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Perchta refused, and her husband cursed her. During her married life, Perchta wrote many letters to her father and brothers with colourful
descriptions of her unhappy family life. Some 32 of these letters had been handed down. The most famous white lady of Estonia is said to reside in
Haapsalu castle. To this day, she is said to look out of the Baptistry's window and grieve for her beloved man. According to legend, she can be seen on clear August full-moon nights. Stories of white lady ghosts are associated with residential castles of the Hohenzollern family.
The castle was built in and demolished in with only an old tower remaining. According to legend, a duchess named Jakobine and her lover were
murdered by her jealous husband. Her ghost was said to be seen before each of a series of fires that plagued the castle. Burg Friedland in
Brandenburg is claimed to be haunted by a white lady, supposedly the daughter of a baronet cursed by her father for not giving him an heir.
According to the legend, her ghost haunts the castle and surrounding forests, strangling anyone who talks to her. Burg Lahneck is the site of a
legend of a white lady ghost claimed to be stalking the castle. The legend originates from the time of the Thirty Years' War.
According to the story, the nobleman encased her in the cellar of his manor Haus Aussel to assure she could not betray him while he went away to
war, but he never returned, and her spirit supposedly haunts the premises forever afterwards. During recent renovations to the manor, workers
found no human remains that might give factual basis to the legend. In Hungarian mythology, a white lady was the ghost of a girl or young woman
that died violently; usually, young women who committed suicide, were murdered, or died while imprisoned. The ghost is usually bound to a
specific location and is often identified as a specific person i.
In Charles Fort Ireland, there is a story of a white lady, the ghost of a young woman who died on her wedding night. Her death was a suicide
which followed the death of her husband at the hand of her father. This is due to these spirits commonly appearing in the condition they died, and in
Japanese culture, people are buried in white kimonos. Legend has it that many years ago, the niece of Grand Master de Rohan, was engaged to be
married to a suitor whom she did not love. The wedding day was soon upcoming, but just before the ceremony, she committed suicide by jumping
off a balcony.
She was wearing her wedding gown when she died. This is why she is still known, to this day, as The White Lady. It is said that she haunts the
Verdala Palace and many people who attend the August moon ball confirm that the apparition does appear in the palace. According to another
Maltese legend, the White Lady of Mdina was killed by her lover after being forced to marry another man.
Many have claimed to see this spirit, always after eight o'clock in the evening. She usually appears to children under eight years old, heart-broken
teenage boys, and elderly men. While she tells the children goodnight and bids them to return home, she advises the teenagers to "find another" or
to join her and become a part of her "shadow" ghostly followers. She also attempts to lure elderly men into her "shadow". Vrouwen in wit plural of vrouw in wit, or "witte wieven" as these women are called in local dialects, are mythical creatures of Lower Saxon origin and so most
known in the eastern and northern parts of the Netherlands. Sometimes referred to as witte joffers 'white maidens', they can have a benevolent and
malevolent nature. Understood as malevolent beings, they abduct or switch newborns, abduct women, and punish people who have
mistreated them. As benevolent beings, they may aid in childbirth or offer good advice. They are believed to dwell in tumuli, the Hunebedden and
on the moors.
The Schinveldse Bossen forest is also home to another White Lady story. Archival evidence suggests that the forest was once home to a castle
farm that was built in the 17th century estimated, [34] this site was burned down killing the daughter of Lord Lambert Reynart. The most
common versions of the tale involve the woman having two fighting lovers or of the site being burned on her wedding day by a jealous nobleman.
In popular culture, Dutch singer Joep Rademakers mentions this ghost in his song: "t Sjilves Paradies ".
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of the monastery, called "Den Hvite dame". Utstein Abbey is Norway's best-preserved medieval monastery. White Ladies, indigenously known as
kaperosa, are popular ghost story topics in the Philippines. White Ladies are often used to convey horror and mystery to young children for
storytelling. Sightings of White Ladies are common around the country. It is said that it is the ghost of a long-haired woman in a white dress who,
according to legend, died in a car accident while driving along Balete Drive.
The cabbie then looks behind and sees the woman's face was full of blood and bruises, causing him to abandon his taxi in terror. In other instances,
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when she did not give birth to a son. The ghost has been linked to the disappearance of people and deaths from unexplained causes. However, it is
undisputed that Christmas Eve is said to be her preferred timing. On some occasions, the whole castle and its former inhabitants were reportedly
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French occupation of Geneva at the beginning of the 19th century to shoot some animals for dinner with his widowed and impoverished mother.

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Kaoru has sometimes been called the first anti-hero in literature. The tale has an abrupt ending. Opinions vary on whether this was intended by the author. Arthur Waley, who made the first English translation of the whole of The Tale of Genji, believed that the work as we have it was finished. Ivan Morris, however, author of The World of the Shining Prince, believed that it was not complete and that later chapters were missing. Edward Seidensticker, who made the second translation of the Genji, believed that Murasaki Shikibu had not had a planned story structure with an ending such as but would simply have continued writing as long as she could. Because it was written to entertain the Japanese court of the eleventh century, the work presents many difficulties to modern readers. First and foremost, Murasaki's language, Heian period court Japanese, was highly inflected and had very complex grammar. Another problem is that naming people was considered rude in Heian court society, so none of the characters are named within the work; instead, the narrator refers to men often by their rank or their station in life, and to women often by the color of their clothing, or by the words used at a meeting, or by the rank of a prominent male relative.

This results in different appellations for the same character depending on the chapter. Another aspect of the language is the importance of using poetry in conversations. Modifying or rephrasing a classic poem according to the current situation was expected behavior in Heian court life, and often served to communicate thinly veiled allusions. The poems in the Genji are often in the classic Japanese tanka form. Many of the poems were well known to the intended audience, so usually only the first few lines are given and the reader is supposed to complete the thought themselves, much like today we could say 'When in Rome As with most Heian literature, Genji was probably written mostly or perhaps entirely in kana Japanese phonetic script and not in kanji, because it was written by a woman for a female audience.

Writing in kanji was at the time a masculine pursuit; women were generally discreet when using kanji, confining themselves mostly to native Japanese words yamato kotoba. Outside of vocabulary related to politics and Buddhism, Genji contains remarkably few Chinese loan words kongo. This has the effect of giving the story a very even, smooth flow. However, it also introduces confusion: there are a number of homophones words with the same pronunciation but different meanings, and for modern readers, context is not always sufficient to determine which meaning was intended. The novel is traditionally divided into three parts, the first two dealing with the life of Genji and the last with the early years of two of Genji's prominent descendants, Niou and Kaoru.

There are also several short transitional chapters which are usually grouped separately and whose authorships are sometimes questioned. The 54th and last chapter, "The Floating Bridge of Dreams", is sometimes argued by modern scholars to be a separate part from the Uji part. It seems to continue the story from the previous chapters but has an unusually abstract chapter title. It is the only chapter whose title has no clear reference within the text, although this may be due to the chapter being unfinished. This question is made more difficult by the fact that we do not know exactly when the chapters acquired their titles. It is not known for certain when the chapters acquired their titles. Early mentions of the Tale refer to chapter numbers, or contain alternate titles for some of the chapters. This may suggest that the titles were added later.

The titles are largely derived from poetry that is quoted within the text, or allusions to various characters. Some scholars have posited the earlier existence of a chapter between 1 and 2 which would have introduced some characters that seem to appear very abruptly in the book as it stands. Later authors have composed additional chapters, most often either between 41 and 42, or after the end. The original manuscript written by Murasaki Shikibu no longer exists. Numerous copies, totaling around according to Ikeda Kikan, exist with differences between each. It is thought that Shikibu often went back and edited early manuscripts introducing discrepancies with earlier copies. The various manuscripts are classified into three categories: [9] [10]. In the 13th century, two major attempts by Minamoto no Chikayuki and Fujiwara Teika were made to edit and revise the differing manuscripts.

The Chikayuki manuscript is known as the Kawachabon; edits were many beginning in and completing These two manuscripts were used as the basis for many future copies. Most remaining manuscripts are based on copies of the Teika manuscript which introduced revisions in the original. This newly discovered manuscript belongs to a different lineage and was not influenced by Teika. On October 29, , Konan Women's University
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The major translations into English are each slightly different, mirroring the personal choices of the translator and the period in which the translation was made. Each version has its merits, its detractors and its advocates, and each is distinguished by the name of the translator. For example, the version translated by Arthur Waley would typically be referred to as "the Waley Genji ". The Tale of Genji is an important work of Japanese literature, and modern authors have cited it as inspiration, such as Jorge Luis Borges who said of it, "The Tale of Genji, as translated by Arthur Waley, is written with an almost miraculous naturalness, and what interests us is not the exoticism—the horrible word—but rather the human passions of the novel.

Such interest is just: Murasaki's work is what one would quite precisely call a psychological novel I dare to recommend this book to those who read me. The English translation that has inspired this brief insufficient note is called The Tale of Genji. Matilda is said to have been starved to death by her sister in that dungeon. Dressed in white, and most common at Calan Gaeaf the Welsh Halloween , she was often evoked to warn children about bad behaviour.

The Ogmore apparition story is also noteworthy for containing many of the archetypal aspects common to such Celtic and Welsh stories, including a hidden cauldron, changing physical characteristics, and a chastising morality. Here, a spirit was long said to wander the area until a man finally approached her. When such a man eventually did so, the spirit led him to a treasure a cauldron filled with gold hidden under a heavy stone within the old tower of Ogmore Castle and allowed the man to take half the treasure for himself. However, the man later returned and took more of the treasure. This angered the spirit, who, with her fingers turning into claws, attacked the man as he returned home. The man became gravely ill but only died once he had confessed his greed. After that, an ailment known as Y Ladi Wen's revenge was said to befell any person who died before disclosing hidden treasure.

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The scrolls are designated National Treasures of Japan. The scrolls are so fragile that they normally are not shown in public. The original scrolls in the Tokugawa Museum were shown from November 21 to November 29 in Since Heisei 13, they have been displayed in the Tokugawa Museum always for around one week in November. Other notable versions are by Tosa Mitsuoki, who lived from to His paintings are closely based on Heian style from the existing scrolls of the 12th century and are fully complete. The tale was also a popular theme in Ukiyo-e prints from the Edo period. The Tale of Genji was written in an archaic court language, and a century after its completion it was unreadable without specialized study. Annotated and illustrated versions existed as early as the 12th century.

This gives rise to anachronisms ; for instance Genji's first wife is named Aoi because she is known as the lady of the Aoi chapter, in which she dies. Both scholars and writers have tried translating it. The first translation into modern Japanese was made by the poet Yosano Akiko. Because of the cultural differences, reading an annotated version of the Genji is quite common, even among Japanese. There have been at least five manga adaptations of the Genji. Arthur Waley published a six-volume translation of all but one chapter, with the first volume published in and the last in Its initial version has been extensively revised, retitled, and updated for this publication. In , WorldCat identifies 88 editions of this book.

The sightings of Resurrection Mary in Chicago, Illinois are also of both the White Lady and vanishing hitchhiker type legends. The story goes that the original bridge over the river was built in the 1920s and replaced with a new concrete one in the 1950s. The charred and decaying remains of the original bridge can still be seen near the new bridge.

The scrolls handed down in the Owari branch of the Tokugawa clan and one scroll held by the Hachisuka family is now in the Gotoh Museum in Tokyo.

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Y Ladi Wen is also associated with restless spirits guarding hidden treasures, with perhaps the best-known example of this at Ogmore, Bridgend. The Ogmore apparition story is also noteworthy for containing many of the archetypal aspects common to such Celtic and Welsh stories, including a hidden cauldron, changing physical characteristics, and a chastising morality. Here, a spirit was long said to wander the area until a man finally approached her. When such a man eventually did so, the spirit led him to a treasure a cauldron filled with gold hidden under a heavy stone within the old tower of Ogmore Castle and allowed the man to take half the treasure for himself. However, the man later returned and took more of the treasure. This angered the spirit, who, with her fingers turning into claws, attacked the man as he returned home. The man became gravely ill but only died once he had confessed his greed.

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In Dallas, Texas at White Rock Lake Park, it is reported that the ghost of a twenty-year-old looking girl, known as "The Lady of White Rock
Lake" described as wearing a water-soaked s evening dress, who usually appears at night along the roadside of East Lawther Drive.

Witnesses claim the phantom asks to be taken to her home on Gaston Avenue in Dallas before disappearing in the car during the ride and leaving behind a waterlogged car seat. Legend claims the woman to be a drowning victim from a boating accident in the s. Reports of the ghostly encounters were published in Dallas-area newspapers in the s. From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia. Creature in folklore; type of female ghost. For other uses, see White Lady disambiguation. This article needs additional citations for verification.


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Mistress Yale's Diaries, The Glorious Return by David Elsbworth

Chapter 45—54 are known as the “Uji Chapters”. These chapters follow Kaoru and his best friend, Niou. Niou is an imperial prince, the son of the chapter titled Maboroshi, there is a chapter titled Kumogakure “Vanished into the Clouds”, which is left blank, but implies the death of Genji.

Genji's new marriage changes his relationship with Murasaki, who had expressed her wish of becoming a nun, bikuni though the wish was rejected. Genji's nephew, Kashiwagi, later forces himself on the Third Princess, and she bears Kaoru who, in a similar situation to that of Reizei, is legally begins to decline. His political status does not change, but his love and emotional life begin to incrementally diminish as middle age takes hold.

and leads to the Emperor ordering Genji to be pardoned. Genji returns to Kyoto. His son by Lady Fujitsubo, Reizei, becomes the emperor. The father, Kiritsubo, and something begins to affect his eyes. Meanwhile, his mother, Kokiden, grows ill, which weakens her influence over the throne, She gives birth to Genji's only daughter, who will later become the Empress. In the capital the Emperor Suzaku is troubled by dreams of his late

of the Lady Fujitsubo. Finally he kidnaps her, brings her to his own palace and educates her to be like the Lady Fujitsubo, who is his womanly hilly area north of Kyoto, where he finds a beautiful ten-year-old girl. He is fascinated by this little girl Murasaki, and discovers that she is a niece of the Lady Fujitsubo and is on bad terms with his own wife Aoi no Ue, the Lady Aoi. He engages in a series of love affairs with other women. These are however unfulfilling, as in most cases his advances are rebuffed, or his lover dies suddenly, or he becomes bored. Genji visits Kitayama, a rural hilly area north of Kyoto, where he finds a beautiful ten-year-old girl. He is fascinated by this little girl Murasaki, and discovers that she is a niece of the Lady Fujitsubo. Finally he kidnaps her, brings her to his own palace and educates her to be like the Lady Fujitsubo, who is his womanly ideal. During this time Genji also meets Lady Fujitsubo secretly, and she bears his son, Reizei. Everyone except the two lovers believes the father of the child is the Emperor Kiritsubo. Later the boy becomes the Crown Prince and Lady Fujitsubo becomes the Empress, but Genji and Lady Fujitsubo swear to keep the child's true parentage secret.

That entry confirms that some if not all of the diary was available in when internal evidence suggests convincingly that the entry was written. Lady Murasaki is said to have written the character of Genji based on the Minister on the Left at the time she was at court. Other translators, such as Tyler, believe the character Murasaki no Ue, whom Genji marries, is based on Murasaki Shikibu herself. Yosano Akiko, the first author to make a modern Japanese translation of Genji, believed that Murasaki Shikibu had only written chapters 1 to 33, and that chapters 35 to 54 were written by her daughter Daiki no Sann. Genji's mother dies when he is three years old, and the Emperor cannot forget her. The Emperor Kiritsubo then hears of a woman Lady Fujitsubo, formerly a princess of the preceding emperor, who resembles his deceased concubine, and later she becomes one of his wives.

Genji loves her first as a stepmother, but later as a woman, and they fall in love with each other. Genji is frustrated by his forbidden love for the Lady Fujitsubo and is on bad terms with his own wife Aoi no Ue, the Lady Aoi. He engages in a series of love affairs with other women. These are however unfulfilling, as in most cases his advances are rebuffed, or his lover dies suddenly, or he becomes bored. Genji visits Kitayama, a rural hilly area north of Kyoto, where he finds a beautiful ten-year-old girl. He is fascinated by this little girl Murasaki, and discovers that she is a niece of the Lady Fujitsubo. Finally he kidnaps her, brings her to his own palace and educates her to be like the Lady Fujitsubo, who is his womanly ideal. During this time Genji also meets Lady Fujitsubo secretly, and she bears his son, Reizei. Everyone except the two lovers believes the father of the child is the Emperor Kiritsubo. Later the boy becomes the Crown Prince and Lady Fujitsubo becomes the Empress, but Genji and Lady Fujitsubo swear to keep the child's true parentage secret.

Genji and his wife, Lady Aoi, reconcile. She gives birth to a son but dies soon after. Genji is sorrowful but finds consolation in Murasaki, whom he marries. Genji's father, the Emperor Kiritsubo, dies. He is succeeded by his son Suzuki, whose mother Kokiden, together with Kiritsubo's political enemies, take power in the court. Then another of Genji's secret love affairs is exposed: Genji and a concubine of the Emperor Suzuki are discovered while meeting in secret. The Emperor Suzuki confides his personal amusement at Genji's exploits with the woman Oborozaku, but is duty-bound to punish Genji even though he is his half-brother. There, a prosperous man known as the Akashi Novice because he is from Akashi in a modern Japanese translation of Genji, believed that Murasaki Shikibu had only written chapters 1 to 33, and that chapters 35 to 54 were written by her daughter Daiki no Sann. Genji's mother dies when he is three years old, and the Emperor cannot forget her. The Emperor Kiritsubo then hears of a woman Lady Fujitsubo, formerly a princess of the preceding emperor, who resembles his deceased concubine, and later she becomes one of his wives.

She gives birth to Genji's only daughter, who will later become the Empress. In the capital the Emperor Suzuki is troubled by dreams of his late father, Kiritsubo, and something begins to affect his eyes. Meanwhile, his mother, Kokiden, grows ill, which weakens her influence over the throne, and leads to the Emperor ordering Genji to be pardoned. Genji returns to Kyoto. His son by Lady Fujitsubo, Reizei, becomes the emperor. The new Emperor Reizei knows Genji is his real father, and raises Genji's rank to the highest possible. However, when Genji turns 40 years old, his life begins to decline. His political status does not change, but his love and emotional life begin to incrementally diminish as middle age takes hold. Genji's nephew, Kashiwagi, later forces himself on the Third Princess, and she bears Kaoru who, in a similar situation to that of Reizei, is legally known as the son of Genji.

Genji's new marriage changes his relationship with Murasaki, who had expressed her wish of becoming a nun, bikuni though the wish was rejected by Genji. Genji's beloved Murasaki dies. In the following chapter, Maboroshi "Illusion", Genji contemplates how fleeting life is. Immediately after the chapter titled Maboroshi, there is a chapter titled Kumogakure "Vanished into the Clouds", which is left blank, but implies the death of Genji. Chapter 45—54 are known as the "Uji Chapters". These chapters follow Kaoru and his best friend, Niou. Niou is an imperial prince, the son of the
Genji's daughter, the current Empress now that Reizei has abdicated the throne, while Kaoru is known to the world as Genji's son but is in fact fathered by Genji's nephew. The chapters involve Kaoru and Nio's rivalry over several daughters of an imperial prince who lives in Uji, a place some distance away from the capital.

The tale ends abruptly, with Kaoru wondering if Niou is hiding Kaoru's former lover away from him. Kaoru has sometimes been called the first anti-hero in literature. The tale has an abrupt ending. Opinions vary on whether this was intended by the author. Arthur Waley, who made the first English translation of the whole of The Tale of Genji, believed that the work as we have it was finished. Ivan Morris, however, author of The World of the Shining Prince, believed that it was not complete and that later chapters were missing. Edward Seidensticker, who made the second translation of the Genji, believed that Murasaki Shikibu had not had a planned story structure with an ending as such but would simply have continued writing as long as she could. Because it was written to entertain the Japanese court of the eleventh century, the work presents many difficulties to modern readers.

First and foremost, Murasaki's language, Heian period court Japanese, was highly inflected and had very complex grammar. Another problem is that naming people was considered rude in Heian court society, so none of the characters are named within the work; instead, the narrator refers to men often by their rank or their station in life, and to women often by the color of their clothing, or by the words used at a meeting, or by the rank of a prominent male relative.

This results in different appellations for the same character depending on the chapter. Another aspect of the language is the importance of using poetry in conversations. Modifying or rephrasing a classic poem according to the current situation was expected behavior in Heian court life, and often served to communicate thinly veiled allusions. The poems in the Genji are often in the classic Japanese tanka form. Many of the poems were well known to the intended audience, so usually only the first few lines are given and the reader is supposed to complete the thought themselves, much like today we could say 'When in Rome As with most Heian literature, Genji was probably written mostly or perhaps entirely in kana Japanese phonetic script and not in kanji, because it was written by a woman for a female audience.

Writing in kanji was at the time a masculine pursuit; women were generally discreet when using kanji, confining themselves mostly to native Japanese words yamato kotoba. Outside of vocabulary related to politics and Buddhism, Genji contains remarkably few Chinese loan words kango. This has the effect of giving the story a very even, smooth flow. However, it also introduces confusion; there are a number of homophones words with the same pronunciation but different meanings, and for modern readers, context is not always sufficient to determine which meaning was intended. The novel is traditionally divided into three parts, the first two dealing with the life of Genji and the last with the early years of two of Genji's prominent descendants, Niou and Kaoru.

There are also several short transitional chapters which are usually grouped separately and whose authorships are sometimes questioned. The 54th and last chapter, "The Floating Bridge of Dreams", is sometimes argued by modern scholars to be a separate part from the Uji part. It seems to continue the story from the previous chapters but has an unusually abstract chapter title. It is the only chapter whose title has no clear reference within the text, although this may be due to the chapter being unfinished. This question is made more difficult by the fact that we do not know exactly when the chapters acquired their titles. It is not known for certain when the chapters acquired their titles. Early mentions of the Tale refer to chapter numbers, or contain alternate titles for some of the chapters.

This may suggest that the titles were added later. The titles are largely derived from poetry that is quoted within the text, or allusions to various characters. Some scholars have posited the earlier existence of a chapter between 1 and 2 which would have introduced some characters that seem to appear very abruptly in the book as it stands. Later authors have composed additional chapters, most often either between 41 and 42, or after the end. The original manuscript written by Murasaki Shikibu no longer exists. Numerous copies, totaling around according to Ikeda Kikan, exist with differences between each. It is thought that Shikibu often went back and edited early manuscripts introducing discrepancies with earlier copies. The various manuscripts are classified into three categories: [9] [10]. In the 13th century, two major attempts by Minamoto no Chikayuki and Fujiwara Teika were made to edit and revise the differing manuscripts.

The Chikayuki manuscript is known as the Kawachibon; edits were many beginning in and completing in These two manuscripts were used as the basis for many future copies. Most remaining manuscripts are based on copies of the Teika manuscript which introduced revisions in the original. This newly discovered manuscript belongs to a different lineage and was not influenced by Teika. On October 29, , Konan Women's University announced that a mid-Kamakura period manuscript was found. This scroll is the earliest extant example of a Japanese "picture scroll": collected illustrations and calligraphy of a single work. The original scroll is believed to have comprised 10—20 rolls and covered all 54 chapters. The extant pieces include only 19 illustrations and 65 pages of text, plus nine pages of fragments. The Tokugawa Art Museum in Nagoya has three of the scrolls handed down in the Owari branch of the Tokugawa clan and one scroll held by the Hachisuka family is now in the Tochigi Museum in Tokyo.

The scrolls are designated National Treasures of Japan. The scrolls are so fragile that they normally are not shown in public.