

A Brief History of Manga

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About the Author Helen McCarthy is one of the west's most distinguished manga experts. The Harvey- award-winning biographer of Osamu Tezuka, she is regularly interviewed in the mass media about manga, curated a Tezuka exhibition at London's Barbican Centre, and - the ultimate compliment - has seen her work translated back into Japanese.