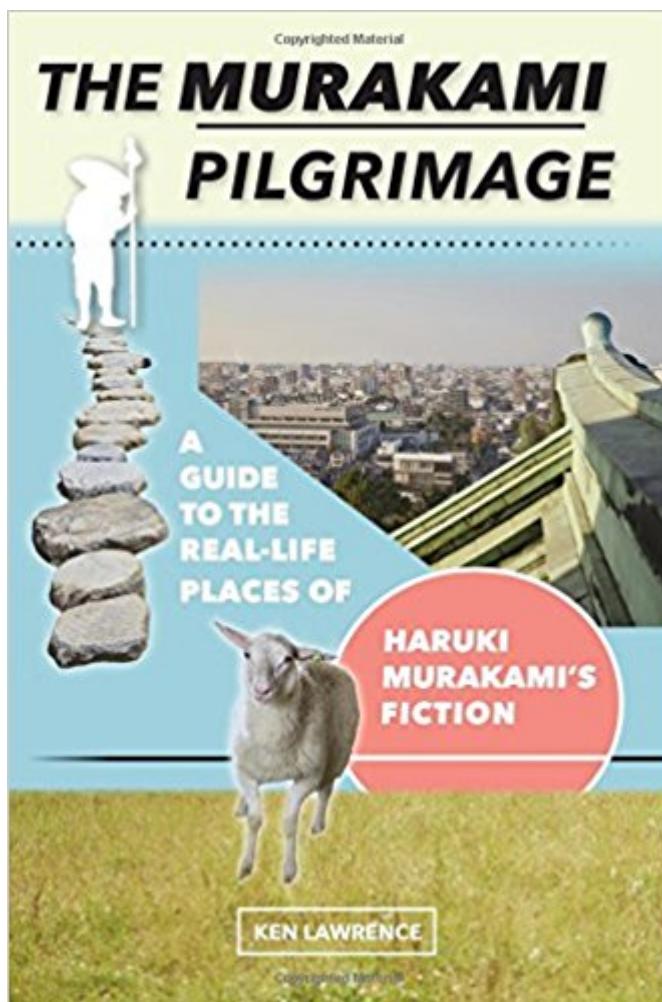


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The Murakami Pilgrimage: A Guide To The Real-Life Places Of Haruki Murakami's Fiction



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The Murakami Pilgrimage is a comprehensive Japan travel guide which focuses on the locations featured in the novels of Haruki Murakami. Put yourself into your favorite characters' shoes as you explore Tokyo, Hokkaido, Shikoku and more! You'll learn all about the neighborhoods and landmarks mentioned in each novel as well as exactly how to get there. Also included within each itinerary are recommendations on other interesting things to do and see nearby. INSIDE YOU'LL FIND... Guides to the real-life locations of every one of Haruki Murakami's thirteen novels to date Detailed day trip itineraries and comprehensive transportation information Full color maps for each section QR codes for each location that enable you to instantly load the addresses into your smartphone Insider tips from a long-term Japan resident on what to do and see around each area Colorful photographs provided for all locations An additional in-depth reference guide, organized by location, for all of Murakami's novels and short stories Carefully placed spoiler warnings so that you can use this guide whether you've read one Murakami novel or them all

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As a long-time Murakami reader and frequent traveler, I was waiting for a book like this to come out for a long time. I finally got to use this guide during a recent trip to Japan and it was an amazing experience to visit the actual locations from the books. The guide is aesthetically pleasing and easy to use. Each chapter is dedicated to one novel so there's no need to worry about spoilers (although the reference section at the end is organized by location).

The author provides a detailed itinerary on how to get from place to place. It was fascinating to read about the backgrounds of the real locations and also the context in which they were used in the novels. The author also includes recommendations of things to see nearby the spots which appear in the novels. From my experience, these were easy to find and worth the visit. Sometimes these locations were relevant to Murakami's personal life and while left out from his novels, it was interesting to see what a short distance they often were from the locations he did use for his books. My favorite location was the jazz bar from Pinball, 1973. This is not a stand-alone guide to Japan and you should probably take this with you in addition to a typical travel guide like Lonely Planet. For example, you won't find much tourist information on Kyoto because it doesn't really appear in any Murakami novels. But for any Murakami fan this is a must have. There are still a few novels I haven't read so I'm looking to finishing those and taking The Murakami Pilgrimage back with me for my next trip.

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