japanese authors

you'll probably not be familiar with, to further increase the accuracy of my above statement. This creates To-Be-Read-List problems for two reasons: 1) This series is really good, so you'll want to read all of them. Of which there are 12 (only 2 of which are currently in English). 2) You'll end up wanting to read all of the books by all of the mentioned Japanese authors. Of which there are many. But you know what? It's worth it. This series rocks. As does this particular volume. Bungo Stray Dogs is a prime example of a manga that manages to be action-packed and serious while also making you laugh. This volume has the perfect balance of action, character development, humor, and world-building. Each character has his or her own quirks, which keeps the relatively large cast of characters from blending together. We met a few new people since volume 1 and they're all intriguing. They each have very distinct looks, as well, something that the illustrator (Sango Harukawa) did that excellent job of emphasizing. Speaking of which: This manga has exceptional artwork. I could look at it all day. The world that this series takes place in is fascinating. The urban, modern-day setting goes very well with the supernatural skills that most of the characters possess. It's also a cool touch because that the characters are based off of 20th century Japanese authors, each having personality traits or magical skills that are nods to their respective authors. It's interesting to see how these traits translate into a modern day, supernatural setting. Massive points to Asagiri's creativity. The literary nerd in me is making me want to read up on my Japanese literature. That being said, you absolutely do not need to know anything about Japanese authors to enjoy this series. It is very self-contained, though it is made even richer if you happen to possess outside information. I can't wait to read more of Bungo Stray Dogs and am impatiently waiting for volume 3 to be released in English.

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