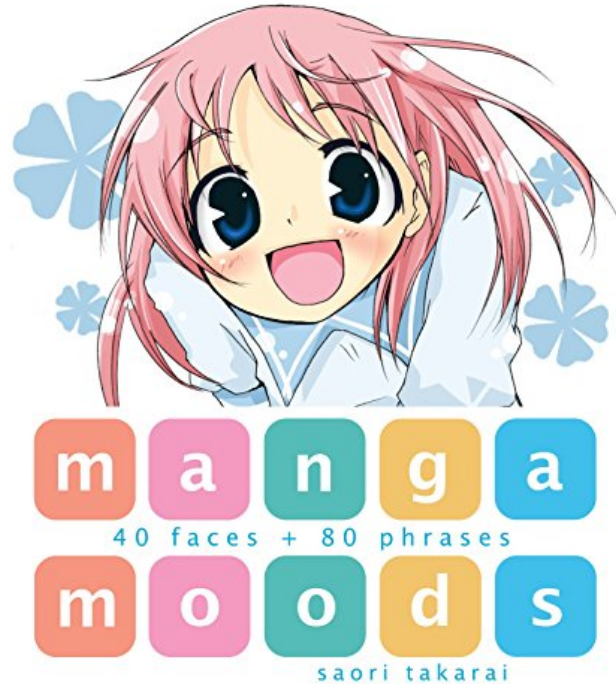


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helpful. Cute, But Lacks Detail By L.B. My original thoughts on this book were that that it would be a handy reference guide to drawing expressions and moods. I was surprised at how short it was, and how little information or details there really are. It would make a nice coffee table book, or a quick reference guide if you wanted to draw exactly what they had in the book. It only contains female faces, from a front facing angle, and only has a few expressions typed under it. The printed text I did not find helpful, but the small portraits may be useful if you're stuck on how to express an emotion. There are no instructions or tips on how to create those looks, however. My copy is the Kindle version, and I am glad for that, as the price point is more in line with the quality and content of the book. It is incredibly short, and not very useful unless you just want some cute ideas to go on. One thing to note is that the Kindle Edition is best read on a tablet, or a device that allows for better zooming and full color. It does not display very well on the Kindle W/Keyboard or the Kindle Touch and loses some of its impact because the grays are very faint. Zooming in is necessary to really get the most out of the expressions. Who this book is best for: Anyone who wants a pocket guide for basic manga expressions, beginners wanting to see how emotions look on characters, those who want a book for inspiration on characters.

A raised eyebrow, a curled lip, a wink of the eye. All it takes is a single clever stroke of the G-pen to instantly change a manga character's mood from one extreme to the other: glad to sad, sassy to shy, angry to embarrassed. Illustrator Saori Takarai presents original pencil sketches alongside her finished, full-color drawings, to show just how the transformations take place. In addition, each of the facial expressions is labeled with the Japanese word for the mood being depicted, along with common Japanese conversational phrases and simple translations, making this delightful book a great gift for aspiring artists, language enthusiasts and manga fans alike!