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Dragon Ball Culture Volume 2: Adventure



Synopsis

Son Goku's adventure begins! Join me in Dragon Ball Culture Volume 2, as we travel along with Goku on his epic journey for greater strength. With each step that Goku takes, you'll discover more of the hidden spirituality and symbolism in Dragon Ball that makes the series so successful. You'll see how author Akira Toriyama synthesizes Chinese culture, Western technology, and Buddho-Daoist philosophy to create a series that speaks to your humanity. Not because of the action or the humor, but because it reminds you of what it means to be alive. Along the way you'll learn of Goku's ancient origin. You'll hear how the legend of a wild monkey-man begins in India, evolves across 2,000 years of Chinese and Japanese history, and leads to the Goku you know and love. I'll walk you through the journey from the first page to the last. And by the time we're done, you will be an expert on Dragon Ball's culture. Volume 2 explores Chapters 1 to 23 of the Dragon Ball manga. So let's take our first step with Goku!

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In this Volume, our author takes us through the peaks and valleys of the first story-arc where we meet our main players. Here, the protagonists, the antagonists and all of the supporting cast are brought under magnification for a rather intimate inspection of all the fragments that makes them a whole. We learn about the influences from various cultures, pop or otherwise, that helped to flesh out these beloved characters. From James Bond films to Aladdin and from timeless classics like Animal Farm to The Lost World of Sinbad; there is revelation upon revelation from each inspired

artifact that has melded into such a cohesive narrative that is the epic Dragon Ball tale. But this exploration doesn't stop there, we also delve into the backdrop that underpins all of our character's adventures; we sift through information about the vehicles in the Dragon World, the clothes, the architecture and every other trivial tidbit that adds to a more richly invigorating experience whenever we encounter this story; whether it be in every re-read or multiple viewing of the manga and/or anime, respectively. For any admirer of stories this scope of work is indispensable. We are rewarded with a comprehension that lends itself to build bridges across boundaries of ethnicity, time, region, etc. and adds to the way we communicate ideas and passions by the way of our chosen media outlet. Once the first story-arc is digested, we are then treated to an invigorating Appendix. A place where some time is spent writing about the parallels of the Indian and Chinese classics that helped to give structure to Dragon Ball. For anyone who has never read the Eastern quintessential like 'Journey to the West' or 'Ramayanam' this is a small literary recap of the utmost importance.

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