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Dreadstar Returns

Recent natural as well as man-made cataclysmic events have dramatically changed the status quo of contemporary Japanese society, and following the Asia-Pacific war's never-ending 'postwar' period, Japan has been dramatically forced into a zeitgeist of saigo or 'post-disaster.' This radically new worldview has significantly altered the socio-political as well as literary perception of one of the world's potential superpowers, and in this book the contributors closely examine how Japan's new paradigm of precarious existence is expressed through a variety of pop-cultural as well as literary media. Addressing the transition from post-war to post-disaster literature, this book examines the rise of precarity consciousness in Japanese socio-cultural discourse. The chapters investigate the extent to which we can talk about the emergence of a new literary paradigm of precarity in the world of Japanese popular culture. Through careful examination of a variety of contemporary texts ranging from literature, manga, anime, television drama and film this study offers an interpretation of the many dissonant voices in Japanese society. The contributors also outline the related social issues in Japanese society and culture, providing a comprehensive overview of the global trends that link Japan with the rest of the world. Visions of Precarity in Japanese Popular Culture and Literature will be of great interest to students and scholars of contemporary Japan, Japanese culture and society, popular culture and social and cultural history.

Alice in the Country of Hearts

The war on terror exploded, literally, the day Sarajevo was destroyed by a homemade nuclear device. The leading democracies transformed into total surveillance states, and the developing world has drowned under a wave of genocides. The mysterious American John Paul seems to be behind the collapse of the world system, and it's up to intelligence agent Clavis Shepherd to track John Paul across the wreckage of civilizations and to find the true heart of darkness—a genocidal organ. -- VIZ Media

Shutting Out the Sun

A young author is being held hostage in the home of a grammar school girl. Held there by knife-point, and partially by his own curiosity, the author hopes to uncover the mysteries behind the child's torment. He knows she lives alone in this huge home. But where are her parents? And what was her life like before the accident and this "kidnapping"?

BAKEMONOGATARI (manga)

A local exorcist has passed away, leaving behind a study packed with a lifetime of important yokai research. But his family are normal and don't know where he's hidden his workroom. Now all the exorcists in the area are on the hunt for the mysterious library. But Natsume can't decide what is more dangerous—letting the other exorcists find the collection, or discovering it himself! -- VIZ Media

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The world's second-wealthiest country, Japan once seemed poised to overtake America. But its failure to recover from the economic collapse of the early 1990s was unprecedented, and today it confronts an array of disturbing social trends. Japan has the highest suicide rate and lowest birthrate of all industrialized countries, and a rising incidence of untreated cases of depression. Equally as troubling are the more than one million young men who shut themselves in their rooms, withdrawing from society, and the growing numbers of "parasite singles," the name given to single women who refuse to leave home, marry, or bear children. In *Shutting Out the Sun*, Michael Zielenziger argues that Japan's rigid, tradition-steeped society, its aversion to change, and its distrust of individuality and the expression of self are stifling economic revival, political reform, and social evolution. Giving a human face to the country's malaise, Zielenziger explains how these constraints have driven intelligent, creative young men to become modern-day hermits. At the same time, young women, better educated than their mothers and earning high salaries, are rejecting the traditional path to marriage and motherhood, preferring to spend their money on luxury goods and travel. Smart, unconventional, and politically controversial, *Shutting Out the Sun* is a bold explanation of Japan's stagnation and its implications for the rest of the world. From the Hardcover edition.

Visions of Precarity in Japanese Popular Culture and Literature

Ten short stories of loneliness and depression covering subjects like drug use, relationships between peers and children and parents, adult flaws, and materialism.

In This Corner of the World

Elin's family has an important responsibility: caring for the fearsome water serpents that form the core of their kingdom's army. So when some of the creatures mysteriously die, Elin's mother is sentenced to death as punishment.

With her last breath, she manages to send her daughter to safety. Alone and far from home, Elin soon discovers that she can communicate with both the terrifying water serpents and the majestic flying beasts that guard her queen. This skill gives her great power, but it also involves her in deadly plots that could cost her life. Can she save herself and prevent her beloved beasts from being used as tools of war? Or is there no escaping the terrible battles to come?

Genocidal Organ

"Do you have a favorite sound?" little Yoshio asks. The musician answers, "The most beautiful sound is the sound of ma, of silence." But Yoshio lives in Tokyo, Japan: a giant, noisy, busy city. He hears shoes squishing through puddles, trains whooshing, cars beeping, and families laughing. Tokyo is like a symphony hall! Where is silence? Join Yoshio on his journey through the hustle and bustle of the city to find the most beautiful sound of all.

Welcome to My World

Winner of the Windham Campbell Prize • A Washington Post Best Book of the Year • A Time Best Book of the Year • A San Francisco Chronicle Top 10 Book of the Year • A Huffington Post Best Fiction Book of the Year • A New York Times Editors' Choice In her most accessible, commercial novel yet, the "supremely perceptive writer of formidable skill and intelligence (New York Times Book Review) turns her astute eye to a dramatic family reunion, where simmering tensions and secrets come to a head over three long, hot summer weeks. With five novels and two collections of stories, Tessa Hadley has earned a reputation as a fiction writer of remarkable gifts. She brings all of her considerable skill and an irresistible setup to *The Past*, a novel in which three sisters, a brother, and their children assemble at their country house. These three weeks may be their last time there; the upkeep is prohibitive, and they may be forced to sell this beloved house filled with memories of their shared past (their mother took them there to live when she left their father). Yet beneath the idyllic pastoral surface, hidden passions, devastating secrets, and dangerous hostilities threaten to consume them. Sophisticated and sleek, Roland's new wife (his third) arouses his sisters' jealousies and insecurities. Kasim, the twenty-year-old son of Alice's ex-boyfriend, becomes enchanted with Molly, Roland's sixteen-year-old daughter. Fran's young children make an unsettling discovery in a dilapidated cottage in the woods that shatters their innocence. Passion erupts where it's least expected, leveling the quiet self-possession of Harriet, the eldest sister. Over the course of this summer holiday, the family's stories and silences intertwine, small disturbances build into familial crises, and a way of life—bourgeois, literate, ritualized, Anglican—winds down to its inevitable end. With subtle precision and deep compassion, Tessa Hadley brilliantly evokes a brewing storm of lust and envy, the indelible connections of memory and affection, the fierce, nostalgic beauty of the natural world, and the shifting currents of history running beneath the surface of these seemingly steady lives. The result is a novel of breathtaking skill and scope that showcases this major writer's extraordinary talents.

The Beast Player

Two rival ninja clans are picked to fight to the death to resolve a clash over the succession to the Japanese throne, but things get complicated when the son of one clan and the daughter of the other unexpectedly fall in love.

Welcome to the N.H.K.

Etsuro Sakagami is a college freshman who simply drifts through life, but when he logs on to the combat MMO Versus Town, he becomes Tetsuo, a karate champ on his way to becoming the most powerful martial artist around. While his relationship with new classmate Fumiko goes nowhere, Etsuro spends his days and nights online in search of the invincible Ganker Jack. Drifting between the virtual and the real, will Etsuro ever be ready to face his most formidable opponent? -- VIZ Media

1Q84

The year is 1Q84. This is the real world, there is no doubt about that. But in this world, there are two moons in the sky. In this world, the fates of two people, Tengo and Aomame, are closely intertwined. They are each, in their own way, doing something very dangerous. And in this world, there seems no way to save them both. Something extraordinary is starting.

Nana

Twenty-something-year-old Satou, a college dropout and aficionado of anime porn, knows a little secret--or at least he thinks he does! Believe it or not, he has stumbled upon an incredible conspiracy created by the Japanese Broadcasting Company NHK. But despite fighting the good fight, Satou has become an unemployed Hikikomori--a shut-in who as withdrawn from the world One day, he meets Misaki, a mysterious young girl who invites him to join her special "project". Slowly Satou comes out of his reclusive shell, and his hilarious journey begins: filled with mistaken identity; panty shots; Lolita complexes--and an ultimate quest to create the greatest hentai game ever! -- VIZ Media

Welcome to the NHK (Novel)

A U.S. release of a signature work by the award-winning Japanese writer traces a brilliant psychotherapist's surreal battle in the realms of human subconscious when a psychiatric technology is stolen and used to invade dreams and induce insanity. Original. 15,000 first printing.

Twelve Kingdoms - Paperback Edition Volume 1: Sea of Shadow

Beautiful Fighting Girl

A DEAL WITH THE DEVIL DOCTOR Kokonoe's plan comes to fruition, allowing him and Ohmori to evade execution while also creating a diversion for Sengoku and his friends to escape the clutches of Nishikiori. As they make their way back to the others, Yarai reaches Nishikiori's camp where he comes to face the cold, hard truth

about Kurusu-sensei's condition. But seeing a chance to turn things in his favor, Nishikiori makes a deal with Yurai. Will Yurai go through with Nishikiori's dastardly request for the chance to save the life of his teacher?

Haibane Renmei

Kirigoe Mima is in the third year of her career as a pure and innocent pop idol. Feeling like something big needs to change, she plans to give her image a major update. When the new Mima is revealed--complete with a sexy outfit and a risqué photo book--one of her most obsessive fans refuses to accept her transformation. To restore Mima to the innocent girl of her debut, he puts a terrifying plan to action that throws her life into chaos and mortal peril.

Perfect Blue: Complete Metamorphosis

From the award-winning author of 'The Flying Trapeze' comes a tragic-comic tapestry of absurdity, filled with a cast of sleazy characters. These six inter-related chapters deal with themes of desire, inadequacy and failure, using the underbelly of sex as a canvas.

Thea Stilton and the Cherry Blossom Adventure

In these preternatural tales, a girl creates a cell phone in her imagination, with which she can communicate with othersA young boy discovers his new friend has the power to heal others-and learns about true friendship and sacrificeAnd the restorative power of love confronts the tragedy and horror of a deadly train accident. -- VIZ Media

Natsume's Book of Friends

From Cutie Honey and Sailor Moon to Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind, the worlds of Japanese anime and manga teem with prepubescent girls toting deadly weapons. Sometimes overtly sexual, always intensely cute, the beautiful fighting girl has been both hailed as a feminist icon and condemned as a symptom of the objectification of young women in Japanese society. In Beautiful Fighting Girl, Saitō Tamaki offers a far more sophisticated and convincing interpretation of this alluring and capable figure. For Saitō, the beautiful fighting girl is a complex sexual fantasy that paradoxically lends reality to the fictional spaces she inhabits. As an object of desire for male otaku (obsessive fans of anime and manga), she saturates these worlds with meaning even as her fictional status demands her ceaseless proliferation and reproduction. Rejecting simplistic moralizing, Saitō understands the otaku's ability to eroticize and even fall in love with the beautiful fighting girl not as a sign of immaturity or maladaptation but as a result of a heightened sensitivity to the multiple layers of mediation and fictional context that constitute life in our hypermediated world—a logical outcome of the media they consume. Featuring extensive interviews with Japanese and American otaku, a comprehensive genealogy of the beautiful fighting girl, and an analysis of the American outsider artist Henry Darger, whose baroque imagination Saitō sees as an important antecedent of otaku culture, Beautiful Fighting Girl was hugely

influential when first published in Japan, and it remains a key text in the study of manga, anime, and otaku culture. Now available in English for the first time, this book will spark new debates about the role played by desire in the production and consumption of popular culture.

The Journey to the West

After going to a bath house under the influence of some shady drugs from Yamazaki, Satou spirals out of control and completely loses his mind! With conspiracy theories and paranoia getting the best of him, he's quickly admitted to a hospital and then sent to live with his parents. Will moving back home set Satou on the path to normalcy, or will the lack of privacy cause some unexpected problems? -- VIZ Media

Calling You

From the bestselling novel series by renowned author NisiOisiN, comes the manga adaptation of the Monogatari Series featuring artwork by Oh! great. One day, high-school student Koyomi Araragi catches a girl named Hitagi Senjougahara when she trips. But - much to his surprise - she doesn't weigh anything. At all. She says an encounter with a so-called 'crab' took away all her weight. Monsters have been here since the beginning. Always. Everywhere.

Nine Day Novel-writing Faster

"This Dark Horse Manga omnibus presents I am a hero chapters 1 to 22, first collected in Japan as I am a hero volumes 1 and 2."

Hikikomori

The three-time U.S. Championship figure skater presents a series of anecdotes and essays on his life and observations, sharing perspectives on topics ranging from pop culture and skating to fashion and Weir's own life.

African Samurai

College graduates struggle to cope with the real world. Music offers refuge in this modern manga with an American attitude. Meiko Inoue is a recent college grad working as an office lady in a job she hates. Her boyfriend Shigeo is permanently crashing at her apartment because his job as a freelance illustrator doesn't pay enough for rent. And her parents in the country keep sending her boxes of veggies that just rot in her fridge. Straddling the line between her years as a student and the rest of her life, Meiko struggles with the feeling that she's just not cut out to be a part of the real world.

Paprika

After normal high-schooler Yoko is whisked away to another world by Keiki, a holy man who claims she is the heir to the kingdom of Kei, she is left only with a

magical sword, a gem, and questions about her destiny as she fights for her throne.

The Sound of Silence

"Does for mental clutter what Marie Kondo has done for household clutter."
--Publishers Weekly Relax and find happiness amid the swirl of the modern world with this internationally bestselling guide to simplifying your life by a Japanese monk who embodies the wisdom of Zen. In clear, practical, easily adopted lessons--one a day for 100 days--renowned Buddhist monk Shunmyo Masuno draws on centuries of wisdom to teach you to Zen your life. Discover how . . . * lining up your shoes after you take them off can bring order to your mind; * joining your hands together in gassho can soothe irritation and conflict; * putting down your fork after every bite can help you feel more grateful for what you have; * understanding the concept of ichi-go ichi-e can make everyday interactions more meaningful; * immersing yourself in zazen can sweep the clutter from your mind; * planting a flower and watching it grow can teach you to embrace change; * practicing chisoku can help you feel more fulfilled; * going outside to watch the sunset can make every day feel celebratory. A minimalist line drawing appears opposite each lesson on an otherwise blank page, giving you an opportunity to relax with a deep breath between lessons. With each daily practice, you will learn to find happiness not by seeking out extraordinary experiences but by making small changes to your life, opening yourself up to a renewed sense of peace and inner calm.

Lala Pipo

This is the first English translation of a controversial Japanese best seller that made the public aware of the social problem of hikikomori, or "withdrawal"—a phenomenon estimated to involve approximately one million Japanese adolescents and young adults. Drawing on his own clinical experience with hikikomori patients, Saito Tamaki creates a working definition of social withdrawal and explains its development.

The Cursed Princess and the Lucky Knight

After mysterious deaths and misfortune ravages her family and leaves plucky Duchess Sonia de Clare orphaned in the Royal Abbey, Sonia is forced to take matters into her own hands when the king orders her into an arranged marriage to fulfill her duty as the surviving heiress to the massive Clare fortune. Fully prepared to marry the dashing prince of the kingdom and retake her home, Sonia is only met with disappointment when she discovers who her mysterious groom to be is. But when her own castle turns against her in a series of horrifying supernatural phenomena, Sonia quickly discovers the noble knight Sir Cristford Cortot is far more capable of protecting his cursed princess than any foppish prince ever could!

Welcome to the N.H.K.

When Rakka wakes from a coma as the newest Haibane--winged beings of

unknown origin who live with humans in a forgotten town--she must discover who the Haibane are, what they are doing, and how to live as one of them.

The Art of Simple Living

Warrior. Samurai. Legend. "A readable, compassionate account of an extraordinary life." —The Washington Post The remarkable life of history's first foreign-born samurai, and his astonishing journey from Northeast Africa to the heights of Japanese society. When Yasuke arrived in Japan in the late 1500s, he had already traveled much of the known world. Kidnapped as a child, he had ended up a servant and bodyguard to the head of the Jesuits in Asia, with whom he traversed India and China learning multiple languages as he went. His arrival in Kyoto, however, literally caused a riot. Most Japanese people had never seen an African man before, and many of them saw him as the embodiment of the black-skinned (in local tradition) Buddha. Among those who were drawn to his presence was Lord Nobunaga, head of the most powerful clan in Japan, who made Yasuke a samurai in his court. Soon, he was learning the traditions of Japan's martial arts and ascending the upper echelons of Japanese society. In the four hundred years since, Yasuke has been known in Japan largely as a legendary, perhaps mythical figure. Now African Samurai presents the never-before-told biography of this unique figure of the sixteenth century, one whose travels between countries, cultures and classes offers a new perspective on race in world history and a vivid portrait of life in medieval Japan.

Slum Online

Are you ready to become an author yet? If you're new to fiction writing, this book's for you! (updated version!) Are you tired of waiting for the novel in your head to magically appear? Tired of being told to "write a little bit a day every day?" How's that advice working for you? It's not is it? If it was, your novel would be done. But I hear you. When I first learned how to write a novel, that "helpful" information wasn't. I went slowly, writing a little each day like all the authors told me to. Then I'd get disinterested or distracted and my novel would get DEstructured! You've listened to the podcasts, taken the writing workshops, read how to write a novel guides, but your novel still isn't written. Are you still waiting for that "1 hour a day" conventional wisdom to pay off? Let's face it, it's a new ballgame for indie authors! A numbers game. The number of books you publish, reviews you get, and downloads you can expect are all partly a function of how much you write-how many books you publish. Conventional "wisdom" is getting us indie authors nowhere. It's time to take a different approach! Wouldn't it be great to have something to show for all your hard work? Forget next year! What about sitting down to proofread your first draft next week? That's what I want to show you how to do, because I've been there. In this step-by-step writing workshop-feels more like adrenaline boot camp-Steve Windsor walks you through how he writes novels in 9 "days." With concrete examples of how to apply story structure, outlining, and plotting, you learn to drive your hero through his or her story. You can write a novel in less time than it takes you to need your next haircut. Steve shows you how blockbuster novels and movies use a formula that's as old as Aristotle to produce hits. Packed with examples! Using examples from his own novels, best selling books He even makes up a story right before your eyes! Steve is a hands on

hardcore writer who will show you just how "easy" it is. Make no mistake, the Nine Day Novel series isn't for everyone. Some people like pacing themselves on their way to the death of their dreams of becoming an author. Then again, you aren't them. In this motivational writer's retreat disguised as a fast-paced writing workshop, you'll learn: How story structure can help you write faster. Through mainstream examples and Steve's own brand of "Darth Vader" humor, Nine Day Novel will keep you pumped up to write. And the FREE resources? Inside the Nine Day Novel, you'll get access to a starter file for one of the most popular writing software packages out there-Scrivener. Rather than spending hours or even days learning and creating a story structure outline, Steve did it for you. There's not one, but three FREE writing tools to download inside! So whether you are a yet to be discovered bestselling author or a grizzled, coffee-addicted veteran like Steve who is continually sharpening his writing sword, Nine Day Novel-Writing Faster will give you a sharp new edge on your writer's blade. Don't let your novel die in your mind because you think you lack the time. I'll show you how much time you really have. And I'll give you real advice on how to use that time to write your novel faster than you ever thought possible. Take action, read this book, and faster than your next vacation is over, you will be showing off your brand new novel. Don't waste another minute, scroll up and click "BUY NOW"!

Cage of Eden

Twenty-two-year-old Satou, an unemployed, reclusive conspiracy theorist living in Tokyo, meets a mysterious girl who tries to cure him of his antisocial, or "hikikomori," ways.

Imperfect Girl 3

"The Thea sisters are off to Japan on a cultural exchange program. While they're busy exploring Kyoto and admiring the beautiful cherry blossoms, a valuable item is stolen from their friend Kumi's family. Will the five mice be able to catch the thief?"--Page 4 of cover.

I Am a Hero Omnibus

Kidnapped by a handsome man with rabbit ears, Alice Liddell finds herself abandoned in an odd place called Wonderland and thrust into a "game," the rules of which she has yet to learn. Alice, ever the plucky tomboy, sets off to explore and get the lay of this strange land, intent on finding her rude kidnapper and giving him a piece of her mind (and her fist). But little does she know that she's wandered right into the middle of a dangerous power struggle involving just about all of Wonderland's attractive, weapon-happy denizens. And the only way for Alice to return home is to get acquainted with the lot of them?! How in the world will she manage that and still manage to stay alive?!

The Kouga Ninja Scrolls

THE MANGA THAT INSPIRED THE CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED FILM! 1940's Hiroshima Prefecture. Suzu, a young woman from the countryside, joins her new husband and

his family in the shipbuilding city of Kure. As her beautiful home collapses around her, Suzu must confront the challenges of a new life while coming to grips with a world in turmoil. Unwilling to give up hope, Suzu struggles against the horrors of war to create her own happiness.

Goodnight Punpun

Containing chapters 51-100 of China's best-loved work, in an edited, yet complete and wholly accurate translation for the Western reader. Travel with Monkey, Pig, Friar Sand and the Tang Priest as they continue their journey to India and finally attain the scriptures. Volume 2 contains some of the most famous episodes from this classic, including Monkey's duel with the Princess Iron Fan.

The Past

A 100 page Original Graphic Novel written and illustrated by Jim Starlin with Jaime Jameson featuring the return of fan favorite character Vanth Dreadstar and company.

PIECES OF YOU(二冊 二冊)(二冊)(二冊 HardCover)

When two twenty-year-old women with the same first name meet and become best friends despite their different personalities, they experience a world of music, fashion, sex, gossip, and all-night parties.

Afternoon Men

Meet Punpun Punyama. He's an average kid in an average town. He wants to win a Nobel Prize and save the world. He wants the girl he has a crush on to like him back. He wants to find some porn. That's what he wants, but what does he get? -- VIZ Media

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