



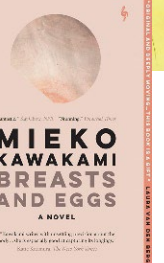
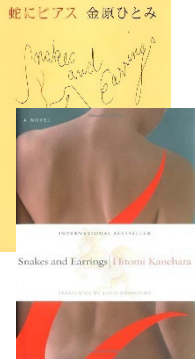
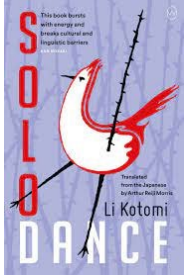

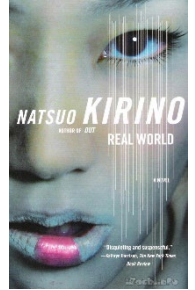
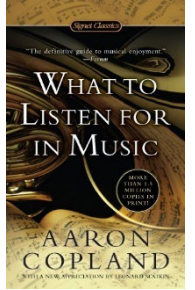


**Books selected by the participants of
JFT Book Club (Hybrid) – With Silent Reading Time – LGBTQIA+ Books
June 20, 2023**

	Title	Author	Genre
	BL metamorphosis	TSURUTANI Kaori	Manga, Boys' Love, Slice of Life
	<p>In this heartwarming and award-winning manga originally known as <i>Metamorphose no Engawa</i>, an elderly woman and a high school girl develop a beautiful friendship through their shared passion for Boys' Love. Ichinoi, a seventy-five-year-old woman living a peaceful life, unwittingly buys a boys' love manga one day, and is fascinated by what she finds inside. When she returns to the bookstore to buy the next volume, the high school girl working there—Urara, a seasoned BL fan—notices a budding fangirl when she sees one. When Urara offers to help Ichinoi explore this whole new world of fiction, the two dive into the BL fandom together, and form an unlikely friendship along the way.</p> <p><i>*Physical book available at JFT Library.</i></p>		
	Boy Meets Maria	PEYO	Manga, Boys' Love, Drama, LGBTQIA+, Romance
	<p>An LGBT+ manga exploring love and gender at a high school drama club. Taiga dreams of becoming an actor, so the first thing he does upon entering high school is join the drama club. There, he meets the beautiful, enigmatic Maria and immediately falls in love with her. Not long after, Taiga is told that she is actually a boy—but is that all there is to Maria's story? The late PEYO debuted with this beautifully illustrated, single-volume tale exploring the nature of personal expression and the fluidity of the power of love.</p> <p><i>*Not in JFT Library Collection.</i></p>		
	Boys Run the Riot	GAKU Keito	Manga, Drama, School Life, LGBTQIA+, Coming-of-age
	<p>A transgender teen named Ryo finds an escape from the expectations and anxieties of his daily life in the world of street fashion. This personal, heartfelt, fictional story from a transgender manga creator made waves in Japan and will inspire readers all over the world!</p> <p><i>*Physical book available at JFT Library.</i></p>		
 	Breasts and Eggs 夏物語	KAWAKAMI Mieko	Novel, Psychological Fiction
	<p><i>Breasts and Eggs</i> paints a portrait of contemporary womanhood in Japan and recounts the intimate journeys of three women as they confront oppressive mores and their own uncertainties on the road to finding peace and futures they can truly call their own.</p> <p>It tells the story of three women: the thirty-year-old Natsu, her older sister, Makiko, and Makiko's daughter, Midoriko. Makiko has traveled to Tokyo in search of an affordable breast enhancement procedure. She is accompanied by Midoriko, who has recently grown silent, finding herself unable to voice the vague yet overwhelming pressures associated with growing up. Her silence proves a catalyst for each woman to confront her fears and frustrations.</p> <p><i>*Physical book [EN & JP] and ebook[EN] available at JFT Library.</i></p>		

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	Confessions of a Mask	MISHIMA Yukio	Novel, Bildungsroman, LGBTQIA+
	<p>The story of a man coming to terms with his homosexuality in traditional Japanese society has become a modern classic. Confessions of a Mask tells the story of Kochan, an adolescent boy tormented by his burgeoning attraction to men: he wants to be “normal.” Kochan is meek-bodied, and unable to participate in the more athletic activities of his classmates. He begins to notice his growing attraction to some of the boys in his class, particularly the pubescent body of his friend Omi. To hide his homosexuality, he courts a woman, Sonoko, but this exacerbates his feelings for men. As news of the War reaches Tokyo, Kochan considers the fate of Japan and his place within its deeply rooted propriety.</p> <p><i>*Physical book available at JFT Library</i></p>		
	Earthlings 地球星人	MURATA Sayaka	Novel, Magical Realism, Coming-of-Age, Psychological Suspense
	<p>As a child, Natsuki doesn't fit into her family. Her parents favor her sister, and her best friend is a plush toy hedgehog named Piyyut who has explained to her that he has come from the planet Popinpopopia on a special quest to help her save the Earth. Each summer, Natsuki counts down the days until her family drives into the mountains of Nagano to visit her grandparents in their wooden house in the forest, a place that couldn't be more different from her grey commuter town. One summer, her cousin Yuu confides to Natsuki that he is an extraterrestrial and that every night he searches the sky for the spaceship that might take him back to his home planet. Natsuki wonders if she might be an alien too. Back in her city home, Natsuki is scolded or ignored and even preyed upon by a young teacher at her cram school. As she grows up in a hostile, violent world, she consoles herself with memories of her time with Yuu and discovers a surprisingly potent inner power. Natsuki seems forced to fit into a society she deems a “baby factory” but even as a married woman she wonders if there is more to this world than the mundane reality everyone else seems to accept. The answers are out there, and Natsuki has the power to find them.</p> <p><i>*Physical book [EN & JP] and ebook[EN] available at JFT Library.</i></p>		
	Kanada no sekushuaru minoriti-tachi カナダのセクシュアル・マイノリティたち = Canada's sexual minorities	Saunders Miyamatsu, Keiko サンダース 宮松 敬子	Nonfiction, Sociology of Marriage & Family
	<p>2003年6月、カナダ・オンタリオ州で、ついに同性同士の結婚が認められた。地道に一步一步のあゆみを遂げたカナダの同性愛者たち。その権利にむかっての道のりと偏見・差別をなくす取り組みを徹底リポート。</p> <p><i>*Physical book available at JFT Library</i></p>		
	Our Dreams at Dusk しまなみ誰そ彼	KAMATANI Yuhki	Manga, Coming-of-age, Drama, LGBTQIA+, Slice of Life
	<p>Not only is high schooler Tasuku Kaname the new kid in town, he is also terrified that he has been outed as gay. Just as he's contemplating doing the unthinkable, Tasuku meets a mysterious woman who leads him to a group of people dealing with problems not so different from his own. In this realistic, heartfelt depiction of LGBT+ characters from different backgrounds finding their place in the world, a search for inner peace proves to be the most universal experience of all.</p> <p><i>*Physical book [EN & JP] available at JFT Library.</i></p>		

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	Snakes and Earrings 蛇にピアス	KANEHARA Hitomi	Novel, Thriller, Psychological Fiction, Romance
<p>This tale of sex and darkness is narrated by Lui, an alienated young Japanese woman who becomes disastrously involved with two dangerous men. Lui first meets her boyfriend Ama in a bar after finding herself mesmerised by his forked tongue. She immediately moves in with him and begins following him down the path to body modification by having her tongue pierced and planning a beautiful tattoo for her back. Ama's friend Shiba creates this exquisite tattoo and as he works on it Lui begins an illicit and brutal sexual relationship with him. Then, after a violent encounter on the back streets of Tokyo, Ama goes missing and Lui must face up to her choices...</p> <p><i>*Physical book [EN & JP] available at JFT Library.</i></p>			
	Solo Dance	LI Kotomi	Novel, Bildungsroman, Psychological Fiction, LGBTQIA+
<p>A powerful novel about the LGBTQ rights movement and gay love in Japan and Taiwan, from the most important queer voice of East Asia's millennial generation. Cho Norie, twenty-seven and originally from Taiwan, is working an office job in Tokyo. While her colleagues worry about the economy, life-insurance policies, marriage, and children, she is forced to keep her unconventional life hidden - including her sexuality and the violent attack that prompted her move to Japan. There is also her unusual fascination with death: she knows from personal experience how devastating death can be, but for her it is also creative fuel. Solo Dance depicts the painful coming of age of a gay person in Taiwan and corporate Japan. This striking debut is an intimate and powerful account of a search for hope after trauma.</p> <p><i>*Physical book and ebook available at JFT Library.</i></p>			
	Sputnik Sweetheart スプートニクの恋人	MURAKAMI Haruki	Novel, Magical Realism, LGBTQIA+, Romance, Mystery, Suspense
<p>Part romance, part detective story, Sputnik Sweetheart tells the story of a tangled triangle of uniquely unrequited love. K is madly in love with his best friend, Sumire, but her devotion to a writerly life precludes her from any personal commitments. At least, that is, until she meets an older woman to whom she finds herself irresistibly drawn. When Sumire disappears from an island off the coast of Greece, K is solicited to join the search party - and finds himself drawn back into her world and beset by ominous visions. Subtle and haunting, Sputnik Sweetheart is a profound meditation on human longing.</p> <p><i>*Physical book [EN & JP] and ebook[EN] available at JFT Library.</i></p>			
	Real World	KIRINO Natsuo	Novel, Suspense, Thriller, Mystery
<p>In a crowded Tokyo suburb, four teenage girls indifferently wade their way through a hot, smoggy summer. When one of them, Toshi, discovers that her nextdoor neighbor has been brutally murdered, the girls suspect the killer is the neighbor's son. But when he flees, taking Toshi's bike and cell phone with him, the four girls get caught up in a tempest of dangers that rise from within them as well as from the world around them. Psychologically intricate and astute, Real World is a searing, eye-opening portrait of teenage life in Japan unlike any we have seen before.</p> <p><i>*Physical book and ebook available at JFT Library.</i></p>			
	What to Listen for in Music	Aaron Copland	Nonfiction, Music
<p>In this fascinating analysis of how to listen to both contemporary and classical music analytically, eminent American composer Aaron Copland offers provocative suggestions that will bring readers a deeper appreciation of the most viscerally rewarding of all art forms.</p> <p><i>*Not in JFT Library Collection</i></p>			

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