



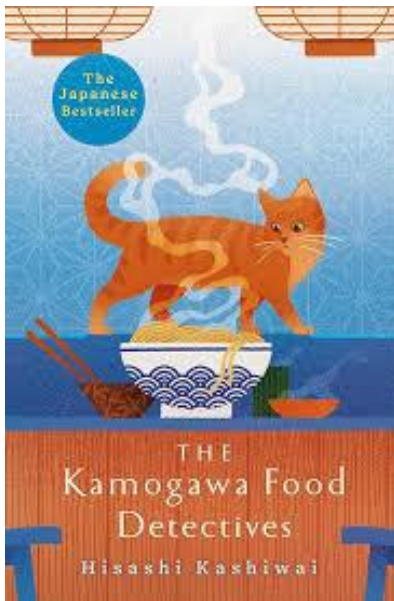
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Book Talk

The Kamogawa Food Detective

by Hisashi Kashiwai

Number of pages: 208



Told in a series of vignettes, this is the story of a father-daughter duo (Nagare and Koishi) who offer their skills as ‘food-detectives’ to find and recreate dishes from peoples past. Over the course of six chapters, the book looks at the importance of good company and the power of a delicious meal.

Kashiwai offers a heartwarming glance into the ability that food has to unlock memories. He explores themes of connection, loss, and family, subtly interweaved with mouthwatering descriptions of food.

We recommend this book if you enjoyed *Welcome to the Hyunam-Dong Bookshop* by Hwang Bo-Reum or *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig.

Discussion Questions:

1. Which chapter resonated with you the most?

2. Which meal would you have been most excited to eat?

3. How do you think food unlocks hidden memories?

4. How do you think Kashiwai links the past and the future in this novel?

5. How do you think depictions of the scenery play a part in the story?

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