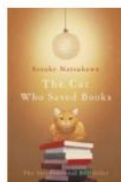


# JAPANESE COSY FICTION



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## 2025 READING LIST



**Title:**  
The cat who saved books  
**Author:**  
Sosuke Natsukawa  
**Published:**  
2021

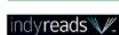


Adult fiction  
eAudiobook  
eBook

Bookish high school student Rintaro Natsuki is about to close the second-hand bookshop he inherited from his beloved grandfather. Then, a talking cat named Tiger appears with an unusual request.



**Title:**  
We'll prescribe you a cat  
**Author:**  
Siyou Hashida  
**Published:** 2024



Adult fiction &  
eAudiobook

On the top floor of an old building at the end of a cobbled alley in Kyoto lies the Kokoro Clinic for the Soul. Only a select few - those who feel genuine emotional pain - can find it. The mysterious centre offers a unique treatment for its troubled patients: it prescribes cats as medication.

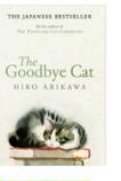


**Title:**  
The travelling cat chronicles  
**Author:**  
Hiro Arikawa  
**Published:**  
2018



Adult fiction  
eAudiobook  
eBook

This Japanese bestseller is a tender, feelgood story of a journey around Japan with a streetcat. It's not the journey that counts, but who's at your side. Nana is on a road trip, but he is not sure where he is going. All that matters is that he can sit beside his beloved owner Satoru in the front seat of his silver van.



**Title:**  
The goodbye cat  
**Author:**  
Hiro Arikawa  
**Published:** 2023

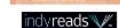


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**Title:**  
What you are looking for is in the library  
**Author:**  
Aoyama Michiko  
**Published:** 2023



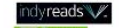
Adult fiction  
eAudiobook  
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What are you looking for? So asks Tokyo's most enigmatic librarian, Sayuri Komachi. But she is no ordinary librarian.

Sensing exactly what someone is searching for in life, she provides just the book recommendation to help them find it. We meet five visitors to the library, each at a different crossroads.



**Title:**  
The lantern of lost memories  
**Author:**  
Sanaka Hiragi  
**Published:** 2024



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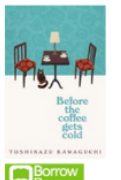
A person wakes up in a cosy photography studio, holding a stack of photos that represent each day of their life. They must select the photos that capture their most treasured memories. Once chosen, the photos begin to spin, and their cherished moments flash before their eyes, guiding them into another world.



**Title:** The full moon coffee shop  
**Author:**  
Mai Mochizuki  
**Published:** 2024

Adult fiction

Based on the Japanese myth of cats returning favours to humans who are kind to them, "The Full Moon Coffee Shop" is the name of a peculiar cake cafe that is run by talking cats, which has no fixed location and instead materialises unpredictably on the night of a full moon.



**Title:** Before the Coffee Gets Cold  
**Author:**  
Toshikazu Kawaguchi  
**Published:** 2020



Adult fiction  
eAudiobook  
eBook

What would you change if you could go back in time? A small Tokyo café has been serving carefully brewed coffee for more than one hundred years. But this coffee shop offers its customers the chance to travel back in time. Who would you want to meet, maybe for one last time?



**Title:** The Bookshop Woman  
**Author:**  
Nanako Hanado  
**Published:** 2024

Adult fiction

In a bid to inject excitement into her life, Nanako joins a meet-up site where people meet for 30-minute bursts to find romance and connect with strangers through the power of books. This is a heart-warming book about a bookseller's self-discovery.



**Title:** Days at the Morisaki bookshop  
**Author:**  
Satoshi Yagisawa  
**Published:** 2024

Large Print

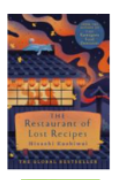
After Takako's boyfriend announces he's marrying someone else, she reluctantly accepts her eccentric uncle's offer to live in the tiny room above the bookshop. As she heals, she discovers that the bookshop holds magical possibilities, with new worlds unfolding within the stacks of books.



**Title:**  
Goodnight Tokyo  
**Author:**  
Atsuhiko Yoshida  
**Published:** 2024

Adult fiction

Seen through the eyes of a cast of colourful characters, Goodnight Tokyo takes the reader on an intimate journey around Tokyo after dark, when Tokyo's eccentrics and insomniacs emerge, and a small grain of madness begins to germinate in the city's night air. Confessions of intimacy and loneliness merge with the surreal.



**Title:**  
The restaurant of lost recipes  
**Author:**  
Hisashi Kashiwai  
**Published:** 2024



Adult fiction  
eBook

In a Kyoto backstreet, a father-daughter duo runs a diner as 'food detectives,' reconstructing beloved dishes from their customers' memories. Through their culinary sleuthing, they create connections to cherished moments from the past, offering a doorway to nostalgia through the magic of food.



**Title:**  
The Marigold mind laundry  
**Author:**  
Jungeun Yun  
**Published:** 2024



Adult fiction  
eAudiobook

The inspirational Korean bestseller for fans of *The Alchemist* and *The Midnight Library*, a soul-stirring tale set in a magical laundry: while your clothes are being washed, have your bad memories cleansed.



**Title:**  
Honeybees and distant thunder  
**Author:**  
Piku Onda  
**Published:** 2023

Adult fiction

*The Night Circus* meets *Lonely Castle in the Mirror*. A Japanese bestseller about three students whose friendship is tested to the limit as they fight to compete in the drama of a fiercely competitive international piano competition.