
Masamune Shirow

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Description

Deep into the 21st century, the line between man and machine has been inexorably blurred as humans rely on the enhancement of mechanical implants and robots are upgraded with human tissue. In this rapidly converging landscape, cyborg super-agent Major Motoko Kusanagi is charged to track down the craftiest and most dangerous terrorists and cybercriminals, including "ghost hackers," capable of exploiting the human/machine interface by re-programming human minds to become puppets to carry out their criminal ends. When Major Kusanagi tracks the cybertrail of one such master hacker, the Puppeteer, her quest leads her into a world beyond information and technology where the very nature of consciousness and the human soul are turned upside-down and inside-out.

Insightful reviews

Katie: I was completely confused from page one, I felt I had come in half-way through a hard sci-fi series. The Plot was all over the place and the characters were hard to keep up with.

The sexy-lesbian-android bit wasn't even a smutty little offshoot, it was just porn for porns sake and the artwork went from absolutly beautiful to something my little brother could draw. At one point Masamune actually writes 'After this, there's a scene where Mokoto takes over the driving and Togusa checks his gear and puts it on, but it was too much of a hassle to draw, so I left it out' a mangaka shouldn't find their art a 'hassle', if they did they should just be novelists, that's if they can actually be *arsed* to.

Unfortunately the substratum of this story is interesting but it has been done before and let's be honest, everyone else did it better.

Xylemicarious: Wow. Well, let me put it this way: It's almost entirely very dense philosophy and politics, broken up with the occasional blast of gunfire or flash of nudity. I hate to say it though... I probably like the movie a bit better. This just felt a bit too fragmented and episodic for its own good. Peril of the medium I suppose. Anyway, it's still pretty much required reading for cyberpunk enthusiasts, it also serves as a decent intro to information theory and philosophy of machinery/cybernetics if you read along with Shirow's notes in the back. His politics kind of weird me out sometimes, but no doubt the man has a fascinating mind (or is that ghost?).

S.: I added some children's books here on goodreads and then get flooded with recommendations / discussions notifications and had to de-rate most of them. with this in mind, hopefully rating this comic book won't result in dramatically different book recs from the GR algorithm. Shirow's work stands more on pictures than stories, to be sure, and his specialty, lithe females in bodysuits and combat robots, is inspiredly chosen, but in any case, i guess it's fair to call this the best of Japanese cyberpunk, although it's comics and text, so to speak.

aside from the fairly standard trope of 'mysterious government groups battling each other' (section VII vs. section 12, with or without support from agency Z), and some amount of 80s-ish influence in the form of Soviets still being a major global player and many of the haircuts straight

out of 80s glam rock, this book might be worth it to the non-genre reader simple for the imagination involved in the visuals, the sensuous vehicle designs (all aerocoverters flowing, liquid), the predicted near-future fashions of chicks sporting lingerie beneath biker jackets, all combine to create a cultural vision that resonates with people across the world. much of the problem, the east asian specialist faces--it is said--is resolving the greater chinese economic / social force versus the sheer stylishness of the japanese; who do you favour?



^^since a picture says a thousand words, I guess this is the summary of the work. in bio-neuro Neo Tokyo, after World War IV (!), human-machine interfaces are commonplace, and the titantic struggle being fought is between a shadowy resistance and the internal security troops of Public Safety 9, featuring a cop duo, big, cyborg, firepower Bateaux and the lithe sleek optical camo Motoko ; features: subtle sexual tension between big moosy Bateaux and sleek clever M, lots of firepower, city-scapes, cop-on-terrorist action, interdepartmental scheming where mysterious mainland interests may be in collusion with elements of the J gov't, but who is corrupt and who is clean? the book features elements not found in the movie (available free on youku.com, search 'ghost in the shell'), incl. exploitation of child labour, soviets, 'perverted' scenes (but movie has 'deserted city', eerie soundtrack of folk chanters, some better aesthetic choices (!) actually)

oh no, I can't resist:

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anyway, i guess the larger question is the importance of cyberpunk today in 2013 (a date which once upon a time was cyberpunk itself)-- we are all connected to the machine, but not through HMIInterfaces, but rather chat boards and i phones. who woulda thunk. in contrast to night cityscapes and neon blue, the modern world is still pretty recognizable in the form of 20th century architecture, but if we have less hacker violence and biomechanical implants (the book is set in 2029), on the other hand, a lot of tokyo seems cleaner and more well run than the chaotic neo city portrayed in GotS

this is considered the best of japanese cyberpunk comic books, so definitely worth a look by any cyberpunk fan, but of course most cyberpunk fans are already familiar with j aesthetics.
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Olgalijo: this is often a kind of cult authors who've humans telling you all over the place how stable they are. I disagree. Completely. Yes, he applies a few beautiful difficult center moral dilemmas to the longer term world, yet that is it. The paintings is simply ugly, and never in particular original, except the adjustments from black and white to paint (and to inform you the truth, it seems to be extra like he sought after colour yet used to be too lazy to stick with up on it). The plot is hard to follow, no longer as the rules are so complicated, yet as the panels are poorly selected and ordered. Moreover, the insistence on drawing virtually thoroughly bare girl our bodies in each web page and rankings of violent scenes jogs my memory of the teenage boy identical of the likes of Diana Gabaldon and Jane Auer.

John Wiswell: joyful to have eventually sat down with this seminal cyberpunk. It's hard and excites me to offer the sub-genre extra of a chance, as being particularly blind to it, a lot of those principles suppose fresh. a number of of its chapters are overwhelming, though, as Masamune appeared chuffed to write down quite a bit personality exposition that instead of greedy what characters needed to do, i used to be often swamped by way of characters and intel. Throw in any tradition conflict i would have and that i was once nonetheless simply guessing I'd figured it out a pair times. these are the breaks, I guess, whilst an writer from one other language and tradition attracts silicon wires evolving right into a human physique to debate neuro-philosophy. Masamune's paintings is inconsistent. such a lot of his panels are crudely drawn, specially while portraying men. He's even more cozy drawing lovely women, who he'll exit of his strategy to installed the foreground. there has been one series particularly the place the spies Motoko and Batou secretly board a ship; we will be able to slightly see male Batou within the background, whereas we've a close-up view of girl Motoko's crotch. It's a bit creepy at times, and extra saddening that a lot of the comedian has minimum detail, simply because while Masamune focuses, he has extraordinary facial expressions and top-notch environments. The highlights are the full-color pages depicting neural networks so advanced they could take as lengthy to digest because the plot within the remainder of the chapter. This assortment isn't really a unmarried on-going story, yet quite the episodic adventures of part

Nine, a central authority anti-terrorist unit in general created from hitmen and spies that S9's boss bribed into service. The hole of the quantity exhibits Motoko assassinating a cretin in what lands up being her audition. After these events, there's something both nerve-racking and fascinating approximately gazing her toady to her boss in a while for a raise. Most of the tales stick to a well-known cop-show formula, with our lead investigators being introduced, a criminal offense committed, an excessive amount of exposition laying out the context, after which the pursuit. All the tales are enjoyable at their worst, seeming novel even many years after the institution of cop-formula due to their strange cyberpunk elements, like an unwitting bomber who's reminiscence has been hacked into pondering all he's doing is wooing an ex-wife that doesn't exist, or a grasp of espionage that could simply be a virulent disease on a back-up tough drive. Amid encroaching cyborgification of the population and every thing heading online, settings and trappings seldom believe reused or retreaded, and a few of the sharpest rules in basic terms occur within the ultimate chapters. Any feedback I've got for Masamune's paintings fell away a panel suggesting an angel's footprint in the course of a electronic epiphany. This quantity was once a present from a loving friend, and is beautiful tough to trace down. I've learn that different versions censor the artwork or really get rid of elements of story, that's unforgivable, particularly today while direct scanlations are so prevalent. I can't converse to different versions of the story, though. I will be able to in basic terms strongly suggest giving this quantity a chance.

Terry: The manga 'Ghost within the Shell', comes securely wrapped in cellophane, with a parental advisory caution label at the entrance cover. Yes, it features a little of every little thing you'll anticipate whilst seeing a parental advisory. It is a superb book. primarily it's a serious, grownup technology fiction (cyber-punk or post-cyberpunk) illustrated novel. Or placed one other way, it's an grownup comedian book. The surroundings is a destiny during which the know-how and the human have all started to overlap. a few people selected to have their our bodies partly or fully changed by way of robotic bodies, making them cyborgs. those our bodies are indistinguishable from human our bodies (except for the weight), and now and again they've got better strength, hidden hooked up weapons, and different devices. additionally there are robots which likewise look, and principally behave, like humans. the adaptation can usually in basic terms be decided by means of a experiment to realize a 'ghost', essentially the spirit, living contained in the body. The major personality is significant Motoko Kusanagi, of 'section 6', a unique forces unit of the Japanese police. many of the tale is a superb police/military/spy thriller-adventure. yet inlaid with the motion is philosophic-scientific hypothesis on numerous questions, primarily: 'What is human?'. Masamune references engineering, biology, chemistry, Buddhism, the Kabbalah, western philosophy, etc. The major characters are attention-grabbing yet no longer consistently sympathetic, simply because of their crime-fighting journeys, they're occasionally jaded and unsympathetic towards the victims. Does this easily suggest they're occasionally assholes, or is Masamune suggesting their partial or overall mechanization is making them much less human?

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