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“Mizuki conveys his pen-and-ink messages with a surreal combination of cartoon-like people superimposed against harsh realistic renderings of their environment.” ?*Marco Werman, PRI's The World*

“Shigeru Mizuki is the preeminent figure of *Gekiga* manga and one of the most famous working cartoonists in Japan today—a true living legend.” ?*Graphic Novel Reporter*

“[Mizuki] is one of Japan's greatest illustrators, a master of both realism and manga.” ?*Globe and Mail*

“This book is excellent . . . I can only hope we're soon flooded by Mizuki translations. I'd like to drown in them.” ?*Newsarama*

About the Author

Born on March 8, 1922, in Sakaiminato, **Shigeru Mizuki** is a specialist in stories of *yokai* and is considered a master of the genre. *NonNonBa* was named the Best Album at the Angoulême International Comics Festival. He has been published in Japan, South Korea, France, Spain, Taiwan, and Italy.

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