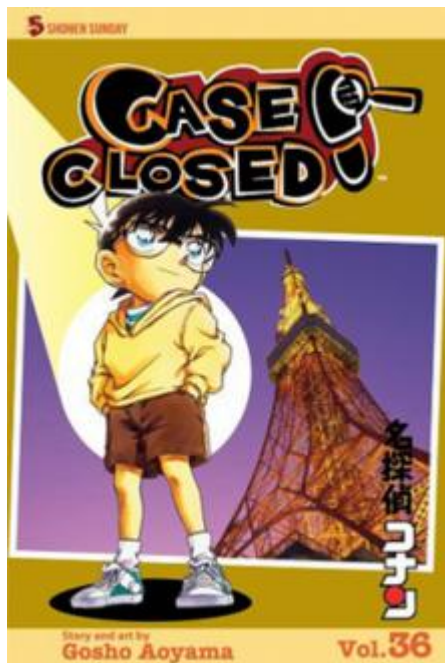


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Case Closed, also known as *Detective Conan* (Japanese: 名探偵コナ

ン, *Hepburn*: *Meitantei Konan*), is a Japanese [detective manga](#) series written and illustrated by [Gosho Aoyama](#). It has been serialized in *Shogakukan's Weekly Shōnen Sunday* since January 1994, with its chapters collected in 99 *tankōbon* volumes as of April 2021. Due to legal problems with the name *Detective Conan*, the English language releases from Funimation and Viz were renamed to *Case Closed*. The story follows the high school detective [Shinichi Kudo](#) (renamed as Jimmy Kudo in several English translations) who was transformed into a child while investigating a mysterious organization and solves a multitude of cases while impersonating his childhood best friend's father and other characters.

The manga was adapted into an [anime](#) television series by [Yomiuri Telecasting Corporation](#) and [TMS Entertainment](#), which premiered in January 1996. The anime resulted in [animated feature films](#), [original video animations](#), [video games](#), [audio disc releases](#) and [live action](#)

[episodes](#). [Funimation](#) licensed the anime series for North American broadcast in 2003 under the name *Case Closed* with the characters given [Americanized](#) names. The anime premiered on [Adult Swim](#) but was discontinued due to low ratings. In March 2013, Funimation began streaming their licensed episodes of *Case Closed*; [Crunchyroll](#) simulcast them in 2014. Funimation also localized the first six *Case Closed* films, while [Discotek Media](#) localized the *Lupin III crossover special*, its [film sequel](#), and select recent films, starting with *Case Closed Episode One*. Meanwhile, the manga was localized by [Viz Media](#), which used Funimation's changed title and character names. [Shogakukan Asia](#) made its own English language localized version of the manga which used the original title and Japanese names.

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