

U.S. Debut Novel from Bestselling Japanese author

The story of a Bostonian woman's pursuit of love, survival, and friendship in a small fishing town in Japan.

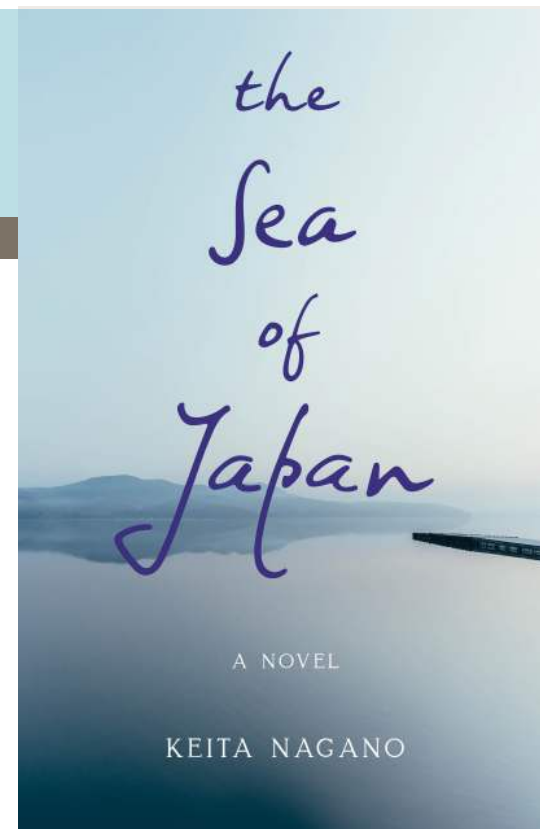
The Sea of Japan: A Novel by Keita Nagano

After fleeing a disastrous teaching job (and a bad gambling habit) in Boston, Lindsey starts teaching English in Hime, a small fishing town in Japan. One morning, while trying to snap the perfect ocean sunrise photo for her mother, she slips off a rock at the edge of Toyama Bay, hits her head, and plunges into the sea—and in doing so, sets off an unexpected chain of events.

When Lindsey comes to in the hospital, she learns that she owes her life to a young man named Ichiro—a local fisherman who also happens to be the older brother of one of her students. She begins to spend time with her lifesaver, and in the ensuing months, she becomes increasingly enmeshed in her new life: when she is not busy teaching, she splits her time between an apprenticeship with the local master sushi chef and going out fishing with Ichiro. As she and Ichiro grow closer, however, she also learns that not all is well in Hime, and she is drawn into a war to stop the town next door from overfishing their shared bay. Soon, she, Ichiro, and her pastrami-obsessed best friend, Judy—the New Yorker, who talked Lindsey into coming to Japan in the first place—are spending all their free time working together to rescue the town. But when their efforts backfire, Hime gets closer to falling apart—putting Lindsey's friends, her budding relationship with Ichiro, and her career in jeopardy. To save Hime, Lindsey realizes, she'll have to become a true American fisherwoman and fight for her new home with everything she has.

Talking Points

- Forbes Japan columnist has visited every US state and major league baseball stadium
- More than 3.6 million teachers are employed in US private and public schools, with 12,500 Americans employed as teachers in Japan
- Discover Japan: How Keita is working to expose Americans to the culture of
- Japan. Food, sweets, festival, natural scenery, tradition, and their hospitality.



BOOK DETAILS

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Keita Nagano is an award-winning Japanese author who has lived almost equally in Nevada and Tokyo—more than twenty years in each place—and reflects the difference of the two cultures in his novels. He has a bachelor's degree in economics from Keio University in Japan, as well as an MBA in global business and Ph.D. in management from Walden University in Minnesota. The pursuit of the authentic American experience is his hobby: he has been to all fifty states, all thirty major league ballparks, and the top sixty big cities in America. He has published seventeen business nonfiction and eight fiction books in Japan. In 2013, he received a Nikkei (Japanese Wall Street Journal) Award for Contemporary Novel for his missing-child thriller, *Kamikakushi*. He is also an official weekly columnist for *Forbes Japan*. Nagano lives in Henderson, Nevada, with his wife and Welsh corgi, and their teenage daughter is currently studying in Tennessee.

Talking Points

- Read a New Book Month - September 2019
- National Love People Day - September 30
- National Book Month - October
- Face Your Fears Day - October 8
- Evaluate Your Life Day - October 19
- National Novel Writing Month - November
- Book Lovers Day - November 4
- Pursuit of Happiness Week - November 6-12
- Day of Reconciliation - December 16



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