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Josei

Derived from the Japanese word for “women,” this category is aimed at adult females, usually college age and older. Josei manga are similar to *Shōjo*, except they tend to contain more mature content and topics. Subjects include realistic stories of relationships, the workplace, addiction, infidelity, sexual assault, child raising, and daily events in the lives of women, as well as melodramas of love affairs and romantic fantasies. In recent years, manga resembling *shōnen* have begun to appear in the *josei* genre.

Common Elements

Realistic situations and concepts	Heavily stylized art
Character studies	Romantic scenes

Graphic Novel Examples*

<i>07-Ghost</i> (2005-2014) by Yuki Amemiya and Yukino Ichihara	<i>Honey and Clover</i> (2000-2006) by Chica Umino
<i>Bunny Drop</i> (2005-201) by Yumi Unita	<i>Loveless</i> (2002-ongoing) by Yun Kōga
<i>Chihayafuru</i> (2007-2022) by Yuki Suetsugu	<i>Nodame Cantabile</i> (2001-2010) by Tomoko Ninomiya
<i>Devils and Realist</i> (2009-2018) by Madoka Takadono	<i>Paradise Kiss</i> (1999-2003) by Ai Yazawa
<i>Happy Mania</i> (1996-2001) by Moyoko Anno	<i>Princess Jellyfish</i> (2008-2017) by Akiko Higashimura

* The dates given reflect the original serial publications in Japan.