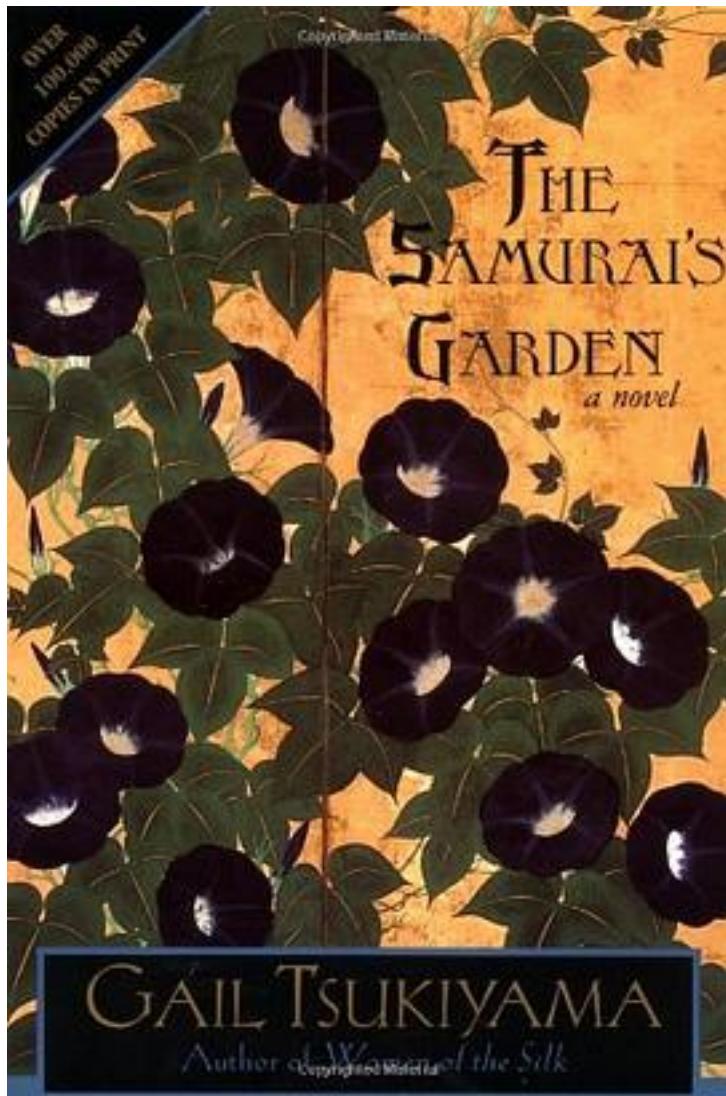


The Samurai's Garden



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在线阅读本书

The daughter of a Chinese mother and a Japanese father, Tsukiyama uses the Japanese invasion of China during the late 1930s as a somber backdrop for her unusual story about a 20-year-old Chinese painter named Stephen who is sent to his family's summer home in a Japanese coastal village to recover from a bout with tuberculosis. Here he is cared for by Matsu, a reticent housekeeper and a master gardener. Over the course of a remarkable year, Stephen learns Matsu's secret and gains not only physical strength, but also profound spiritual insight. Matsu is a samurai of the soul, a man devoted to doing good and finding beauty in a cruel and arbitrary world, and Stephen is a noble student, learning to appreciate Matsu's generous and nurturing way of life and to love Matsu's soulmate, gentle Sachi, a woman afflicted with leprosy.

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盖尔·月山 (Gail Tsukiyama)

生于美国，父亲是日本人，母亲来自中国香港。她致力于以小说展现中日两国文化的恒久魅力，同时探索人性的成长，反思战争的破坏力。已出版七部小说，都登上了美国的畅销书榜，曾获美国诗人学会奖、奥克兰笔会/约瑟芬·迈尔斯文学奖。

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评论

Read this in high school English class. My teacher did not like it very much but I developed a strong connection with the author and the characters. Gail Tsukiyama is a local writer of the San Francisco bay area, she is half Chinese half Japanese. Her writing is typical Asian American.

Matsu显然就是标题中所指的武士了，这样一个默默无闻的男人，确又是坚强的化身。小说背景是1937年日军侵华，香港少年由于父亲在日本经商的关系，来到日本一个海边小镇养病，然后结识了照顾他们在日本海边房产的Matsu等日本人。在战争的阴影下，远离战争纷乱的小镇中，故事展开。最喜欢的是麻风病村的故事，Matsu和Sachi的互相拯救彼此的那份情。人性的坚强和美好。

刚读的时候很难进入，不知道是不是因为作者的语言缘故，还是小说本身的日本背景缘故。后来越读越流畅，三天内就看完了。日本侵华战争的背景下是普通人的生活节奏和相处。满满的日式人生哲学和人情味。

一个到横滨养病的孱弱少年与严肃刻板的管家以及其他的一些普通的日本人之间一段很平淡却又令人印象深刻的相处时光。作者很平静的叙述方式却在简单朴实的人性之中显出了强大的张力。虽然是英文，但读的时候真的感觉很日本：那种安静、礼貌、干净又带一点点疏远。对于美与丑，善与恶，故国与他乡，战争与和平，一切的一切，都在这本小小的小说里，短短的故事里。

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