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University of Chicago Press

As concentrated as bullets, new stories by the inimitable Fleur Jaeggy Fleur Jaeggy is often noted for her terse and telegraphic style, which somehow brews up a profound paradox that seems bent on haunting the reader: despite a sort of zero-at-the-bone baseline, her fiction is weirdly also incredibly moving. How does she do it? No one knows. But here, in her newest collection, *I Am the Brother of XX*, she does it again. Like a magician or a master criminal, who can say how she gets away with it, but whether the stories involve famous writers (Calvino, Ingeborg Bachmann, Joseph Brodsky) or baronesses or 13th-century visionaries or tormented siblings bred up in elite Swiss boarding schools, they somehow steal your heart. And they don't rest at that, but endlessly disturb your mind.

Autumn Wind & Other Stories

Vintage

Seven Japanese Tales Perigee

**Skin, Culture and Psychoanalysis**

Penguin UK

Jun'ichir? Tanizaki's *In Black and White* is a literary murder mystery in which the lines between fiction and reality are blurred. The writer Mizuno has penned a story about the perfect murder. His fictional victim is modeled on an acquaintance, a fellow writer. When Mizuno notices just before the story is about to be published that this man's real name has crept into his manuscript, he attempts to correct the mistake, but it is too late. He then becomes terrified that an actual murder will take place—and that he will be the main suspect. Mizuno goes to great lengths to establish an alibi, venturing into the city's underworld. But he finds himself only more entangled as his paranoid fantasies,

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including a mysterious "Shadow Man" out to entrap him, intrude into real life. A sophisticated psychological and metafictional mystery, *In Black and White* is a masterful yet little-known novel from a great writer at the height of his powers. The year 1928 was a remarkable one for Tanizaki. He wrote three exquisite novels, but while two of them—*Some Prefer Nettles* and *Quicksand*—became famous, *In Black and White* disappeared from view. All three were serialized in Osaka and Tokyo newspapers and magazines, but *In Black and White* was never published as an independent volume. This translation restores it to its rightful place among Tanizaki's works and offers a window into the author's life at a crucial point in his career. A critical afterword explains the novel's context and importance for Tanizaki and Japan's literary and cultural scene in the 1920s, connecting autobiographical elements with the novel's key concerns, including Tanizaki's critique of Japanese literary culture and fiction itself.

The Key Kodansha America  
Presents an examination of lyric form in the poetry of W. B. Yeats.

Contemporary Japanese Literature Kodansha USA  
A novella and two short stories reveal Tanizaki at his best and most bizarre

Quicksand St. Martin's Press  
Yasunari Kawabata, Yukio Mishima and Junichiro Tanizaki are all giants of world literature. It stands to reason that students of Japanese would long to read them in their original language. Exploring Japanese Literature enables them to do just that.

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Featuring one each of these writers' most characteristic stories—plus linguistic support in the form of a built-in dictionary—the book picks up where the author's previous bestselling text, *Breaking into Japanese Literature*, left off. The poignancy of romance between a wealthy Tokyoite and a provincial geisha in Yasunari Kawabata's "Snow Country"; the ecstatic frenzy of a couple committing ritual suicide in Mishima's "Patriotism"; the amoral antics of a playboy aesthete trying to fire up his flagging zest for life in Tanizaki's "The Secret" — *Exploring Japanese Literature* is a reader's entrée into the uniquely rich and exotic world of modern Japanese fiction. On each two-page spread, the original Japanese is printed in large type on the left-hand page, with the corresponding English translation on the right and the dictionary running along the bottoms of both. Everything the student needs to read the stories and understand them is right there. To enrich students' experience even further, *Exploring Japanese Literature* also features biographies of the three novelists, mini-prefaces that set the scene for the individual stories, and evocative illustrations. In addition, there is a dedicated website at [www.speaking-japanese.com](http://www.speaking-japanese.com) where learners have the chance to put forward their own interpretations of the Japanese and engage in debate with the author, the editor and, of course, other readers of the book. *Exploring Japanese Literature* is recommended for upper-intermediate and advanced level

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students.

The Maids Vertical Inc

Jun ' ichir Tanizaki is one of the most eminent Japanese writers of the twentieth century, renowned for his investigations of family dynamics, eroticism, and cultural identity. Most acclaimed for his postwar novels such as *The Makioka Sisters* and *The Key*, Tanizaki made his literary debut in 1910. This book presents three powerful stories of family life from the first decade of Tanizaki ' s career that foreshadow the themes the great writer would go on to explore. " *Longing* " recounts the fantastic journey of a precocious young boy through an eerie nighttime landscape. Replete with striking natural images and uncanny human encounters, it ends with a striking revelation. " *Sorrows of a Heretic* " follows a university student and aspiring novelist who lives in degrading poverty in a Tokyo tenement. Ambitious and tormented, the young man rebels against his family against a backdrop of sickness and death. " *The Story of an Unhappy*

*Mother* " describes a vivacious but self-centered woman ' s drastic transformation after a freak accident involving her son and daughter-in-law. Written in different genres, the three stories are united by a focus on mothers and sons and a concern for Japan ' s traditional culture in the face of Westernization. The longtime Tanizaki translators Anthony H. Chambers and Paul McCarthy masterfully bring these important works to an Anglophone audience.

*Toddler Hunting: And Other Stories* Vintage  
An interdisciplinary study of skin bridging cultural and psychoanalytic theory to consider how the body's "exterior" is central to human subjectivity and relations. The authors explore racialization, body modification, self-harm, and comedic representations of skin, drawing from the clinical domain, visual arts, popular culture, and literature.  
*Confessions of a Yakuza* Harvard University Press

Gail Tsukiyama's *The Street of a Thousand*

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Blossoms is a powerfully moving masterpiece about tradition and change, loss and renewal, and love and family from a glorious storyteller at the height of her powers. It is Tokyo in 1939. On the Street of a Thousand Blossoms, two orphaned brothers dream of a future firmly rooted in tradition. The older boy, Hiroshi, shows early signs of promise at the national obsession of sumo wrestling, while Kenji is fascinated by the art of Noh theater masks. But as the ripples of war spread to their quiet neighborhood, the brothers must put their dreams on hold—and forge their own paths in a new Japan. Meanwhile, the two young daughters of a renowned sumo master find their lives increasingly intertwined with the fortunes of their father's star pupil, Hiroshi.

The House of Nire New Directions Publishing  
Three surreal, erotically charged stories from Nobel

Prize winner Yasunari Kawabata. In the three long tales in this collection, Yasunari Kawabata examines the boundaries between fantasy and reality in the minds of three lonely men. Piercing examinations of sexuality and human psychology—and works of remarkable subtlety and beauty—these stories showcase one of the twentieth century 's great writers—in any language—at his very best.

The Street of a Thousand Blossoms Columbia University Press

In 1995, on the thirtieth anniversary of Tanizaki Jun ' ichir ' s death, Adriana Boscaro organized an international conference in Venice that had an unusually lasting effect on the study of this major Japanese novelist.

Thanks to Boscaro ' s energetic commitment, Venice became a center for Tanizaki studies that produced two volumes of conference proceedings now considered foundational for

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all scholarly works on Tanizaki. In the years before and after the Venice Conference, Boscaro and her students published an abundance of works on Tanizaki and translations of his writings, contributing to his literary success in Italy and internationally. The *Grand Old Man and the Great Tradition* honors Boscaro's work by collecting nine essays on Tanizaki's position in relation to the "great tradition" of Japanese classical literature. To open the collection, Edward Seidensticker contributes a provocative essay on literary styles and the task of translating Genji into a modern language. Gaye Rowley and Ibuki Kazuko also consider Tanizaki's Genji translations, from a completely different point of view, documenting the author's three separate translation efforts. Aileen Gatten turns to the influence of Heian narrative methods on Tanizaki's fiction, arguing that his classicism, far from being superficial, "reflects a deep sensitivity to Heian narrative." Tzevetana Kristeva holds a different perspective on Tanizaki's classicism, singling out specific aspects of Tanizaki's eroticism as the basis of comparison. The next two essays emphasize Tanizaki's experimental engagement with the classical literary genres—Amy V. Heinrich treats the understudied poetry, and Bonaventura Rupertti considers a 1933 essay on performance arts. Taking up cinema, Roberta Novelli focuses on the novel *Manji*, exploring how it was recast for the screen by Masumura Yasuzō. The volume concludes with two contributions interpreting Tanizaki's works in the light of Western and Meiji literary traditions: Paul McCarthy considers Nabokov as a point of comparison, and Jacqueline Pigeot

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conducts a groundbreaking comparison with a novel by Natsume S ōseki.

Devils in Daylight New Directions Publishing Corporation

Tanizaki's last novel - written during his final illness, echoes his own life. Moving and powerful, it takes the form of an old man's diary, where he records his struggle with his self-image, and the manifestations of age, and his growing desire for his b

The Secret History of the Lord of Musashi and Arrowroot Simon and Schuster

The Maids concerns all the young women who work--before, during, and after WWII--in the pampered, elegant household of the famous author Chikura Raikichi. Though quite well-to-do, Raikichi has a small house: the family and the maids (usually a few, sharing a little room next to the kitchen) are on top of one another.

This proximity allows Raikichi to observe the maids and their daily lives extremely closely, and while the house may be straight from The Makioka Sisters, his interest carries with it more than a dash of the erotic, calling to mind Tanizaki's raciest books, such as Diary of a Mad Old Man and The Key.

Naomi National Geographic Books

Now in paperback, a suspenseful early novella from "the outstanding Japanese novelist of this century" (Edmund White).

The Bridge of Dreams New Directions Publishing  
Acclaimed English translation of poems by one of the most gifted and colourful of Japan's early modern poets: Nakahara Chuya. Now ranked among the finest Japanese verse of the 20th century, influenced by both Symbolism and Dada, he created lyrics renowned for their songlike eloquence, their personal imagery and their poignant charm.



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Longing and Other Stories Vintage  
Lovers of Japanese and Asian literature, rejoice!  
This superb survey of one of the most active  
and interesting literary scenes of the twentieth  
century is back in print.

The Penguin Book of Japanese Short Stories  
Random House

The classical novel of court life in tenth and  
eleventh-century Japan centers on the life  
and loves of a nobleman known as the  
shining Genji, son of an emperor, and those  
of Kaoru, grandson of Genji's best friend.

This Perversion Called Love Perigee

Developed out of the aesthetic philosophy of  
cha-no-yu (the tea ceremony) in fifteenth-  
century Japan, wabi sabi is an aesthetic that  
finds beauty in things imperfect,  
impermanent, and incomplete. Taken from

the Japanese words wabi, which translates to  
less is more, and sabi, which means attentive  
melancholy, wabi sabi refers to an awareness  
of the transient nature of earthly things and  
a corresponding pleasure in the things that  
bear the mark of this impermanence. As  
much a state of mind—an awareness of the  
things around us and an acceptance of our  
surroundings—as it is a design style, wabi  
sabi begs us to appreciate the simple beauty  
in life—a chipped vase, a quiet rainy day,  
the impermanence of all things. Presenting  
itself as an alternative to today's fast-paced,  
mass-produced, neon-lighted world, wabi  
sabi reminds us to slow down and take  
comfort in the simple, natural beauty  
around us. In addition to presenting the  
philosophy of wabi-sabi, this book includes

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how-to design advice—so that a transformation of body, mind, and home can emerge. Chapters include: History: The Development of Wabi Sabi Culture: Wabi Sabi and the Japanese Character Art: Defining Aesthetics Design: Creating Expressions with Wabi Sabi Materials Spirit: The Universal Spirit of Wabi Sabi For Dignity, Justice, and Revolution Springer In "Japanese in Warsaw" a business man has a strange encounter; in "The Box" an old photo album and a few postcards have a tale to reveal. Finally included is "The Case of Isobe," the opening chapter of Endo's wonderful novel Deep River."--BOOK JACKET.

Our Secret Discipline Cheng & Tsui

“ Hideyoshi made a strangled noise, words stifled by his rage. . . . [He] flew down from the dais, the toes of his gold brocade socks flashing over ten green grass mats in a second. Soji ’ s body was

kicked from the corridor like a ball, hitting the stepping stone and rolling into the garden. . . . At the time, Riky was still in the tearoom, and knew nothing about it. On his way to see Hideyoshi, to inform him that the tea gathering had concluded successfully, mura Y ki intercepted him and whispered urgently in his ear. But by that time, Soji ’ s head was already separated from his torso, lying in the corner of the stone wall. ” —from Chapter 12 Nogami Yaeko ’ s compelling novel of political intrigue in sixteenth-century Japan depicts the intertwined lives of two iconic historical figures. Toyotomi Hideyoshi rose through the ranks from a common foot soldier to become the military ruler of Japan but struggled to win respect among the cultured nobility. He found both a friend and an invaluable political advisor in Sen no Riky , Japan ’ s most respected tea master. A wealthy merchant in his own right, Riky ’ s talent for tea ceremony propelled him into the ruler ’ s court. Deftly balancing Hideyoshi ’ s love of ostentatious

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display with the ideals of simplicity and rusticity embodied in the way of tea, Riky commands respect from loyal students and court nobles alike. As the story opens, the two men are several years into their friendship, and tensions have begun to build. Hideyoshi pursues his quest to unify Japan, and his ego grows with every victory. Riky watches his friends exiled and pardoned according to Hideyoshi's whims and longs for freedom from the excess and intrigue of court life. Nogami explores the dynamic politics of conquest, the delicate connections of the human soul, and the power of speech and silence in her elegant psychological portrait of two powerful men.