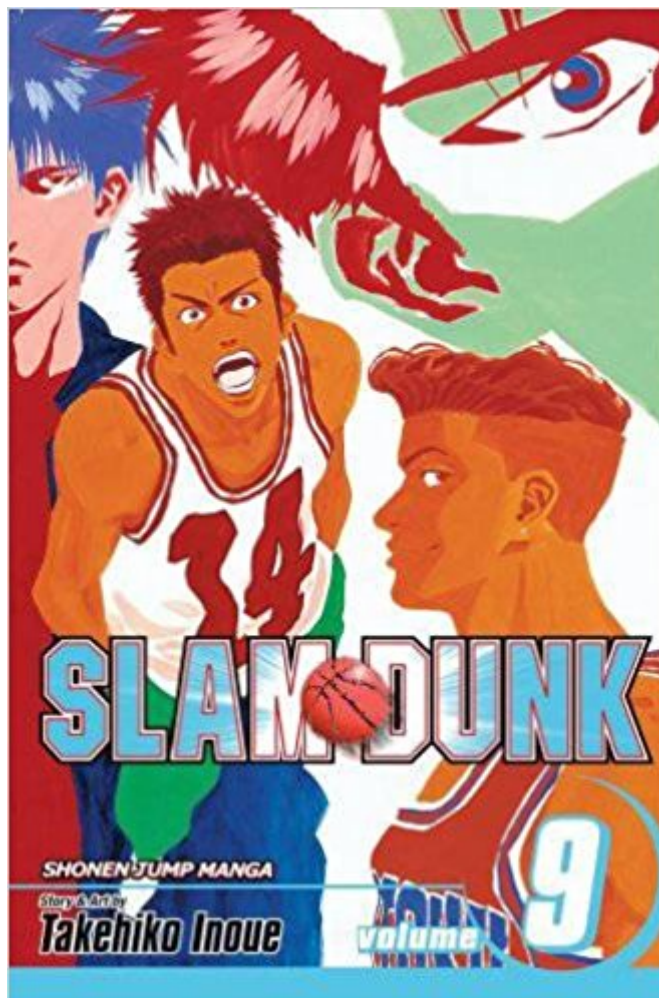


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## Synopsis

He tried to slam her with love, but she dunked his heart. R to L (Japanese Style). He tried to slam her with love, but she dunked his heart. As luck would have it, the basketball team narrowly avoids suspension over the all-out-brawl incident when Yohei and Mitsui's friends take responsibility. Now, with Mitsui back in the lineup for the first time in two years, Shohoku quickly resumes practice in preparation for their upcoming tournament. As punishment for the lack of discipline they displayed in the fight, though, Coach Anzai decides on a starting lineup for Shohoku's game without Hanamichi, Rukawa, Ryota and Mitsui. Can Anzai's squad hold their own when their best players (and perpetual problem children) ride the bench?

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If you love basketball, you will love *Slam Dunk*. The story of a brute named Hanamichi who has his issues finding a girlfriend (or any girl to like him), but has fallen for Haruko Akagi, the sister of Shohoku High's Takenori Akagi, the team captain of the basketball team. But knowing that she loves basketball and likes star player Kaede Rukawa. So, Hanamichi is determined in proving to her that he can excel in basketball but also hopefully winning her heart. But because of Hanamichi's lack of manners and basketball knowledge, will he be able to prove to Haruko and the team that he deserves to be a player for the team? Or will he be the laughing stock of Shohoku High School? In volume 9, the intensity of basketball and the strategy is the main focal point for *Slam Dunk* as the Prefectural Tournament is now here and for

Shohoku High School to advance to the nationals, they must win! For this volume, we get to see Shohoku High School playing in three matches and to see how each player does in competition but as Hanamichi Sakuragi, he has one major problem and that is his defense is good but he gives to many fouls, in fact, he fouls out in every game. But can he keep his fouls to a minimum? His illustrations have always been a highlight for me and I was always amazed of how he captured movements, the offensive and defensive stances to how the players penetrate the perimeter and score. But what I enjoyed about this latest volume is showing Hanamichi's progression as a player. While he has learned the game quickly, he is still learning the fundamentals and finds himself worried because he fouls out of a game too quickly. So, it will be interesting to see how he improves from this latest challenge. As for the manga, the detail of Inoue's artwork is just wonderful, the action, the sweat, the emotions are captured amazingly well on each page. Overall, "Slam Dunk" is an enjoyable manga series that is not just for basketball fans but for those who want a manga series that captures the spirit of basketball, competition, the strategy involved in the sport but a captivating storyline with cool characters that makes this series worth recommending! Takehiko Inoue's "Slam Dunk" vol. 9 is highly recommended!

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