



Orange by Ichigo Takano
Reviewed by Chloe



One Complete Series
Romance, Science-Fiction

Give a summary without spoilers!

Orange is the story of a teenage girl named Naho. On the day that she is entering her junior year of high school, she discovers a letter from herself sent from 10 years in the future. The letter advises Naho to look after the new transfer student, Kakeru. Assuming it's a prank, Naho initially ignores the letter. However, she begins to believe it's real as the letter's predictions become true one by one. As Naho tries her best to save Kakeru from a terrible fate, she struggles with relationships between friends, and develops some "more-than-friends" feelings for others.

What drew you to this book?

What mainly drew me to this media was the overall concept of it. Receiving letters, or any sort of sign, from the future is just super cool to think about. I'm pretty sure everyone wishes at some point that they could get counsel from their future self on what they should or should not do, so this story fulfills that "what if?" question. In addition to the plot, the art style of the novel just drew me in. It's very warm and aesthetically pleasing to me.

Did it remind you of something that you've previously read?

Leaning more towards the science-fiction side, this series reminded me of any superhero or action movie that deals with alternate realities. Some examples include the *X-Men*, *Spider-Man: No Way Home* and the *Star Trek* films. All of these movies have pretty similar logic when it comes to the alternate reality trope, and it made it easier for me as the reader to understand what was happening within the story. On a romance note, it's pretty much your basic high-school romance story. One that is quite similar is the *Komi Can't Communicate* series by Tomohito Oda.

To whom would you recommend this book?

I would recommend this series to anyone who enjoys slice of life romances! It is a quick read, but still pulls the reader in, and I found it hard to put it down. Due to sensitive topics such as depression and suicide, I would recommend this series to anyone 14 or older.

Overall, did you like it and would you recommend it to others?

Overall, I really enjoyed reading the Orange series!! It has a good balance of romance and science fiction, the pacing is good, and the characters are all well thought out and developed (even the side characters!). My only critique is that I found the main character, Naho, to be a bit annoying and frustrating at times. For example, she goes against what the letter tells her to do many times, causing more issues and drama than necessary. Even so, I would definitely recommend this to anyone who wants a casual, light-hearted read.

Anything else that you would like to add to this review? What made you choose it? Did you like the cover? Was it recommended to you? Did you find it at the library?

I was recommended this series by some friends, and I also had heard about its TV series adaptation through social media. Additionally, when I saw it in the store, I knew I had to get it just from the cover.