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# The Three Cornered World Natsume Soseki

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The Inland Sea Simon and Schuster

In this classic Japanese locked room mystery an amateur detective investigates a string of gruesome unsolved murders Astrologer, fortuneteller, and self-styled detective Kiyoshi Mitarai must solve a macabre murder mystery that has baffled Japan for 40 years—in just one week. With the help of his freelance illustrator friend, Kiyoshi sets out to answer the questions that have haunted

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the country ever since: Who murdered the artist Umezawa, raped and killed his daughter, and then chopped up the bodies of six others to create Azoth, ' the perfect woman ' ? With maps, charts, and other illustrations, this story of magic and illusion—pieced together like a great stage tragedy—challenges the reader to unravel the mystery before the final curtain falls.

### **The World of Natsume**

**S?seki** Columbia University Press

"An elegiac prose celebration . . . a classic in its genre."—Publishers Weekly In this acclaimed travel memoir, Donald Richie paints a memorable portrait of the island-studded Inland Sea. His existential ruminations on food, culture, and love and his brilliant descriptions of life and landscape are a window into an Old Japan that has now nearly vanished. Included are the

twenty black and white photographs by Yoichi Midorikawa that accompanied the original 1971 edition. Donald Richie (1924–2013) was an internationally recognized expert on Japanese culture and film. Yoichi Midorikawa (1915–2001) was one of Japan's foremost nature photographers.

Soseki Natsume's I Am A Cat: The Manga Edition Duke

University Press

Argues that the role of Buddhism in modern Japanese prose literature has been significantly overlooked. The Awakening of Modern Japanese Fiction is the first book to treat the literary practices of certain major modern Japanese writers as Buddhist practices, and to read their work as Buddhist

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literature. Its distinctive contribution is its focus on modern literature and, importantly, modern Buddhism, which Michihiro Ama presents both as existing in continuity with the historical Buddhist tradition and as having unique features of its own. Ama corrects the dominant perception in which the Christian practice of confession has been accepted as the primary informing source of modern Japanese prose literature, arguing instead that the practice has always been a part of Shin Buddhist culture. Focusing on personal fiction, this volume explores the works of literary figures and Buddhist priests who, challenged by the

modern development of Japan, turned to Buddhism in a variety of ways and used literature as a vehicle for transforming their sense of selfhood. Writers discussed include Natsume S?seki, Tayama Katai, Shiga Naoya, Kiyozawa Manshi, and Akegarasu Haya. By bringing Buddhism out of the shadows of early twentieth-century Japanese literature and elucidating its presence in both individual authors' lives and the genre of autobiographical fiction, *The Awakening of Modern Japanese Fiction* demonstrates a more nuanced understanding of the role of Buddhism in the development of Japanese modernity. Michihiro Ama is Karashima Tsukasa

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Associate Professor of Japanese Language and Culture at the University of Montana. He is the author of *Immigrants to the Pure Land: The Modernization, Acculturation, and Globalization of Shin Buddhism, 1898–1941*. [From a Three-Cornered World](#)

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A companion to the popular YouTube series "Brian Rutenberg Studio Visits" and a love letter to painting, written by a painter.

[The Three-cornered World](#)  
Tuttle Publishing

This collection presents the prolific imagination of Soseki Natsume, Japan's all-time most beloved author. Ranging from humor to profound maturity, the works in this volume offer the full spectrum of Soseki's genius. They are among Soseki's best, and brilliantly display his temperament and thought, the richness of his humor,

and the sureness of his satirical touch. *Ten Nights of Dream* comprises a collection of ten short stories of dreams. Couched in a surrealistic atmosphere, they reveal the attitudes of a major writer at a turning point in his career.

Yukio Mishima  
Lexington Books

A murderer discovers his true nature from a talking infant, a samurai is frustrated in his attempts to meditate, and a dying man bestows his hat on a friend in these surrealistic short stories. The dream-like, open-ended tales by the father of Japanese modernist literature offer thought-provoking reflections on fear, death, and loneliness. Their settings range from the Meiji period of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, the era in which the tales were written, to the prehistoric Age of the Gods; the

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twelfth-century Kamakura period, in which the samurai class emerged; and the remote future. A scholar of British literature, author Natsume S ōseki (1867 – 1916) was also a composer of haiku, kanshi, and fairy tales. The stories of *Ten Nights Dreaming*, which were originally published as a newspaper serial, constitute milestones of Japanese fantasy. Like S ōseki's other writings, they have had a profound effect on readers, writers, and filmmakers. This edition features an expert new English translation by Matt Treyvaud, who has translated the story "The Cat's Grave" for this work as well.

Studio Visits Simon and Schuster

Natsume Soseki (1867-1916) was the foremost Japanese novelist of the

twentieth century, known for such highly acclaimed works as *Kokoro*, *Sanshiro*, and *I Am a Cat*. Yet he began his career as a literary theorist and scholar of English literature. In 1907, he published *Theory of Literature*, a remarkably forward-thinking attempt to understand how and why we read. The text anticipates by decades the ideas and concepts of formalism, structuralism, reader-response theory, and postcolonialism, as well as cognitive approaches to literature that are only now gaining traction. Employing the cutting-edge approaches of contemporary psychology and

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sociology, Soseki created a model for studying the conscious experience of reading literature as well as a theory for how the process changes over time and across cultures. Along with *Theory of Literature*, this volume reproduces a later series of lectures and essays in which Soseki continued to develop his theories. By insisting that literary taste is socially and historically determined, Soseki was able to challenge the superiority of the Western canon, and by grounding his theory in scientific knowledge, he was able to claim a universal validity. *The Three-Cornered World*. Translated by

Alan Turney Springer  
“ The most romantic memoir you ’ re likely to read in a lifetime. ” —Elin Hilderbrand, New York Times bestselling author of *Here ’ s to Us* An evocative memoir. A beautiful journey to half a century and half a world away. An ageless love story. Pulitzer Prize – winning war correspondent Paul Brinkley Rogers has lived an adventurous life all over the world. But there is one story he cannot forget: that of his haunting love affair with a mysterious older Japanese woman in 1959. Paul was a sailor aboard the USS *Shangri La* that long ago summer when he met Kaji Yukiko in the seaport of Yokosuka. A fierce intellectual, Yukiko shared her

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astonishing knowledge of literature, film, and poetry with Paul and encouraged, even demanded, that he use his gifts to become the writer he is today. But theirs was not a quiet love story. When a member of the yakuza, Japan's brutal crime syndicate, attempted to kidnap Yukiko, Paul realized that there was much more to her—and to Japan in the devastating wake of World War II—than he saw at first glance. Through the searing letters that Yukiko wrote to him and Paul's vivid telling of a history made all the more powerful and poignant by the weight of time, *Please Enjoy Your Happiness* reaches across decades and continents, inviting us all to revisit those loves of our lives that never do end.

Natsume Soseki and the Properties of Modern Literature Houghton Mifflin Harcourt "A Japanese writer of genius."—Japan Quarterly Soseki Natsume is considered to be one of Japan's most beloved and respected authors. And *Then* is ranked as one of his most insightful and stirring novels. Daisuke, the protagonist, is a man in his twenties who is struggling with his personal purpose and identity as well as the changing social landscape of Meiji-era Japan. As Japan enters the Twentieth Century, ancient customs give way to western ideals, and Daisuke works to resolve his feelings of disconnection and abandonment during this

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of growing Japanese heritage  
industrialization. Then Inside My Glass Doors  
Daisuke's life takes an Tuttle Pub  
unexpected turn when he The Three Cornered  
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college friend and his Beauty and Art in  
sickly wife. At first, Modern Japan Tuttle  
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This book examines the reception of British Romanticism in India and East Asia (including China, Japan, Korea and Taiwan). Building on recent scholarship on “Global Romanticism”, it develops a reciprocal, cross-cultural model of scholarship, in which “Asian Romanticism” is recognized as itself an important part of the Romantic literary tradition. It explores the connections between canonical British Romantic authors (including Austen, Blake, Byron, Shelley, and Wordsworth) and prominent Asian writers (including Natsume Soseki, Rabindranath Tagore,

and Xu Zhimo). The essays also challenge Eurocentric assumptions about reception and periodization, exploring how, since the early nineteenth century, British Romanticism has been creatively adapted and transformed by Asian writers.

Kusa Makura, English  
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Books

Originally published as Garusudo no Uchi in daily serialization in the Asahi newspaper in 1915, before appearing in book form, this is the first time Inside My Glass Doors has been published in English. It is a moving literary reminiscence, a

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collection of thirty-nine autobiographical essays penned a year before the author's death.

Written in the genre of shohin (little items), the personal vignettes provide a kaleidoscopic view of Natsume Soseki's private world and shed light on his concerns as a novelist. Readers are at once ushered into Soseki's book-lined study, in his residence in Kikui-cho, as he muses on his present situation and reflects on the past.

The story is filled with flashbacks to Soseki's youth-his classmates, his family, and his old neighborhood-as well as episodes from the more recent past, all related in considerable detail. There are his

characteristic ruminations about his physical well-being, and from the quiet spaces inside the glass doors of his study, he also calmly observes the clamorous state of the world outside. The essays in this book, crafted with extraordinary subtlety and psychological depth, reflect the work of a great author at the height of his powers.

*The Dogs I Have Kissed*  
Regnery Publishing  
Before she wrote her Pulitzer Prize-winning bestseller *The Shipping News*, E. Annie Proulx was already producing some of the finest short fiction in the country. Here are her collected stories, including two new works never before anthologized. These stories reverberate with rural tradition, the rites of

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nature, and the rituals of small-town life. The country is blue-collar New England; the characters are native families and the dispossessed working class, whose heritage is challenged by the neorural bourgeoisie from the city; and the themes are as elemental as the landscape: revenge, malice, greed, passion. Told with skill and profundity and crafted by a master storyteller, these are lean, tough tales of an extraordinary place and its people.

The Awakening of  
Modern Japanese Fiction  
SUNY Press

Japan's beloved literary masterpiece brought to life in manga form!

Soseki Natsume's comic masterpiece, *I Am a Cat*, satirizes the foolishness of upper-middle-class Japanese society in early 20th century Tokyo.

Written with biting wit

and sardonic perspective, it follows the whimsical adventures of a rather cynical stray kitten. He finds his way into the home of an English teacher, where his running commentary on the follies and foibles of the people around him has been making readers laugh for more than a century. This is the very first manga edition in English of this classic piece of Japanese literature. The story lends itself well to a graphic novel format, allowing readers to pick up on the more subtle cues of the expressive cat, while also being immersed in the world of his perceptive narration. It is true to classic manga form, and is read back to front. The cast of characters includes: Kushami—His master,

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who is not good at his job and quite stupid The Kenedas—A conceited couple with a spoiled daughter

Meitei—Kushami's friend who is fond of jokes and tall tales A group of local cats including lovely Mikeko, and violent Kuro Beautifully illustrated by Japanese artist Chiroru Kobato, this edition provides a visual, entertaining look at a unique period in Japan's history—filled with cultural and societal changes, rapid modernization and a feeling of limitless possibility—through the eyes of an unlikely narrator.

The Simulacrum in Contemporary Japanese Culture CreateSpace "Written in eight days, in December 1905, and published in the January

1906 issue of the magazine Teikoku Bungaku (Imperial Literature), Shumi no iden (The Heredity of Taste) is Soseki Natsume's only anti-war work. Chronicling the mourning process of a narrator haunted by his friend's death, the story reveals Soseki's attitude to the atrocity of war, specifically to the Russo-Japanese War of 1904-5, and to the personal tragedies and loss of individuality of young men like his hero Ko-san, and the sacrifices made by both the living and the dead. Although the first part of the story powerfully describes the narrator's visions of the war dead, including the recurring vision of Ko-san who cannot climb out of a ditch and return from the war, it is the second

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half, in which a beautiful and mysterious woman appears before the narrator at Ko-san's grave, with the promise of transcendence, that grips our attention. The story centers on finding out the identity of this woman and her relationship with Ko-san, with it's implication that what should have been a love story has been shattered by the reality of war-a reminder of the magnitude of Japan's sacrifice for it's so-called victory. "

Ten Nights Dreaming  
Penguin Classics

A young artist wanders the countryside as part of an experiment to observe everything around him, including people, from a detached aesthetic perspective similar to that of the artists and poets of the

past, in a new translation of a classic novel by an author considered the father of modern Japanese fiction. Original. The Three Cornered World Tuttle Publishing Known for her eponymous blog and her confessional style of writing, this is Trista Mateer's second collection of poetry.

REVIEW: "The Dogs I Have Kissed is the kind of book you could read in one sitting and the kind of book you want to tuck underneath your pillow for a month. It's gripping and powerful and disturbingly honest.

There are poems that are incredibly comforting and others that are so painful. Trista has the rare talent of writing poems that are both good and true. In terms of literary art, this

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chapbook is brilliant. Trista weaves together religious overtones with raw sensuality and heartache. She's so purposeful with the imagery, connecting and breaking motifs from each section of the book: how peaches become cherries, how salt is everywhere, the shape of same-different mouths. There is this lovely irony in these poems, how sometimes the speaker of these poems is the one who is described like a dog: sloppy, rabid, hungry, whining. Maybe that's not an irony at all. *The Dogs I Have Kissed* is for anyone who has felt the tough underside of love, anyone who has been angry and hurt and still strangely hopeful. One of the most striking lines in the entire book is something I keep thinking

about: 'Is this okay, is this okay, is this okay, or does it make me weak?' Do yourself, your heart, and your current/ex/next lover a favor: buy this book. Devour it immediately." --Yena Sharma Purmasir, author of *Until I Learned What It Meant* A Fictional Commons Penguin UK In *Kanbunmyaku: The Literary Sinitic Context and the Birth of Modern Japanese Language and Literature*, Saito Mareshi demonstrates the centrality of kanbun and kanshi in the creation of modern literary Japanese and problematizes the modern antagonism between kanbun and Japanese.