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Shōjo

Translated from Japanese as “young girl,” this category focuses on idealized romance and interpersonal relationships from the point of view of girls aged twelve to eighteen. *Shōjo* manga typically have a female protagonist and can feature the same themes and tropes of adventure, action, comedy, and fantasy found in *shōnen*.

Common Elements

Flowery and emotional prose style
Inner monologues
Romantic love

Careers and family
Gender roles
Sexuality

Graphic Novel Examples*

<i>Banana Fish</i> (1985-1994) by Akimi Yoshida
<i>Fruits Basket</i> (1998-2006) by Natsuki Takaya
<i>Fushigi Yūgi</i> (1991-1996) by Yuu Watase
<i>Maid Sama!</i> (2005-2013) by Hiro Fujiwara
<i>My Little Monster</i> (2008-2013) by Robico
<i>Nana</i> (2000-ongoing) by Ai Yazawa
<i>Natusme's Book of Friends</i> (2003-ongoing) by Yuki Midorikawa

<i>Ouran High School Host Club</i> (2002-2010) by Bisco Hatori
<i>Peach Girl</i> (1997-2003) by Miwa Ueda
<i>Sailor Moon</i> (1998-2001) by Naoko Takeuchi
<i>Tomie</i> (2016) by Junji Ito
<i>Vampire Knight</i> (2004-2013) by Matsuri Hino
<i>Violet Evergarden</i> (2015-2020) by Kana Akatsuki

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