Jujutsu Kaisen

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Jujutsu Kaisen (呪術廻戦, "Sorcery Fight") is a Japanese manga series written and illustrated by Gege Akutami. It has been serialized in Shueisha's *shōnen* manga magazine *Weekly Shōnen Jump* since March 2018, with its chapters collected and published in 24 *tankōbon* volumes as of October 2023. The story follows high school student Yuji Itadori as he joins a secret organization of Jujutsu Sorcerers to eliminate a powerful Curse named Ryomen Sukuna, of whom Yuji becomes the host. *Jujutsu Kaisen* is a sequel to Akutami's *Tokyo Metropolitan Curse Technical School*, serialized in Shueisha's *Jump Giga* from April to July 2017, later collected in a *tankōbon* volume, retroactively titled as *Jujutsu Kaisen 0*, in December 2018.

Jujutsu Kaisen is licensed for English-language release in North America by Viz Media, which has published the manga in print since December 2019. Shueisha publishes the series in English on the *Manga Plus* online platform. Two novels, written by Ballad Kitaguni, were published in May 2019 and January 2020, respectively. A 24-episode anime television series adaptation produced by MAPPA, aired on MBS from October 2020 to March 2021; a second season premiered in July 2023. The anime is licensed by Crunchyroll for streaming outside of Asia, which premiered an English dub in November 2020. The anime's original soundtrack was released in April 2021.

By July 2023, the *Jujutsu Kaisen* manga had over 80 million copies in circulation, including related novels, digital versions and *Jujutsu Kaisen 0*, making it one of the best-selling manga series of all time.

Jujutsu Kaisen	
First *tankōbon* volume cover, featuring Yuji Itadori	
呪術廻戦	
Genre	Adventure[1] Dark fantasy[2] Supernatural[1]
Manga	
Written by	Gege Akutami
Published by	Shueisha
English publisher	NA: Viz Media
Imprint	Jump Comics
Magazine	*Weekly Shōnen Jump*
English magazine	NA: *Weekly Shonen Jump*
Demographic	*Shōnen*
Original run	March 5, 2018 – present
Volumes	24 (List of volumes)
Anime television series	
Directed by	Sunghoo Park (S1) Shōta Goshozono (S2)
Produced by	Hiroaki Matsutani Yuuriha Murai Makoto Kimura Toshihiro Maeda (S1) Yoshiaki Takagaki (S1) Hiroaki Yamazaki (S2) Masaya Saitou (S2) Tatsuya Oomori (S2)
Written by	Hiroshi Seko
Music by	Yoshimasa Terui Hiroaki Tsutsumi (S1) Alisa Okehazama (S1)
Studio	MAPPA
Licensed by	Crunchyroll Viz Media[4] SA/SEA: Medialink
Original network	JNN (MBS, TBS)
Original run	October 3, 2020 – present

Synopsis

Setting

In *Jujutsu Kaisen*, all living beings emanate energy called Cursed Energy (呪力, *Juryoku*), which arises from negative emotions that naturally flow throughout the body. Ordinary people cannot control this flow in their bodies. As a result, they continually lose Cursed Energy, resulting in the birth of Curses (呪い, *Noroi*), a race of spiritual beings whose primary desire is to bring harm to humanity. These Curses are shown as gruesome monsters, ghosts, and *yōkai*.

Jujutsu Sorcerers (呪術師, *Jujutsushi*, lit. "Cursed Technique Masters" or "Shamans") are people who control the flow of Cursed Energy in their bodies, allowing them to use it as they please and also to reduce its release. High-ranking Sorcerers and Curses can refine this energy and use it to perform Cursed Techniques (呪術式, *Jujutsushiki*), which tend to be unique to the user or their family. An advanced form of Cursed Technique is Domain Expansion (領域展開, *Ryōiki Tenkai*), which the users build a pocket dimension of variable size. Inside the domain, all of their attacks will always connect and grow in strength.

Plot

Main article: List of Jujutsu Kaisen characters

Yuji Itadori is an unnaturally fit high school student living in Sendai. On his deathbed, his grandfather instils two powerful messages within Yuji: "always help others" and "die surrounded by people." Yuji's friends at the Occult Club attract Curses to their school when they unseal a rotten finger talisman. Yuji swallows the finger to protect Jujutsu Sorcerer Megumi Fushiguro, becoming host to a powerful Curse named Ryomen Sukuna. Due to Sukuna's evil nature, all sorcerers are required to exorcise him (and, by extension, Yuji) immediately. However upon seeing Yuji retaining control over his body, Megumi's teacher Satoru Gojo brings him to the Tokyo Prefectural Jujutsu High School with a proposal to his superiors: postpone Yuji's death sentence and train under Gojo until he consumes all 20 of Sukuna's fingers so the Curse can be eliminated. At the same time, a group of Cursed Spirits plot a multi-layered attack on the world of Jujutsu sorcery, including the Cursed Spirit Mahito and a corrupted sorcerer named Suguru Geto, who was executed by Gojo a year prior.

Gojo partners Yuji and Megumi with fellow first-year Tokyo student Nobara Kugisaki training them to become sorcerers, but during a mission gone wrong, Sukuna gains full control of Yuji's body, so Yuji allows the both of them to die. Despite this, Sukuna brings Yuji back to life, having grown an interest in Megumi. Aware the Jujutsu high-ups intend to kill Yuji, Gojo keeps his resurrection a secret to continue training him. Yuji meets fellow student Junpei Yoshino, who falls victim to Mahito's manipulations, leading Yuji to swear vengeance.

Gojo reveals Yuji being alive during the exchange event between the Tokyo and Kyoto Jujutsu schools. The Kyoto school's principal wants Yuji dead immediately so schemes to get it done, while the Tokyo students help Yuji. During the event, Cursed Spirits attack the schools, but are fought off by Yuji, Gojo, and third-year