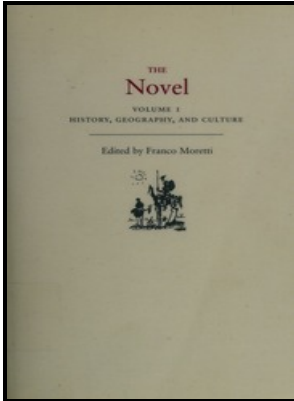


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Ukigumo

Essentially, the plot follows a young man named Bunzo and a girl named Osei, who are in love with each other but are actually vastly different people with different outlooks on life. He felt this way because he wanted to. Ann Arbor: Center for Japanese Studies, The U of Michigan, 1990.

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Kichizo had been abandoned as a child and had only gotten to his position in life by depending on the kindness of others. Osei falls under the spell of the shrewd and aggressive Noboru lit.

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Futabatei's models were English and Russian. Omasa was looked down upon for being a strong-willed woman who handled matters that men normally dealt with instead of being the meek and docile woman sitting at home sewing for her husband.

Ukigumo

What's even more frustrating is that the author does not even reveal the result of him finally gathering up the courage to do so! With his dormant intellect finally awakened, he was able to evaluate the world around him sensibly and objectively. Hasegawa was strongly influenced by his love of the Russian language and literature, particularly of Turgenev's works though initially he learned the language in order to be of service to Japan against its Russian competitor and soon to be foe.

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The novel is also frequently said to be partially based on , 's on society, with Bunzo corresponding loosely with Oblomov, Noboru with Andrei Stoltz, and Osei with Olga.

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Because he thought he was not of the caliber of his Russian models, he abandoned literature after an initial success, returned to it and then left it again. If you've read the one review, you've read the other. Individualism, responsibility and freedom are modern themes that were largely unexplored in Japanese literature before Futabatei Shimei's novel.

FUTABATEI SHIMEI

The situation alluded to in the title in a Japanese institution, still extant today, whereby a man without a son adopts a poor but promising young man and gives him in marriage to his daughter, so that his name and lineage do not end at his death. Besides, Toki-ko's haughty behavior towards her husband has alienated his affections, and virtually pushed him in the arms of her illegitimate half-sister, Sayo, an attractive young widow who has come back to live with the family. I apologize in advance for the length, but there is much in Hasegawa's life and work that interests me.

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