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Mangamania

(NAPSA)—At first glance, the world of manga may seem mysterious, but these new titles make it easier to understand and enjoy illustrated comic books with their vivid action sequences and clipped dialogues.



Even the accomplished artist or hobbyist may be intimidated by the prospect of inking his or her own manga at home. But now there's help: Professional artist and manga expert

Kensuke Okabayashi has taken an easy-to-read approach to explaining and drawing manga in "Manga For Dummies" (Wiley). It's packed with a history of these surprisingly sophisticated comics and all the essential keys to drawing them.

Shakespeare's unforgettable characters, outsized passions, ferocious action and supernatural



visitations are a perfect fit for the drama of manga. That's why the experts at CliffsNotes have created "Shakespeare: The Manga Edition" series. With manga, reading the

classics—"Hamlet," "Julius Caesar," "Macbeth" and "Romeo and Juliet"—is more fun than ever.

Each book begins with a four-page essay summarizing the play and tying the manga and the literature together. Followed by the manga itself, the classics virtually come to life on the page, each scene laid out with highly detailed and exciting illustrations.