DRAGONBALL MANGA: A HISTORY

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JAPANESE RELEASES



Weekly Shônen Jump

週刊少年ジャンプ 1984 to 1995

DragonBall was printed on a chapter-by-chapter basis in this weekly anthology (aimed at young boys) during the publication's "golden age".



Tankôbon

単行本

1985 to 1995

Roughly equivalent to a graphic novel, DragonBall's 519 chapters were compiled into this series of 42 small-sized, black & white books.



Film Anime Comics

フィルム アニメ コミックス

1992 to 1997

Similar to an "animanga", this series of books showcases screen-shots from all movies and TV-specials done manga-style with written dialogue.



Kanzenban

完全版

2002 to 2004

This "complete edition" of the manga, printed on highquality paper and with new cover art from Toriyama, was condensed down to 34 volumes with a new ending.



TV Edition Anime Comic

TV版 アニメ コミックス

2005 to present

Similar to the Film Anime Comics, these "animanga"style releases are recent productions, showcasing screen-shots from the TV series with written dialogue.

AMERICAN RELEASES



Monthly Comic Books 1998 to 2003

Viz released monthly comic book styled versions, chapter by chapter. These releases were eventually canceled in favor of only graphic novels.



Graphic Novels 2000 to 2003

While initially released censored, Viz began releasing uncensored versions in 2001. These larger sized GNs were discontinued in favor of smaller versions.



Shonen Jump (US) 2003 to present

The "Z" portion of DragonBall ran from 2003 to 2005 (Trunks to end of Cell), similar to its Japanese Jump counterpart. It still pops up inside from time to time.



Graphic Novels (SJ) 2003 to 2006

Viz canceled all larger-sized graphic novels in favor of smaller ones, these branded with the "Shonen Jump" label. The entire series was released this way.







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