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# Kangaroo Notebook 1997-11-11

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a vision of contemporary japanese society that manages to be simultaneously fearful and jarringly funny at the center of the story is a gentle self effacing man who contracts a disorder that makes him a vegetable and he becomes the victim of forces that alternately torture him fuss over him and neglect him this last novel written before its author's death in 1993 marries magic realism to social satire and ends up with unexpected meaning

#### The Face of Another 2011-12-14

like an elegantly chilling postscript to the metamorphosis this classic of postwar japanese literature describes a bizarre physical transformation that exposes the duplicities of an entire world the narrator is a scientist hideously deformed in a laboratory accident a man who has lost his face and with it his connection to other people even his wife is now repulsed by him his only entry back into the world is to create a mask so perfect as to be undetectable but soon he finds that such a mask is more than a disguise it is an alternate self a self that is capable of anything a remorseless meditation on nature identity and the social contract the face of another is an intellectual horror story of the highest order

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#### The Box Man 2020-10-29

a spellbinder from beginning to end an edgy masterpiece chicago sun times this is the record of a box man anonymous and alone the box man peeps out of his cut out eyeholes and watches the world from behind his four cardboard walls at first repulsed by the strange phenomenon of people who have decided to abandon society and live in boxes on the tokyo streets he has found himself drawn into the anonymity and voyeurism of their life as he becomes obsessed with spying on a young nurse his identity slips away in kobo abe s eerie disorienting and seductive masterpiece of unease funny sad and destructive an invention with its own crazy pull it gnaws at the reader a stunning addition to the literature of eccentricity the new york times

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this book coins the term imperial beast fable to explore modern forms of human animal relationships and their origins in the british empire taking as a starting point the long nineteenth century fascination with non european beast fables it examines literary reworkings of these fables such as rudyard kipling s jungle books in relation to the global politics of race language and species the imperial beast fable figures variably as a key site where the nature and origins of

mankind are hotly debated an emerging space of conservation in which humans enclose animals to manage and control them a cage in which an animal narrator talks to change its human jailors and a vision of animal cosmopolitanism in which a close kinship between humans and other animals is dreamt of written at the intersection of animal studies and postcolonial studies this book proposes that the beast fable embodies the ideologies and values of the british empire while also covertly critiquing them it therefore finds in the beast fable the possibility that the multitudinous animals it gives voice to might challenge the imperial networks which threaten their existence both in the nineteenth century and today

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although readers of detective fiction ordinarily expect to learn the mystery s solution at the end there is another kind

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playing in the shadows considers the literature engendered by postwar japanese authors robust cultural exchanges with african americans and african american literature the allied occupation brought an influx of african american soldiers and culture to japan which catalyzed the writing of black characters into postwar japanese literature this same influx fostered the creation of organizations such as the kokujin kenkyu no kai the japanese association for negro studies and literary endeavors such as the kokujin bungaku zenshu the complete anthology of black literature this rich milieu sparked japanese authors nakagami kenji and oe kenzaburo are two notable examples interest in reading interpreting critiquing and ultimately incorporating the tropes and techniques of african american literature and jazz performance into their own literary works such incorporation leads to literary works that are black not by virtue of their representations of black characters but due to their investment in the possibility of technically and intertextually black japanese literature will bridges argues that these fictions of race provide visions of the way that postwar japanese authors reimagine the ascription of race to bodies be they bodies of literature the body politic or the human body itself

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