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Tokyo Ghoul takes place in modern day Tokyo, Japan and follows the life of 18 year old college freshman Ken Kaneki. While all may seem normal, this world is infested with humanoid creatures called ghouls, who can only survive eating human flesh. Kaneki's love for literature allows him to get a date with Rize Kamishiro, whom he meets at his favorite coffee shop "Anteiku". Little does he know Rize is actually a ghoul and she is not interested in Kaneki as a person, but in his flesh. After revealing her true intentions to Kaneki, they are both crushed by steel beams dropped on them. In order to save Kaneki's life, the doctors implant Rize's organs into him, turning Kaneki into a ghoul. After waking up and not fully understanding what has been done to him, he begins to struggle with the fact he has become a ghoul and the lifestyle that comes with it.

I personally love this series but this first volume is the perfect introduction to the world and characters. The first chapter immediately sets up the rest of the series with Kaneki's struggle to retain his humanity. Kaneki is by far my favorite character because of how dynamic and real his character feels. It is shocking how quickly everything seems to be moving and leaves you intrigued for what will happen in the next page.

I would recommend this book to anyone who likes a dark yet intriguing plot with many dynamic characters and an interesting world. Tokyo Ghoul thrives on its incredible protagonist and characters with the art to compliment every page, leaving you hungry for more.