**I will be your “Miracles of the Namiya General Store”**

Miracles of the Namiya General Store is a book written by a Japanese writer, Higashino Keigo. It was published by Nan Hai Publishing Company in 2012. The book is mainly about a grocery store near a quiet street. Your annoyances would be answered provided you write a letter about them and deliver it into the front door. The second day, the answer will be emerged in the milk box behind the store.

The book consists of five chapters. Each of them is a separated story, but the character and the contents are closely related. The first chapter includes two parts. The first part is an introduction about the grocery store and three protagonists, the second part is the first client, an athlete who encounters the predicament. She needs to make a choice between her boyfriend who would not survive for very long and the Olympic Games. The second chapter is mainly about a man who has a deep love for music is between two choices of pursuing dreams and accepting reality. The third chapter is the most vital part. The owner of the grocery store anticipates his departure to the world, then he passes through the time and travels to future. He expects people’s responses to his answers. A middle school student is the forth chapter’s protagonist. His family encounters property crisis. As a result, he will escape from the police with his parents. In the last chapter, a girl’s inquiry about resigning a steady employment breaks the stereotype of her. These stories are written from different perspectives, all of the answers are very warm with love and family as the kernel.

The author maintains that he prefers to tell stories in a way that transcended time and space. He regards Heinlein who wrote The Door Into Summer as the example of modern science fiction. He adopts the writing method in order to express the idea that "the future is not only tomorrow, but also in the heart of people. As long as there is a future in the heart, people can be happy". In the Miracles of the Namiya General Store, it is not man but faith that traverses time and space. "Although it was a very challenging attempt, as soon as I started writing, stories emerged one after another," said Higashino Keigo. “Looking back on the process of writing, I always think about where to go when facing the turning point of life. It's a precious experience.”

The highlight of the book is the circular plot design which sufficiently demonstrates the author's logical reasoning ability. In fact, there are two different types of writing: from the beginning and from the end. Reasoning fiction should be written from the end. Otherwise, it will not be able to make the most of the twists and turns, but it still will be seamless. Although Miracles of the Namiya General Store is not a reasoning novel, its structure and character relationship are very complicated. If the five stories are separated, the book will turn into scattered pearls. Although it can still be called a masterpiece, it is an unavoidable confusion. In the meantime, every person's inadvertent choices and actions, like stones thrown into the surface of the water, have caused consecutive ripples, which continue to expand, gradually forming an unbreakable fetter, the past and the future finally converge.

The book reveals the theme that small but permanent goodwill is the only way to relieve worries. Nowadays, we have a number of worries and fears, and little sense of security, certainty and happiness. Therefore, a grocery store which is known as "the thing that can recover the loss of the heart of modern people" can easily enter the hearts of the readers. People are interrelated. We all need someone who can guide the way and provide help promptly. I want to be a person like the owner of the shop to care for others and give proper advices. If everyone can treat others with kindness and try their best to exclude the difficulty and anxiety, the world will be more and more beautiful. I will be your Miracles of the Namiya General Store.

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