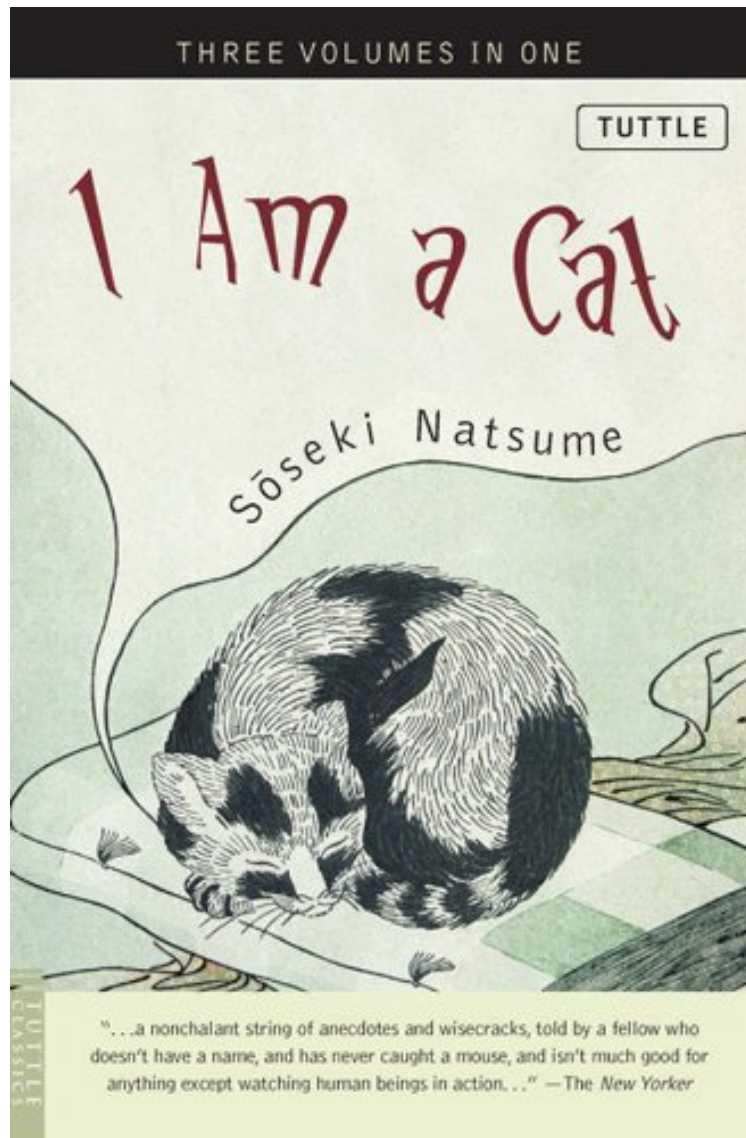


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Von Soseki Natsume : I Am A Cat (Tuttle Classics) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised I Am A Cat (Tuttle Classics):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The best depiction of the Meiji era via a cat on the market.Von Ein Kunde_ I am a Cat_ by Soseki Natsume is the first installmentin a three-book tale (if I liked puns, I would have said"tail") of a small cat living with a Japanese family in--not just a coincidence--Japan. He lives during the period of the Meiji Restoration, the revolutionary era in which Japan

moves from being a feudal society to a modern one, and is very obvious about being in favor of--in his eyes--the logical, traditional ways over inscrutable Western ones. The stories of his life serve as an allegory for the warring internal schools of thought of turn-of-the-century Japan. Although it suffers the literary hinders that all translations do, I am a Cat is succinctly able to give one a flavor for what is happening. It manages to remain distinctly Japanese even though it is in English. I would recommend it to anyone...regardless of their knowledge of Japan and this time period.3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. disappointing translationVon Ein KundeA satire of the human condition from the viewpoint of a cat. The stories themselves are pretty good, as usual for Soseki Natsume, but the translation is comically inept. Apparently the translators thought they were being clever by trying to remove themselves entirely from the picture, but they managed to suck the life out of the text in doing so. They also show a bizarre misunderstanding of Japanese aspect (having to do with verb conjugation), so that the translation disconcertingly switches back and forth from past to present tense. I had to give up on this version after the first volume. Yet it's been almost thirty years now and no one has gone back and done it right.1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. I am a cat is not for shallow thinkersVon Ein KundeI am a cat III is a witty book that both criticizes and contumplates Zen doctrine, western philosophy, politics, religion, and their influences on daily life. As a 14-year-old, I found this comic satire somewhat dry, but an insightful novel, and beautifully translated.

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