



JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY
OF WASHINGTON DC

JAPANESE BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION

This Month's Book: Natsume Soseki's "**Botchan**"



When: Monday, October 24th at 6:30 pm

Where: Japan-America Society, 1819 L Street NW, Lower Level 1B

Registration: Please email JASW (jaswdc@us-japan.org) with your name with subject line: JASW Book Club October RSVP.

More about the book: *Botchan*, like *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* or *The Catcher in the Rye*, is a classic of its kind, a sly, funny, poignant tale about a young man's rebellion against the system. Since its original publication 100 years ago, it has enjoyed a timeless popularity among Japanese readers both young and old, making it, according to Donald Keene, probably the most widely read novel in modern Japan.

The setting is Japan's deep south, where the author himself spent four years teaching English in a middle school. Into this conservative world, with its social proprieties and established pecking order, breezes Botchan, down from the big city, with scant respect for either his elders or his noisy young charges; and the result is a chain of collisions large and small.

Directions: on the north side of L Street between Mackey's Public House restaurant and the Au Bon Pain. There are several paid parking garages in the neighborhood. Street parking is sometimes available during non-rush hours. The nearest Metro stations are Farragut North (Red Line) and Farragut West (Orange and Blue Lines).