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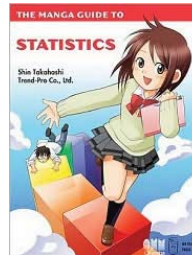
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The Manga Guide to Statistics

By Shin Takahashi; Trend-Pro

No Starch Press, \$19.95, 224 pages

Manga is much more widely used in Japan for teaching than comic art is used here in the US. But, as manga and anime have become popular, it is only natural that their use as a learning aid would spread to here. *The Manga Guide to Statistics* is the first of a series, combining story and art into lessons on different technical subjects. Here, Rui has a tutor teaching her statistics, to help her impress one of her father's employees. Using examples such as bowling scores, Raman noodle prices, or Rui's class test results, her tutor, Mr. Ya-



mamoto, introduces her (and the reader) to data categorization, mean, median and averages, standard deviation and other elementary statistical concepts. There are plenty of examples, exercises and a short section at the end for using these skills with Excel. For students who have difficulty with math or statistics, this may be a good introduction, making the lessons more interesting and fun than using a standard text book.