

A TALE FOR THE TIME BEING RUTH OZEKI

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*"Equal parts mystery and meditation...A completely satisfying, continually surprising, wholly remarkable achievement."
—Karen Joy Fowler, New York Times bestselling author*

In Tokyo, sixteen-year-old Nao has decided there's only one escape from her aching loneliness and her classmates' bullying. But before she ends it all, Nao plans to document the life of her great-grandmother, a Buddhist nun who's lived more than a century. A diary is Nao's only solace—and it will touch lives in ways she can scarcely imagine.

Across the Pacific, we meet Ruth, a novelist living on a remote island who discovers a collection of artifacts washed ashore in a Hello Kitty lunchbox—possibly debris from the devastating 2011 tsunami. As the mystery of its contents unfolds, Ruth is pulled into the past, into Nao's drama and unknown fate, and forward into her own future.

Full of Ozeki's signature humor, *A Tale for the Time Being* is a brilliantly inventive, beguiling story of our shared humanity and the search for home.

RUTH OZEKI is a filmmaker and novelist who has won major awards in both fields. Her first two novels garnered over a dozen awards, including an American Book Award, a WILLA Literary Award, and a New York Times Notable Book designation.

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