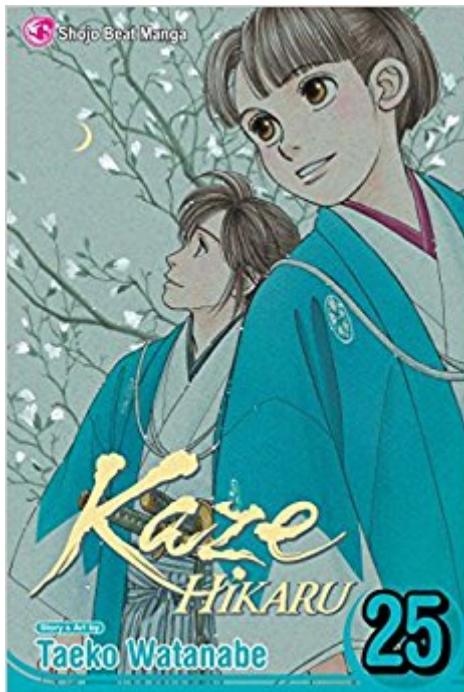


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Synopsis

A historical romance set in the time of Rurouni Kenshin! In the 1860s in Japan, a new era is dawning. During this time fraught with violent social upheaval, samurai of all walks of life flock to Kyoto in the hope of joining a band of warriors united around their undying loyalty to the Shogunate system. This group became one of the greatest (and most infamous) movements in Japanese history...the Shinsengumi! Shinsengumi vice captain Toshizo recounts his youth as an aspiring swordsman and his budding relationship with captain Kondo. Later, Kondo, Toshizo and Tominaga Sei, a female samurai living as a man, confront internal strife when money goes missing from the Shinsengumi's coffer. Sei must face her fears when Shinsengumi leadership hands down a terrible punishment to a fellow warrior.

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Taeko Watanabe debuted as a manga artist in 1979 with her story *Waka-chan no Netsuai Jidai* (Love Struck Days of Waka). *Kaze Hikaru* is her longest-running series, but she has created a number of other popular series. Watanabe is a two-time winner of the prestigious Shogakukan Manga Award in the girls' category—her manga *Hajime-chan go Ichiban!* (*Hajime-chan Is Number One!*) claimed the award in 1991, and *Kaze Hikaru* took it in 2003. Watanabe read hundreds of historical sources to create *Kaze Hikaru*. She is from Tokyo.

Only giving it a three due to it only coming out once a year when in Japan it's already at volume 40 and the series is complete

I wait all year for the next volume to be released. "Kaze Hikaru" is one of my favorite manga of all time and it makes me kind of sad that it is so "under the radar." The characters are endearing and the plot is compelling; I love the mangaka's dedication to research and historical accuracy. It's a great story for fans of history and the Shinsengumi in particular whether or not you're into shojō. In a series this great I keep expecting one lackluster volume but volume 25 keeps up the standard. This volume contains a lot of Hijikata (which I'm all for) yet still gets back to some of the day-to-day Shinsengumi stuff and Sei learning and growing. The goofy/awkward/sweet interactions were top-notch this volume. I can't get enough of this series.

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