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- Vagabond has sold over 22 million copies worldwide! (Not including Japan's sales).
- Vagabond is based on the novel, Musashi by Eiji Yoshikawa. Originally written in the early 40's, Yoshikawa's fictional account became so well known that his version has blurred fact from fiction.
- VIZ Media is currently releasing the English translated edition of Vagabond only three months apart from the Japanese release!
- The popularity of Vagabond has been attributed for the reason NHK produced its period drama TV series based on Yohikawa's novel.
- There have been 6 films and 2 TV series based on Miyamoto Musashi's life.
- Inoue received the 2000 Media Arts award for manga from the Japanese Ministry of Culture and the Kodansha award for best manga for his work on Vagabond.
- Nominated for 2003 Eisner Award in the category for Best Writer/Artist!
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Editorial Review

About the Author

Takehiko Inoue was born in Kagoshima prefecture in 1967. His first major success -- the hugely popular 31-volume long basketball manga SLAM DUNK -- sold over 100 million copies worldwide and catapulted him into the top ranks of Japanese manga artists. Besides manga, Inoue also worked on character design for the Playstation basketball game ONE ON ONE.

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