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Freaks, Misfits, and Other Maimed Souls: Kirino Natsuo and the Allure of *Grotesque*

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Kirino Natsuo is one of the more frequently translated of contemporary Japanese novelists, rivaling only Murakami Haruki. Initially known in Japan as a writer of edgy detective fiction, she has more recently crafted a style of noir fiction that leaves her American readers either mesmerized or frustrated. Something of a literary archeologist, Kirino uses her fiction like a sharp-edged trowel, digging expertly into Japan's ruined society and laying bare its failures. This presentation will focus on Kirino's 2003 novel *Grotesque*.



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