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Subject: Japanese Animation

Posted by [0607jj04](#) on Mon, 16 Sep 2013 17:22:39 GMT

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Salutations ( and other forms of greeting ) !

You'll have to forgive me (that is, I hope you will) for posting this on so many boards, but I thought a wider dispersion might bring some useful replies.

I'd like to know if anyone out there has an interest in Japanese animation especially the histories, books, memorabilia, videos, etc. of

- 1 ) the YAMATO series films and TV serials  
(both the Japanese originals and the American cloned 'Star Blazers')
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- 4 ) older Japanese animation, such as SPEED RACER.

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Any info you can spare will be GREATLY appreciated ! Let me know I'm not completely alone out here.....\*

"Can you read Japanese ?"

"With artwork like this, does it really matter ???"

JOhn JOhnston, YAMATO Flight Crew

@ Saint Joseph's University,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

P.S. IF you want to post replies to the net for the benefit of everyone interested, post them in 'net.comics' or 'net.sf-lovers'; we'll stop posting replies to whichever of these two nets thinks this kind of info isn't proper for that group ! Thanx again !

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Subject: Re: Japanese Animation  
Posted by [jts](#) on Tue, 17 Sep 2013 18:34:40 GMT  
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Posted: Thu Feb 14 20:51:25 1985  
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Sender: [jts@cornell.UUCP](mailto:jts@cornell.UUCP)  
Organization: Cornell Univ. CS Dept.  
Lines: 25

From: [jts](#) (Jim Sasaki)

[color=blue]> I'd like to know if anyone out there has an interest in Japanese animation[/color]  
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[color=blue]> .... [edited] [/color]

I have a softcover comic book, titled "Star Blazers", volume 1. It sounds like the sort of thing you'd be interested in. I bought it in a grubby store in Chicago (my home town), but on the inside cover, it gives their distributor's address and phone number:

Nippon Shuppan Hanbai USA, Inc  
(Books Nippon)  
532 W. Sixth Street  
Los Angeles CA 90014

213/687-7400

Maybe they deliver. Good luck.

-- Jim Sasaki (jts@cornell.{ARPA|UUCP}, {ihnp4|vax135|...}!cornell!jts)

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Subject: Re: Japanese Animation  
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Posted: Mon Feb 18 19:21:35 1985  
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Sender: notes@wdl1.UUCP  
Organization: Ford Aerospace, Western Development Laboratories  
Lines: 11  
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Nf-From: wdl1!jrb Feb 18 14:14:00 1985

There are in fact three volumes of \_Star Blazers\_. They are a book form of the American recut of the Japanese TV series \_Space Cruiser Yamato\_. The book consists of frame blowups with word balloons added. The show is on some of the syndicated TV stations in the US. In addition to the TV series in Japan there are four feature length animated films.

John R Blaker  
UUCP: ...!fortune!wdl1!jrb  
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and blaker@FORD-WDL2

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Subject: re: Japanese animation  
Posted by [boyajian](#) on Tue, 17 Sep 2013 18:34:48 GMT  
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Sender: daemon@decwrl.UUCP  
Organization: DEC Engineering Network  
Lines: 34

[color=blue]> From: cornelljts (Jim Sasaki)[/color]

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[color=blue]> Nippon Shuppan Hanbai USA, Inc[/color]  
[color=blue]> (Books Nippon)[/color]  
[color=blue]> 532 W. Sixth Street[/color]  
[color=blue]> Los Angeles CA 90014[/color]  
[color=blue]> [/color]  
[color=blue]> 213/687-7400[/color]

So far, there are \*three\* volumes such as you describe (with one more to go to finish the first serial). I picked up my copies at my regular comics shop. Most big comics shops should carry them, as well as a ton of other Japanese graphic albums of YAMATO and related material (in Japanese, of course). The albums from Books Nippon have the advantage that they're in English. They are definitely worth getting.

--- jayembee (Jerry Boyajian, DEC, Maynard, MA)

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Lines: 7

I was up in Toronto recently. The Silver Snail comic shop on Queen Street has a lot of Japanese-language animation books (Capt. Harlock, etc.) as well as plastic robot kits and so on.

Mike Ciaraldi  
seismo!rochester!ciaraldi

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Subject: Re: Japanese Animation  
Posted by [mae](#) on Tue, 17 Sep 2013 18:34:59 GMT  
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John Johnston writes:

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You are not alone John and hopefully other people will join this discussion, too. I'm cutting back the newsgroups posted to, to just net.tv and net.comics (net.sf-lovers tends to get upset about tv/movie related discussions). Almost all Japanese animated series are either based on manga (Japanese comic books) or are printed in comic form after the fact either as anime comics (using frame reproductions like a photo-novel) or as adaptations, so the net.comics folks may be interested.

The best way to find out about these shows is to join the Cartoon/Fantasy Organization or C/FO. The national club newsletter is terrific and there are lots of local chapters that have monthly meetings and put out their own newsletters. Some members trade tapes with fans in Japan. There are more and more dealers turning up at conventions with books, posters, and models but not much gets shown on video programs unless a local C/FO or Star Blazers Fan Club chapter organizes it. C/FO MidAtlantic organized a Japanese animation video room at ConStellation, the 1983 World Con, and there was a lot shown at last year's World Con since there are a lot of C/FO chapters in California. The Star Blazers Fan Club usually runs the video room at Lunacon in New York.

Some of my favorites are Yamato (of course), Urashiman, Macross (a nice English version of this is coming out on tape, just ignore the horrid theme song they added), Captain Harlock, Dunbine, Orguss, Catseye, Gatchaman, Lupin III, Mospeada, Mobile Suit Gundam and ... I had better stop there before I fill up the page. I remember enjoying Speed Racer and Marine Boy when I was little, but they don't look so good compared to the excellent productions coming out now. The increase in quality is particularly visible over the course of the Yamato series - the first series, from 1974, looks good compared to American tv animation even today, but each production gets better up to the movie Final Yamato, from 1983, which has an unbearably stupid plot but beautiful art work.

[color=blue]> "Can you read Japanese ?"/[color]  
I'm learning, using manga and books about animated series.  
[color=blue]> "With artwork like this, does it/[color]  
[color=blue]> really matter ???"/[color]  
Quite true!

Further comments and questions welcome!

Mary Anne Espenshade  
...!seismo!umcp-cs!aplvox!mae

Subject: Re: Japanese Animation  
Posted by [Kevin\[1\]\[2\]](#) on Tue, 17 Sep 2013 18:35:03 GMT  
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References:  
Reply-To: kevin@voder.UUCP (The Last Bugfighter)  
Distribution: na  
Organization: National Semiconductor, Santa Clara  
Lines: 17  
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Summary:

In article 0607jj04@sjuvax.UUCP (johnston) writes:

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If you're really interested in excellent Japanese animation try watching  
\*Mighty Orbots\* on ABC Saturday mornings at 8:00am. Although distributed by  
MGM and appearing to have been animated for America (the lipsync definitely  
seems to be for english words) it was animated by Japanese artists. It beats  
\*Star Blazers\* and \*Galaxy 999\* hollow. The stories themselves are better  
than your usual saturday morning stuff. One word of caution, the episodes  
at the beginning of the season are of slightly higher quality than those  
towards the end.

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Organization: Olivetti ATC, Cupertino, Ca  
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Is there a place that carries the various models and toys that are based on animated Japanese shows? If it's in the San Francisco area or mail order, it's close enough for me.

Thanks,  
Gary  
(hplabs,allegro,ihnp4)olive!olivee!gnome

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Subject: Re: Japanese Animation  
Posted by [psc](#) on Wed, 18 Sep 2013 19:42:16 GMT  
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References:  
Organization: AT&T-IS Enhanced Network Services  
Lines: 33  
Xref: watmath net.comics:1523 net.tv:2558  
Summary: Orbots are okay, but Lupin is better.

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[color=blue]> higher quality than those towards the end.[/color]

Gee, I must have seen late season stuff.

Let's be fair. MIGHTY ORBOTS mostly seems like a take off on VOTRON, with a good taste of . . . oh, felgercarb, that DC comic from the 60s, with a buch of robots, each made of a different metal (e.g., tin, gold, iron, etc.) The robots are not to be taken 100% seriously, and I assume, neither is the series. Even if you did take it seriously (a bad move for Saturday at eight in the morning), it wouldn't be too bad,



compared to its competition.

You want to talk \*GOOD\* Japanese animation? In a word, LUPIN. In two words, "Lupin III", a French third generation thief. He has a couple of sidekicks, a Chicago hit man and a Japanese samurai, who were sent to kill him and decided to join him instead. More action than STAR WARS, more adventure than James Bond, not quite as many laughs as Bugs Bunny.

Outside of SF cons, the only time I've seen Lupin is in the laser video game "Cliffhanger". This is made of scenes from two Lupin movies: CASTLE CAGLIOSTRO (which is subtitled), and some other one (the one with the helicopter in the sewer, which is dubbed). Check out the "L" on "Cliff's" belt buckle.

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-Paul S. R. Chisholm

...!{pegasus,cbosgd}!lzm!psc The above opinions are my own,  
...!{hocsj,ihnp4}!lnv!psc not necessarily anyone else's.