



THE 18TH JAPAN INTERNATIONAL MANGA AWARD

The Forest Mermaid

Artist : Hiro Kawahara (Brazil)

Artist profile :

Hiro Kawahara was born in Brazil, the grandson of Japanese immigrants. He has been an illustrator for over 30 years and a comic book author for 10 years. He created and illustrated for over 20 years for McDonald's in Brazil, and has published 8 comic books, including "Parzifal", which won the Unesco-PUC Chair Prize for Young People's Literature in 2017. "The Forest Mermaid" was published in 2023 by JBC Editora

Story :

In a universe where mythical creatures live, a mermaid, the last of her kind, makes a pact with strange entities to survive in another world and in another body. She resurfaces in a European forest during the Middle Ages and is rescued by a Persian healer and alchemist. Together, they try to adapt to this new reality, while the Great Plague and the Inquisition devastate the world around them.

Language : Portuguese

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RISE POLLY

Artist : Preecha Jai-ordthon (Thai)

Artist profile :

A teacher and enjoy writing manga at the same time. It's the first-time receiving awards in all manga competitions.

Story :

A boy named Paul lives with his grandmother and another friend in a large house in the middle of the forest, hiding a secret. Paul and his grandmother must fight to protect their home.

Language : Thai

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The Banana Sprout vol.2

Artist : 左萱 (Zuo Hsuan) (Taiwan)

Artist profile :

2017 《神之鄉 上》 The Summer Temple Fair vol.1 won the 10th JAPAN INTERNATIONAL MANGA AWARD Bronze Award. Leading to the sale of rights for four translations and adapted into a television drama. 2023 《芭蕉的芽 1》 The Banana Sprout 1 won the 14th Comics for the Year of Golden Comic Awards.

Story :

In the 1930s at Taihoku High School, he disciplined and serious Taiwanese student Yeh Hsing-Chiao meets the free-spirited Japanese student Nanjo Untaro. Despite their differing personalities, they form a strong friendship and together launch the free-spirited magazine Sound of Bells. A historical story of youth embracing freedom in an oppressive era.

Language : Chinese

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SCARS

Artist : Brandon Arias (Chile)

Artist profile :

A Chilean manga author. His first manga, "Cicatrices" addresses strong themes such as transidentity and harassment with delicacy and intelligence. With an artstyle inspired by the iconic Inio ASANO.

Story :

Kyonosuke is a young boy with a scar across his face who endures daily bullying from his classmates. Akira is a young girl from his school, beaten by her father, and hiding a dark secret. Hurt, rejected and humiliated, their encounter is the beginning of a relationship that will lead them to flee this toxic environment.

Language : French

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Chronicles of man – Noãn

Artist : Nguyen Thuy Linh (Vietnam)
Original Author : Nguyen Trung Thach (Vietnam)
Language : Vietnamese
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Whisky San

Aritist : Alicia Grande (Spain)
Original Author : Fabien Rodhain (France), Didier Alcante (Belgium)
Language : Spanish
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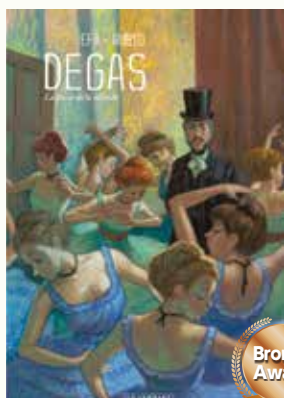
Aritist : dee Juusan (Jordan)
Language : English
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Last Call to Leave Earth

Aritist : Cassio Ribeiro (Brasil)
Language : Portuguese
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Degas and Cassatt, The dance of solitude

Aritist : Efa (Spain)
Original Author : Salva Rubio (Spain)
Language : French
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The idealist

Aritist : 水然 (watery) (China)
Language : Chinese
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The Legend of the Forbidden City Cats

Aritist : 金涛 (China)
Original Author : 北京漫传奇文化传播有限公司, 刘玮 (China)
Language : Chinese
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SIGI - Tome -1- Opération Brünnhilde

Aritist : 'david morancho (Spain)
Original Author : Erik Arnoux (France)
Language : French
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Little Feather

Aritist : Nao (Russia)
Original Author : Ivan Navinkin (Russia)
Language : Russian
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Underground, Volume 1: Fight Club

Aritist : John-Raymond De Bard (USA)
Language : English
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Dream and his twin brother Death

Aritist : KoLoDa (Ukraine)
Original Author : CoFi-Tan (Ukraine)
Language : Ukrainian
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