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## THE DEVOTION OF SUSPECT X

NOVEL BY KEIGO HIGASHINO

A mystery novel that reveals the killer by chapter two, Keigo Higashino's *The Devotion of Suspect X* nevertheless keeps the reader guessing with twists upon twists. High school math teacher Ishigami is devoted to his neighbour, a woman he has only spoken to in passing. For her, Ishigami pits his wits against Dr. Manabu Yukawa, a physicist who consults for the police.

Higashino's patient, steady prose compels the reader to keep turning the page on this showdown between two geniuses. However, the driving force of this howdunit masterpiece isn't its brilliant detective work — it is the narrative's unassuming yet touching commentary on friendship, love, morality, and humankind's pursuit of happiness.

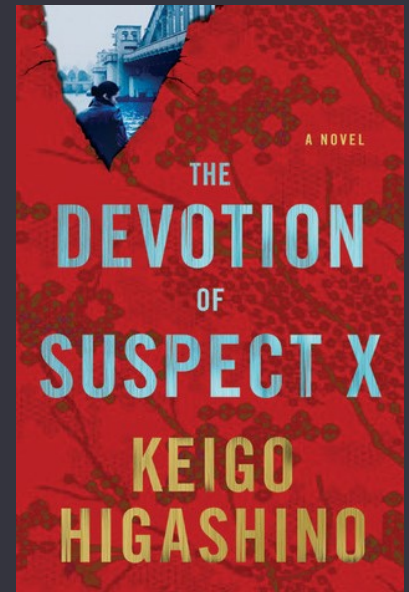
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Born in Osaka and currently living in Tokyo, Keigo Higashino is one of the most widely known and bestselling novelists in Japan. He is the winner of the Edogawa Rampo Prize (for best mystery), the Mystery Writers of Japan, Inc. Prize (for best mystery) among others. His novels are translated widely throughout Asia.

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“It's more difficult to create the problem than to solve it. All the person trying to solve the problem has to do is always respect the problem's creator.”



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