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Friends; [play] 1969

an absurdist drama about the gradual destruction of the individual a family enters the apartment of a young man and announces that they will save him from his loneliness by living with him slowly they destroy everything in the cheerful psychotic name of brotherly love

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

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

The Frontier Within 2013-06-25

abe kobo 1924 1993 was one of japan s greatest postwar writers widely recognized for his imaginative science fiction and plays of the absurd however he also wrote theoretical criticism for which he is lesser known merging literary historical and philosophical perspectives into keen reflections on the nature of creativity the evolution of the human species and an impressive range of other subjects abe kobo tackled contemporary social issues and literary theory with the depth and facility of a visionary thinker featuring twelve essays from his prolific career including poetry and poets consciousness and the unconscious written in 1944 and the frontier within part ii written in 1969 this anthology introduces english speaking readers to abe kobo as critic and intellectual for the first time demonstrating the importance of his theoretical work to a broader understanding of his fiction and a richer portrait of japan s postwar imagination richard f calichman provides an incisive introduction to

abe kobo s achievements and situates his essays historically and intellectually

The Woman in the Dunes 2011-12-14

the woman in the dunes by celebrated writer and thinker kobo abe combines the essence of myth suspense and the existential novel after missing the last bus home following a day trip to the seashore an amateur entomologist is offered lodging for the night at the bottom of a vast sand pit but when he attempts to leave the next morning he quickly discovers that the locals have other plans held captive with seemingly no chance of escape he is tasked with shoveling back the ever advancing sand dunes that threaten to destroy the village his only companion is an odd young woman together their fates become intertwined as they work side by side at this sisyphean task

The Ruined Map 2020-10-29

a brilliant display of pyrotechnics a compelling tour de force by a master jeweller of polished prose the new york times a private detective is hired to find a missing person but nothing is normal about this case why has the beautiful alcoholic wife of the vanished salesman waited over half a year to search for him why are the only clues a photo and a matchbox as the investigator s ever more puzzling hunt takes him into the labyrinthine depths of the urban underworld he begins to wonder if it is in fact he who is lost an intoxicating blend of noir thriller and surreal dream the ruined map questions identity itself an exciting imaginative and entertaining novel san francisco chronicle

The Ruined Map 2011-12-14

of all the great japanese novelists kobe abe was indubitably the most versatile with the ruined map he crafted a mesmerizing literary crime novel that combines the narrative suspense of chandler with the psychological depth of dostoevsky mr nemuro a respected salesman disappeared over half a year ago but only now does his alluring yet alcoholic wife hire a private eye the nameless detective has but two clues a photo and a matchbook with these he embarks upon an ever more puzzling pursuit that leads him into the depths of tokyo s dangerous underworld where he begins to lose the boundaries of his own identity surreal fast paced and hauntingly dreamlike abe s masterly novel delves into the unknowable mysteries of the human mind translated from the japanese by e dale saunders

The Woman in the Dunes 1972

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at breakfast one morning the narrator of kangaroo notebook discovers to his horror that what appear to be radish sprouts are growing out of his shins thus begins kobo abe s strange and wonderful last novel completed not long before his death in 1993 and set in a skewed version of modern urban japan funny and terrifying by turns it is the story of an ordinary man in the grip of bizarre and thoroughly extraordinary forces a self propelled hospital bed that takes him literally to the edge of hell doctors eager to cure the wrong ailments mysterious windstorms a nurse devoted to taking blood her monthly quota is about three quarts infant ghosts and an american known as master hammer killer who is making a film called fatal accidents book jacket title summary field provided by blackwell north america inc all rights reserved

Kangaroo Notebook 1996

in a remote seaside village niki jumpei an amateur entomologist is held captive at the bottom of a vast sand pit where he is pressed into shovelling off the ever advancing sand dunes that threaten the village

The Woman in the Dunes 1964

kobo abe 1924 93 author of women in the dunes the box man inter ice age nine and the ark sakura led japanese fiction in a new and original direction abe was also active as a playwright and a director and from 1969 to 1980 he headed his own theatre company the abe studio in those years he produced and directed many plays including such seminal works as fake fish the ghost is here and the little elephant is dead in addition to performing in tokyo abe s troupe toured the united states and europe and his plays have been produced by companies around the world

Fake Fish 1996

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□□ 1983

in the last novel written before his death in 1993 one of japan s most distinguished novelists proffered a surreal vision of japanese society that manages to be simultaneously fearful and jarringly funny the narrator of kangaroo notebook wakes

on morning to discover that his legs are growing radish sprouts an ailment that repulses his doctor but provides the patient with the unusual ability to snack on himself in short order kobo abe s unraveling protagonist finds himself hurtling in a hospital bed to the very shores of hell abe has assembled a cast of oddities into a coherent novel one imbued with unexpected meaning translated from the japanese by maryellen toman mori from the trade paperback edition

The Face of Another 1969

in this chilling futuristic novel professor katsumi of tokyo has assembled and programmed a computer which given all the available facts about a person or situation can predict the future because a similar computer in moscow is being used to make forecasts of a political nature his institute s governing body decides to avoid politics and try to foresee the future of an individual a man is picked apparently at random only to be murdered before he can be programmed but the computer can still read his mind the resulting involvements are complicated by a climactic shift inter ice age 4 which puts earth under water

A Study Guide for Kobo Abe's "The Woman in the Dunes" 2016-06-29

in the work of writer abe kobo 1924 1993 characters are alienated both from themselves and from one another through close readings of abe s work richard calichman reveals how time and writing have the ability to unground identity over time attempts to create unity of self cause alienation despite government attempts to convince people to form communities and nations to recapture a sense of wholeness art then must resist the nation state and expose its false ideologies calichman argues that abe s attack on the concept of national affiliation has been neglected through his inscription as a writer of japanese literature at the same time the institution of japan studies works to tighten the bond between nation state and individual subject through abe s essays and short stories he shows how the formation of community is constantly displaced by the notions of time and writing beyond nation thus analyzes the elements of orientalism culturalism and racism that often underlie the appeal to collective japanese identity

Kangaroo Notebook 1997-11-11

Inter Ice Age 4 1981

new england theatre journal

Beyond Nation 2016-03-02

a collection of works including such stories as an irrelevant death the dream soldier dendrocalia the special envoy and the crime of s karma



a gorgeously entertaining provocative book chicago tribune it is 4am when the ambulance comes to take the man s wife away although no one has called it and there is nothing wrong with her as he sets out to find her he finds himself in the corridors of a vast underground hospital where he encounters sinister medics freakish sexual experiments and the unmistakable feeling of being watched even when he is suddenly appointed as the hospital s chief of security reporting to a man who thinks he is a horse he will not give up his search secret rendezvous is a nightmarish satire of bureaucracy medicine and modern life reads as if it were the collaborative effort of hieronymus bosch franz kafka and mel brooks chicago sun times

Box Man, The *1975*

one of japan s most venerated writers david mitchell in this unnerving fable from one of japan s greatest novelists a recluse known as mole retreats to a vast underground bunker only to find that strange guests booby traps and a giant toilet may prove even greater obstacles than nuclear disaster as is true of poe and kafka abe creates an unexpected impulsion one continues reading on and on new yorker abe s depiction of the deadly game of survival is hilarious but at the same time leaves us with a chilling sense of apprehension about the brave new world that awaits us los angeles times

00000 1971

from the acclaimed author of woman in the dunes comes secret rendezvous the bizarrely erotic and comic adventures of a man searching for his missing wife in a mysteriously vast underground hospital from the moment that an ambulance appears in the middle of the night to take his wife who protests that she is perfectly healthy her bewildered husband realizes that things are not as they should be his covert explorations reveal that the enormous hospital she was taken to is home to a network of constant surveillance outlandish sex experiments and an array of very odd and even violent characters within a few days though no closer to finding his wife the unnamed narrator finds himself appointed the hospital s chief of security reporting to a man who thinks he s a horse with its nightmarish vision of modern medicine and modern life secret rendezvous is another masterpiece from japan s most gifted and original writer of serious fiction

Three Plays 1993

critics typically regard abe kobo 1924 93 as writing against realism due to his avant garde aesthetics that challenged the naturalist realism dominating the literary mainstream and the socialist realism of the orthodox left in postwar japan he considered his work thoroughly realist however and starting in the early 1950s in a series of avant garde art and literary groups he championed the possibility of a vital contemporary realism that challenged the reader to question the reality represented in the text through increasingly self conscious writing strategies through a reassessment of the texts in which he worked out his theory of realism this study traces the development of his commitment to making truth from a lie to fiction drama and reportage that openly display their artifice key argues that the reflexivity of abe s texts which lay bare their own processes of artificial construction in order to reflect how our everyday sense of reality is constructed and maintained created a critical space for metatextual ideas that were not acknowledged by the literary establishment of his time and have yet to be recognized by critics today undergirding his theory and practice of realism was a critique of conventional documentary and of the classic detective story the texts examined here expose the degree to which the documentarian and the detective are active fabricators of meaning rather than neutral observers of fact by paying close attention to the tension between the documentary and the fictive in abe s works key draws out the ethical implications of his documentary approach arguing persuasively that the documentary qualities of his writing such as its valorization of objectivity over psychologism and the realm of concrete things over abstraction are strategies for challenging the dominant assumptions about what constitutes good ethics and good art as well as the relationship between these two spheres

Beyond the Curve 1993-02-01

this is the first study of an important part of japanese author kobo abe s life his work in the theater professor nancy shields attended all of the rehearsals witnessed abe s plays as they evolved under his guidance she also accompanied his troupe on its american tour in this volume she describes both the process the art of a man who was no less gifted as a man of the theater than as a novelist abe directed his own plays because he felt that writing a play staging it were almost the same thing Ó the book is illustrated with over 100 black white photos of abe the rehearsals performances of his plays has an illuminating foreword by donald keene an authority on japanese culture

Secret Rendezvous 2020-10-29

the protagonist of abe s creation nicknamed mole by himself and pig by others is a dreamer and something of a mad inventor he turns an underground quarry into an ark that can survive a nuclear war and starts to recruit passengers to accompany him on a voyage

The Ark Sakura 2021-06-03

combines updates and expands two earlier salem press reference sets critical survey of drama rev ed english language series published in 1994 and critical survey of drama foreign language series published in 1986 this new 8 vol set contains 602 essays of which 538 discuss individual dramatists and 64 cover broad overview topics the dramatist profiles contain more than 310 photographs and drawings

Secret Rendezvous 1980

transl from the japanese original bo ni natta otoko

□□ 1973

among the great authors of postwar japan abe kobo 1924 1993 is the mechanic works such as the woman in the dunes 1962 which brought him worldwide renown conduct a profound analysis of human existence while revelling in technical detail the early postwar years were not only formative for abe as a writer and political activist they were also formative years for japanese literature culture and politics while progressing in his own words from existentialism to surrealism and on to communism abe published numerous treatises tracts and other essays of various kinds concerning revolutionary aesthetics and the historic role of the arts between artistic autonomy and social commitment abe s essays show the maturing of both his artistic and aesthetic agenda and of his essay style this process also involves political disillusionment raising the question of what bearing abe s earlier radical positions have on his more mature work this study examines abe kobo s programmatic essays written between his repatriation from manchuria in 1947 and his expulsion from the communist party in 1962 the texts are placed in the context of the artistic and political groups in which he was active and of the broader literary issues of the time centring on the guest for a new beginning in literature

The Ruined Map 1971-01-01

Truth from a Lie 2011-05-05

in the aftermath of world war ii kuki kyūzō a japanese youth raised in the puppet state of manchuria struggles to return home to japan what follows is a wild journey involving drugs smuggling chases and capture kyūzō finally makes his way to the waters off japan but finds himself unable to disembark his nation remains inaccessible to him and now he questions its very existence beasts head for home is an acute novel of identity belonging and the vagaries of human behavior from an

exceptional modern japanese author

Abe Kôbô 2000

Inter Ice Age 4 1971

Fake Fish 2002-05

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The Ark Sakura 1988

Critical Survey of Drama: Kobo Abe - Albert Camus 2003

The Man who Turned Into a Stick 1975

Abe Kōbō, Literary Strategist 2004-09-01

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