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Puella Magi Tart Magica, Vol. 1: The Legend Of Jeanne D'Arc



Synopsis

Joan of Arc is revered as a hero of the Hundred Years' War and a saint of the Catholic church. But her leadership and strength of character in her time did not escape the notice of Kyubey, who, even in the fifteenth century, sought magical girl candidates for their valuable energies. With her friends and fellow magical girls fighting at her side, Joan fights the English occupiers of France--but will she soon find herself fighting something much more sinister?!

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Customer Reviews

This is a spinoff of the Puella Magi Madoka Magica series. You don't need to read the original manga/watch the original anime to understand this comic, though I highly recommend doing so if you haven't. Of all the English-released spinoffs this has been the strongest first volume. There are a number of things it does right (and a few it does wrong). The things it does right: there's a lot of research and history presented in the novel, and a number of characters (obviously including Miss Joan of Arc) are based off of real ones. It's nice to read a comic that has effort put into it. Additionally, it avoids a plotline that shows up in almost every Puella Magi spinoff so far (witch origins) with a few pages, which is pretty refreshing. The art and character designs are pretty cool, and the witch designs are probably my favorite of all the ones in the spinoffs. The pacing is for the most part okay, although it really lags when discussing Tart's past. The first chapter is easily the best, while the ones after it are subpar (the one with her training is downright boring as it's easy to predict what will happen). Characters are somewhat flat but with some promise, and the first chapter

does a good job of setting up their personalities. The villain and secondary characters' motivations haven't been revealed yet and might help round them out. Tart herself is a pretty boring, naive do-gooder who doesn't seem to understand the implications of what is happening around her, and she's also shown to be the strongest magical girl.

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