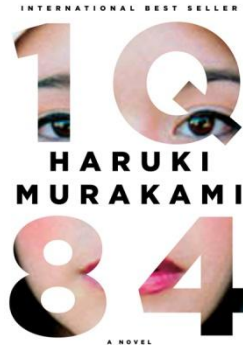




THE JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY
OF WASHINGTON DC

JAPANESE BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION

This Month's Book: Haruki Murakami's "1Q84"



When: Monday, January 23, 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 January RSVP.

More about the book: "The year is 1984 and the city is Tokyo.

A young woman named Aomame follows a taxi driver's enigmatic suggestion and begins to notice puzzling discrepancies in the world around her. She has entered, she realizes, a parallel existence, which she calls 1Q84 — "Q is for 'question mark.' A world that bears a question." Meanwhile, an aspiring writer named Tengo takes on a suspect ghostwriting project. He becomes so wrapped up with the work and its unusual author that, soon, his previously placid life begins to come unraveled.

As Aomame's and Tengo's narratives converge over the course of this single year, we learn of the profound and tangled connections that bind them ever closer: a beautiful, dyslexic teenage girl with a unique vision; a mysterious religious cult that instigated a shoot-out with the metropolitan police; a reclusive, wealthy dowager who runs a shelter for abused women; a hideously ugly private investigator; a mild-mannered yet ruthlessly efficient bodyguard; and a peculiarly insistent television-fee collector.

A love story, a mystery, a fantasy, a novel of self-discovery, a dystopia to rival George Orwell's—*1Q84* is Haruki Murakami's most ambitious undertaking yet: an instant best seller in his native Japan, and a tremendous feat of imagination from one of our most revered contemporary writers."

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).