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From the bestselling author of *Kafka on the Shore*

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HARUKI MURAKAMI
BLIND WILLOW, SLEEPING WOMAN
24 STORIES

Unrequited or lost love, unrealized dreams and bizarre experiences that unfold into deeper mysteries, in 25 stories drawn from the prominent Japanese writer's entire career.

Following the best-selling triumph of *Kafka on the Shore*—"daringly original," wrote Steven Moore in *The Washington Post Book World*, "and compulsively readable"—comes a collection that generously expresses Murakami's mastery. From the surreal to the mundane, these stories exhibit his ability to transform the full range of human experience in ways that are instructive, surprising, and relentlessly entertaining. As Richard Eder has written in the *Los Angeles Times Book Review*, "He addresses the fantastic and the natural, each with the same mix of gravity and lightness."

Here are animated crows, a criminal monkey, and an iceman, as well as the dreams that shape us and the things we might wish for. Whether during a chance reunion in Italy, a romantic exile in Greece, a holiday in Hawaii, or in the grip of everyday life, Murakami's characters confront grievous loss, or sexuality, or the glow of a firefly, or the impossible distances between those who ought to be the closest of all.

"While anyone can tell a story that resembles a dream," Laura Miller wrote in *The New York Times Book Review*, "it's the rare artist, like this one, who can make us feel that we are dreaming it ourselves"—a feat performed anew twenty-four times in this career-spanning book.

KEY POINTS

- National Print Advertising in *The New Yorker*, *Chicago Reader*, *San Francisco Bay Guardian* and *Seattle Weekly*
- Hardcover first printing 75,000 (Alfred A. Knopf)

PRAISE FOR *BLIND WILLOW, SLEEPING WOMAN*

"...Murakami writes how, for him, writing a novel is a challenge and how writing short stories is a joy—these stories are a joy for his readers as well."—*Publishers Weekly* ★ Starred Review

"A superlative display of a great writer's wares. Absolutely essential."—*Kirkus* ★ Starred Review

"The wonderful weirdness of his vision and his unique voice are difficult to describe. They must be experienced."—*Library Journal*

"The beauty of the author's prose style seals every story's sharp delivery."—*Booklist*

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



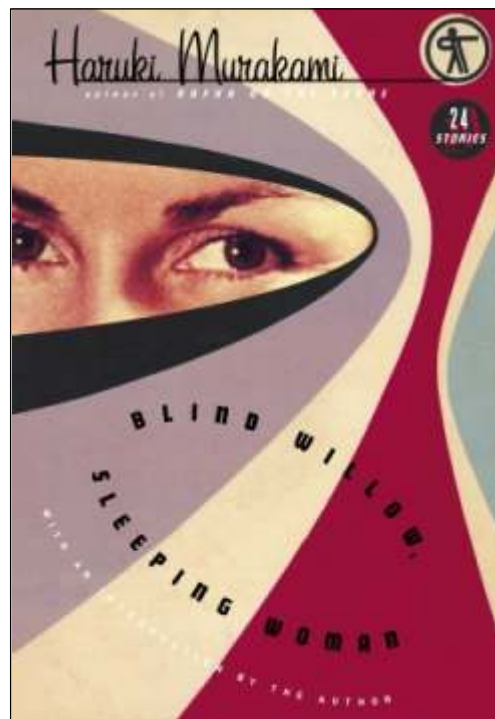
Haruki Murakami was born in Kyoto in 1949 and now lives near Tokyo. His work has been translated into thirty-eight languages, and the most recent of his many honors is the Yomiuri Literary Prize, whose previous recipients include Yukio Mishima, Kenzaburo Oe, and Kobo Abe.

ABOUT THE NARRATORS



Ellen Archer's recent audiobooks include the *New York Times* bestseller *Smashed* by Koren Zailckas (Tantor), *Trading Up* by Candace Bushnell (*Sex and the City*) and *Julia* by James Spada.

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