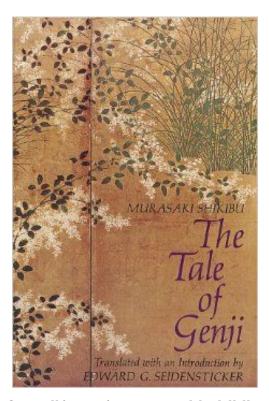


## This week's theme is...

In honor of NaNoWriMo, Japanese Novels!

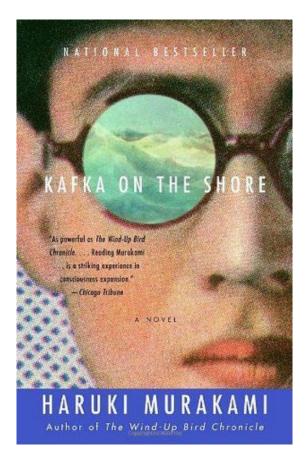


Often dark but full of humour, Japanese literature showcases the idiosyncrasies of a fascinating nation and maintains an important position on the world stage.



The Tale of Genji (1008) - Murasaki Shikibu Considered the first novel to be published in history!

## **General JMAC Info**



#### Ready for finals everyone?

Kafka on the Shore (2002) - Haruki Murakami

Novel has two plots with Kafka and Nakata, two halves of the same being.:

Odd chapters tell how Kafka, 15 yr old, runs away to escape an Oedipal curse and embark on a journey to find his mom and sister.



**Even** chapters tell story of Nakata, an old man who after the atomic bombings, lost all higher intellectual function but gained the ability to communicate with cats.. His job as a cat finder puts him on an incredible journey.

Its principal message seems to be that, if we cannot change our fate, at least we can turn it to our advantage.

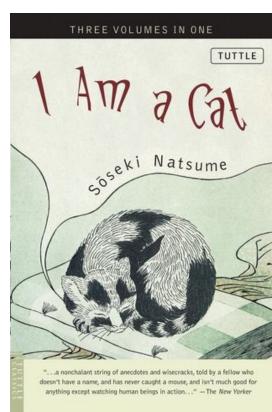
### Check out our website! Click here!

It's one more week until our Fall Quarter General Meeting. Visit the archives to see what we've shown in the past, and get an idea of what can be shown in the Winter!



#### I Am a Cat (1905)- Natsume Soseki

A supercilious cat narrator describes the lives of an assortment of middleclass people: Mr. Sneaze (misspelled on purpose), Family (the cat's owners), Sneaze's irritating friend Waverhouse, and the young student Avalon Coldmoon and his attempted courtship of the spoiled Opula Goldfield.



# Keep in Contact With Us!

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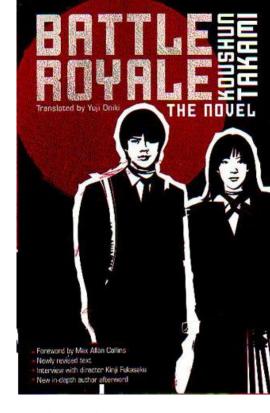
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"Every novel has something to offer...if readers find value in either book, that's all an author can ask for."





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Battle Royale (1999)- Koushun Takami

The story tells of junior high school students who are forced to fight each other to the death in a program run by the authoritarian Japanese government, now known as the Republic of Greater Fast Asia.

## 1 Week to Pay for your stuff!

For those who attended our auction last year:

Be sure to see treasurer Anastasia about picking up your stuff by the end of Fall Quarter!



Hyouka (2001)- Honobu Yonezawa vol 1. of Classic Lit Club series

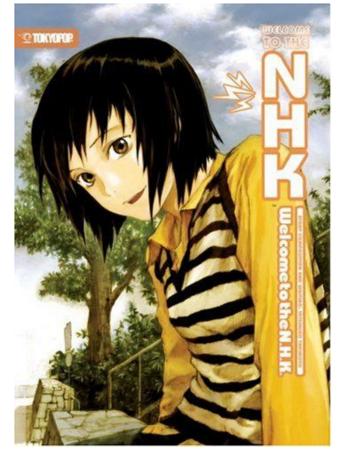
At the request of his older sister, student Hōtarō Oreki joins Kamiyama High School's Classic Literature Club to stop it from being abolished, joined by fellow members Eru Chitanda, Satoshi Fukube and Mayaka Ibara.



# Thoughts from the corner!







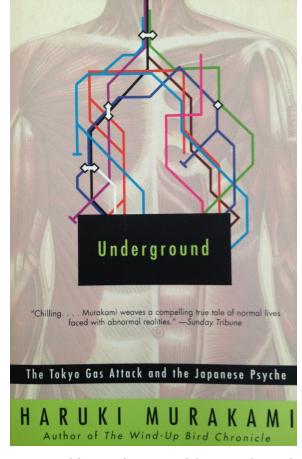
Tatsuhiro Satō, a university dropout entering his fourth year of unemployment, leads a reclusive life as a *hikikomori*, ultimately coming to the conclusion that this happened due to some sort of conspiracy. One day just when his life seems entirely unchanging, he meets Misaki Nakahara, a mysterious girl who claims to be able to cure Tatsuhiro of his *hikikomori* ways.

### Geek Til' Dawn

Join JMAC at DeFrag's major event of the quarter, in which we pile up in CDM from 6pm-6am for gaming, anime, movies, and other such nerdy nonsense.

THIS FRIDAY November, the 13th until the morning of the 14th in the CDM building at the Loop campus!





#### *Underground* (1997)- Haruki Murakami

The book is made up of a series of interviews with individuals who were affected by the Sarin Gas attacks by Aum Shinrikyo of 1995, and the English translation also includes interviews with members of Aum, the religious cult responsible for the attacks.

#### May 20th-22nd, 2016 Rosemont, IL











#### \*Pre-Registration-Badges are \$53 until January 1st! (Must create new account)

\*Double-tree, Westin, Comfort Inn blocks opened 11/4!







#### The Tatami Galaxy (2004) - Tomihiko Morimi

Its first-person narrator is an unidentified upperclassman at a Kyoto university reminiscing on the misadventures of his previous years of campus life, with each of the four chapters taking place in parallel universes in which he is enrolled in a different circle of friends.

## JASC Holiday Delight!

The Japanese American Service Committee is holding their annual Holiday Delight and Kodomo Matsuri (Children's Festival) on **November 14th**! There are vendors, drumming performances, and activities for children; best of all: no admission fee! <u>Click here for details on the event</u>

<u>They need volunteers!</u> If you would like to volunteer, please email <u>dpujmac@gmail.com</u> with "JASC Volunteering" in the subject line **OR** talk to me and I'll put you in touch with former JMAC VP, Monse Wisdom, who is direct contact with the organization.

A great opportunity to complete service hours or just experience some cultural fun~







# Manga of the Month

T-REX na Kanojo Submitted by Evan!

Dinosaurs and humans coexist. One night, Yuuma Asahikawa meets with a girl named Churio. She isn't an ordinary girl though, she's a carnivorous dinosaur T-Rex! Now what is he going to do?

Volumes: Ongoing

Genres: Comedy, Ecchi, Fantasy

Demographic: Shounen

Warnings: mild nudity in first chapter



## Music Video of the Week



#### <u>Hacking to the Gate -</u> Kanako Ito

Submitted by Hannah!

Debuting in 2001, she is most famous for having many songs appear in various video games and anime.

Fun fact: This is the opening to Steins; Gate!

### Want to submit your own MoM or MV?

Include "Manga of the Month" or "Music video of the Week in the subject line!

For	<u>Manga:</u>

Title and Author(s):

Summary:

Volumes: (Include if manga is complete or ongoing)

Demographic: (Kodomomuke, Shounen, Shoujo, Seinen

Genre(s):

Other Media: (if the manga has been made into an anime, movie, or drama)

Warnings: (While people shouldn't submit NSFW manga, this is for mild nudity, violence, or any offputting things, such as obscure themes.)

#### For Music:

Your name:

Artist:

Video link:

Fun fact: (this can be about the artist, the style, a show or movie the song is featured in, whatever!)

Avoid AMVs and other fanmade videos to songs, or literal openings and endings.

Email your submissions to: dpujmac@gmail.com





**JOIN US NEXT** (AND LAST) TIME FOR A COSPLAY **PANEL, OUR** GENERAL MEETING, AND THE LAST OF YOSHIHIKO!

NOVEMBER 16TH 4:00PM ROOM: 325

