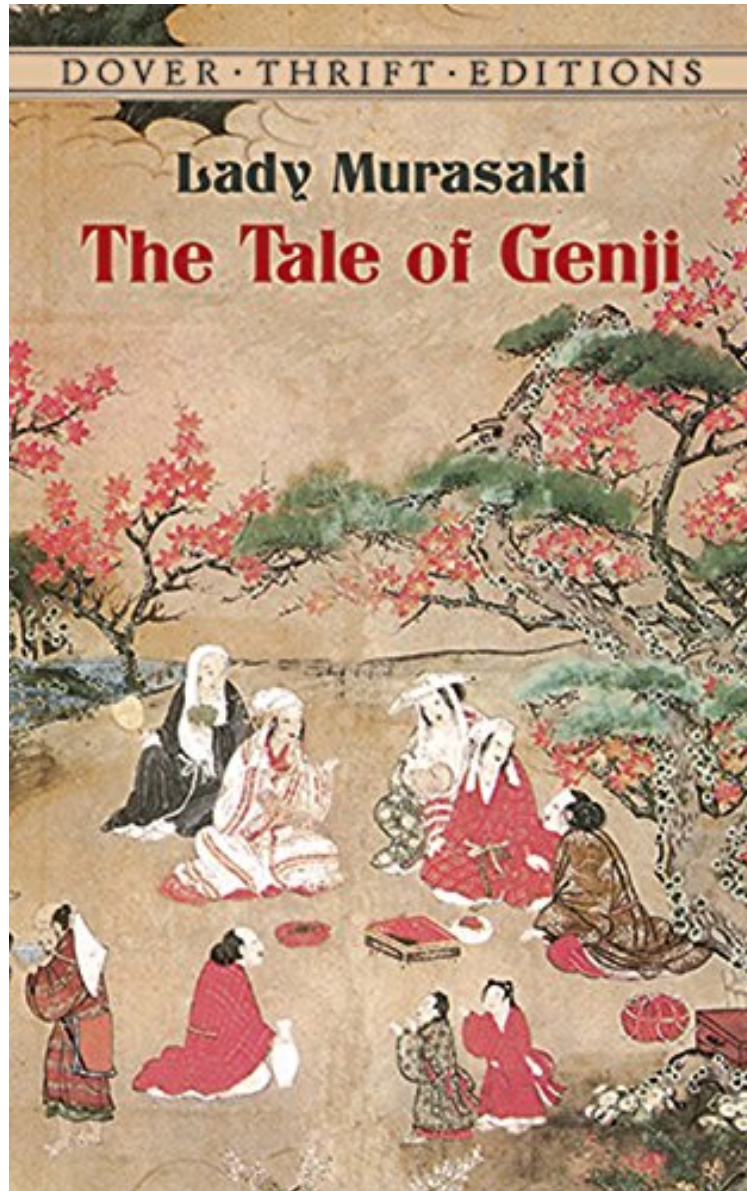


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Von Lady Murasaki : The Tale of Genji (Dover Thrift Editions) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Tale of Genji (Dover Thrift Editions):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. On a side noteVon Ein KundeMany people may not notice, but with close consideration of the history of 11th century Japan one realizes that this book is a satire on the life of the "elite" not just an account of society. Needless to say this book is

all that is said above and more.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. LuminousVon Ein KundeIt has been said that in addition to being the world's first novel, Genji is one of its greatest. I simply could not agree more. Although I had to read Genji twice(once with Seidenstcker, once with Waley) to understand the structure of the novel, it definitely was not a waste of time. Murasaki weaves a complex web of fate and personality flaws as well as human passions, and the result is not only a romance novel, but also a psychological study. Those who would argue that the characters are underdeveloped have not read this book closely enough. Although Genji may come off as a free-wheeling playboy at first, the reader must keep in mind that at this time this book was written, it was not unusual at all for highly born noblemen to have more than one wife. Genji loves all the women he encounters.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Very intriguing, very fascinating.....Von Ein KundeUnfortunately I read the Italian translation, which has not been prepared referring to the original Japanese text, but to the English translations. Indeed in Italy we have only a translator's translation at our disposal! However, the novel is extremely fascinating, you really take part to the plot, and you are sorry when you finish reading. The story could have gone on and on. I do not share the view that Genji was a playboy. This opinion is prejudiced by our views as to personal relationship, which are of course very different. We cannot judge past ethics and morals with our ideas.

KurzbeschreibungOne of the worlds oldest novels and the greatest single work of Japanese literature, this 11th-century romance centers on the lives and loves of an emperor's son. It offers a vast tapestry of the intrigues and rivalries of court life, as well as an exquisitely detailed portrayal of a decaying aristocracy. Rich in poetry and wordplay in addition to subtle social and psychological observations, this splendid translation of the first part of a tremendously influential masterpiece provides Western readers with a memorable taste of one of the world's first and greatest novels.