

# Kafū the scribbler - the life and writings of Nagai Kafū, 1879-1959

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## A Strange Tale from East of the River and Other Stories by Kafū Nagai

The bad points of this book spring from this arrogance, for Seidensticker refuses to judge Japanese literature within the Japanese tradition and looks always for literary qualities now considered outdated even in the West. The three stories analyzed are 'January First', 'Long Hair' and 'In the Forest'.

## Kafu the Scribbler : the life and writings of Nagai Kafu, 1879

After spending one semester at Kalamazoo College, Kafū went in June 1905 to Pennsylvania and Washington DC before returning to Kalamazoo. Due to the rapid development in Tokyo, Edo Japan could only still be found in the poorer districts, in the Low City, where the artisans, artists and small merchants lived, and in some of the pleasure districts. The promotion of ryūgaku studying abroad enabled wealthy Japanese men to visit countries considered as models of technological and economic advancement to imitate and, possibly, surpass, while people of lower socioeconomic background migrated in search of better life conditions.

## A Strange Tale from East of the River and Other Stories by Kafū Nagai

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MLA Citation Seidensticker, Edward. For example, if the current year is 2008 and a journal has a 5 year moving wall, articles from the year 2002 are available. For anyone who wants to feel, see, hear, and sample a taste of old Tokyo, this work, A Strange Tale from East of the River, is an enriching experience, particularly for those who have lived in Tokyo for an any extended period of time.

## Kafu the Scribbler: The Life and Writings of Nagi Kafu: 1879

He is known for the depictions of the 'small people' of Tokyo before WWII, especially prostitutes, geishas. In 1904, he arrived in southwest Michigan, which according to his diary, he hoped would give him a taste of the snowy world of the Russian novels he loved so much. Description: vi, 360 pages, 8 unnumbered pages of plates : illustrations ; 23 cm.

## **Vol. 26, 1966 of Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies on JSTOR**

Each issue contains four to five feature articles on topics involving the history, arts, social sciences, philosophy, and contemporary issues of East, South, and Southeast Asia, as well as a large book review section. Katō who later went on to get a PhD in religious education and a medical degree in the US before he was being repatriated to Japan during World War II was active in the social life of the college and eagerly participated in local events and talks having to do with Japan. It is a good introduction into Nagai Kafu's writing.

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Well before he became famous, however, he spent a few years traveling and studying in the United States, staying in various places including Kalamazoo. This novel is addressing explicit criticism of the enlightened rule Emperor Meiji exerted over Japan after his Restoration 1868. His literature displays a deep interest in urban spaces, that he considered a reflection of the current state of modernising Japan, thus the backdrop against which his critique unfolds.

## **Vol. 26, No. 1, Nov., 1966 of The Journal of Asian Studies on JSTOR**

As scholarship both inside and outside Japan has demonstrated, the world described by Kafū is first and foremost an urban world.

## **エドワード・G・サイデステッカー**

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