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AUTOMATIC EVE

NOVEL BY ROKURO INUI

Rokuro Inui's *Automatic Eve* is a one-of-a-kind novel where steam-punk meets feudal Japan. Divided into five parts, the novel feels much like a TV-series: each part has its own protagonist, climax and ending, but there is a bigger underlying plot that is revealed in layers and resolved only at the end of the book in a grand finale. In the centre of everything and keeping all these

individual episodes together is the beautiful and enigmatic character Eve, an automaton created to perfectly mimic every aspect of a human being—including what appears to be the human soul. Rokuro's novel almost feels like an old noir film—full of action and style while asking its readers the existential question of what it means to be human.

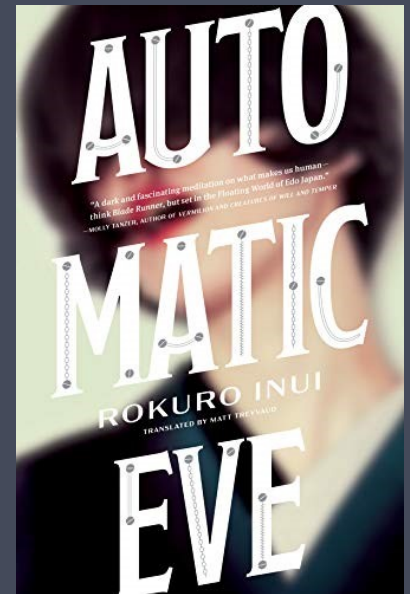
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Rokuro Inui was born 1971 in Toyko. In 2010, [he was the] winner of KONOMYS Award with *Kanzen Naru Kubinagaryu no Hi* and ASAHI JIDAI SHOSETSU Award for *Shinobi Gaiden*. His works include the *Automatic Eve* series, *Takano Clinic Case-files* series, *Tsukinone*, and *Mikaeri Kengyo*.

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“ Faced with an automaton made perfectly like a human... one that behaves, cries, and laughs like a human on the surface, [...] I am sorry to say I would not be able to tell whether all of it was truly born of humanlike emotions or simply performed by an arrangement of springs and clockworks and gears. ”



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