

The Lake



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Now in paperback: a quietly stunning tour de force about the redemptive power of love.

While *The Lake* shows off many of the features that have made Banana Yoshimoto famous—a cast of vivid and quirky characters, simple yet nuanced prose, a tight plot with an upbeat pace—it’s also one of the most darkly mysterious books she’s ever written.

It tells the tale of a young woman who moves to Tokyo after the death of her mother, hoping to get over her grief and start a career as a graphic artist. She finds herself spending too much time staring out her window, though ... until she realizes she’s gotten used to seeing a young man across the street staring out his window, too.

They eventually embark on a hesitant romance, until she learns that he has been the victim of some form of childhood trauma. Visiting two of his friends who live a monastic life beside a beautiful lake, she begins to piece together a series of clues that lead her to suspect his experience may have had something to do with a bizarre religious cult. . . .

With its echoes of the infamous, real-life Aum Shinrikyo cult (the group that released poison gas in the Tokyo subway system), The Lake unfolds as the most powerful novel Banana Yoshimoto has written. And as the two young lovers overcome their troubled past to discover hope in the beautiful solitude of the lake in the countryside, it's also one of her most moving.

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小说

评论

在strand看到這本書被放置在村上春樹旁邊，直覺促使我買下了這本書，不得不說這本書讓我有點失望，還是像往常一樣的治癒係，但是太多女主角對於自閉男主角的憐惜，男主角就是個小透明，刻畫的很薄弱，再加上有神力的角色出現似乎有點狗血，相比之下她早年寫的《蜥蜴》更有滋味一些。

吉本芭娜娜的风格是叙述比较平淡，但是传达的情怀却很深厚。英文版是把白水一样的日文翻译成白水一样的英文，但是情怀却像是被一堵墙挡着一样怎么也传递不出来。果然是我的英语太差了么==

吉本大概就永远是疗伤系的路线了，越是经历过黑暗越会觉得她把握了与过去的痛苦纠缠的精髓。与“厨房”不同的是，这本看完以后我致郁了==

男女主之前的关系怎么看也不是健康的关系，只能说是互舔着伤口努力确认自己存在的意义。在这样的前提下还主要是男主单方面的依赖女主，这种不平衡让人十分担心这俩人下一页就要分手了。而且男主的创伤太扯，缺乏故事的趣味性。总之我觉得这不是一个基调特别充满疗伤的希望的小说，说强颜欢笑更好一点。一人有一人的活法吧大概。

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