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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

In his last novel, Abe, who died in 1993, repeatedly swings with ease from outlandish shenanigans to grisly surrealism. The unnamed narrator is a low-level employee at an office-supply firm who, in jest, proposes a new product called a Kangaroo Notebook. His assignment to produce a rough sketch of the notebook is interrupted, however, when he discovers, while eating breakfast, that radish sprouts are growing where his leg hair used to be. At a dermatology clinic, he meets a disturbingly seductive nurse, after which he is then strapped to a bed in an operating room and tranquilized. From this point, the narrator's experiences grow increasingly hallucinatory as he is released into the world with nothing more than a blanket and a hospital bed, which turns out to be a remarkable machine with its own agenda. Buffeted about, seemingly deprived of free will, the narrator lands in a corner of hell, where he takes a sulfur-spring cure and meets child-demons who perform for tourists and the villainous specter of his own mother. More than once, he is rescued by the nurse from the clinic, who, it turns out, collects blood for her own mysterious purposes and has a strange American boyfriend named Master Hammer Killer, who conducts research into sudden deaths. As events propel the narrator toward the Japanese Euthanasia Club, Abe (*The Woman in the Dunes*; *The Ark Sakura*) deftly blends antic comedy with metaphysical dread while maintaining the internal logic of a narrative which, in its lighthearted obsession with death, feels less like a whistling past the graveyard than a winking message from beyond.

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From Library Journal

This is the last novel Abe wrote before his death in 1993. One of Japan's leading authors, best known for *Women in the Dunes* (1965), Abe leads us through a surreal adventure with a man who has suddenly grown radish sprouts on his shins and seeks help in a hospital. He is then pursued in and by his hospital bed, which has a mind of its own. Unfortunately, the adventure becomes distanced and uninvolved, partly because of the lack of coherence in the odd occurrences and partly because of an inept translation. Characters sometimes speak in a stilted fashion (for example, saying "unfilial" and "prosody") but also yell "shit." Recommended for comprehensive modern Japanese literature collections.

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Reading Abe's triumphant final novel (published in Japan in 1991, two years before his death) is akin to becoming part of someone else's unsettling nightmares. From the first sentence, readers will be caught up in the mad momentum of the strange events experienced by the nameless narrator, a man hurtling madly toward death in a hospital bed with a mind of its own. When the narrator wakes up one morning, he discovers that radishes are sprouting from his legs. A trip to the dermatologist is only the first step in attempting to get rid of the disfiguring plants. Along the way, the hapless narrator meets doctors determined to treat the wrong disease, a Dracula-like nurse who loves taking blood from her patients, a group of singing orphans, and Mister Hammer Killer, an American scholar researching accidental death. By turns funny, satirical, sad, and horrifying, this elegantly translated novel tells us more (perhaps) than we want to know about life's unpredictable nature. It is a supremely fitting end of an illustrious writing career. *Nancy Pearl*

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