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Minae Mizumura

Profile:

Minae Mizumura is considered to be one of the most important novelists writing in Japan today. Born in Tokyo, she moved with her family to Long Island, New York, when she was twelve. She studied French Literature at Yale College, graduating Phi Beta Kappa and summa cum laude. Her other novels to date are *Zoku meian* (Light and Darkness, Continued), a continuation of the unfinished classic *Light and Darkness* by Soseki Natsume, and *Shishosetsu from left to right* (An I-novel from Left to Right), an autobiographical work.



Major Awards:

1991 Minister of Education Award for New Artists for *Light and Darkness, Continued*
1996 Noma Literary Prize for New Writers for *An I-novel from Left to Right*
2003 Yomiuri Literary Prize for *Authenticity: A Real Novel*

*Japanese edition: Shinchosha

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