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Description: The Japanese word gaijin means "unwelcome foreigner," a slur sometimes directed at non-Japanese people in Japan. In this literary suspense novel, Lucy is a budding journalist at Northwestern University obsessed with an exotic new student, Owen Ota, who becomes her lover and her sensei. When he disappears without explanation, she's devastated. On her 3-month quest across Japan to find him, she finds only snippets of the elegant culture Owen had described. Instead <https://bookshop.org/books/gaijin> she faces anti-U.S. protests, menacing street thugs and sexist treatment. Will she ever find Owen? Will she be driven back to the U.S.? Gaijin is a coming-of-age story about a woman who solves a heartbreaking mystery that alters the trajectory of her life.

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*Dare DeLano, award winning author*

Reviews:

This story of the “unwelcome foreigner” is not an easy one, and it takes an award-winning journalist like Sarah Sleeper to give it the precision, sensitivity, and depth it deserves. The Far East and the Midwest are both on trial as Sleeper investigates the past and present of Japanese-American relations through a haunting, unforgettable story of love lost. Sleeper’s prose is full of natural poetry as she explores all the different shades of heartbreak where personal and political intersect.— Porochista Khakpour, author most recently of *Brown Album*

Told in lovely prose sprinkled with poetry, *Gaijin* is a story of love, heartbreak, and self-realization. After traveling halfway around the world in the hope of finding out what happened to her first love, Owen Ota, Lucy must embark on another, more personal quest. A journey of the heart set against the backdrop of a shifting and contradictory landscape.— Dare DeLano, award-winning author, most recently of *Two Cities*

A nuanced, subtly written tale that reminds one of those Jamesian cultural clashes between ingenuous Americans and sophisticated foreigners, Sleeper’s novel shows us how we are all, at heart, *gaijin*. A novel particularly relevant in today’s highly charged xenophobic era.— Michael C. White, author of *A Beautiful Assassin*

About the Author: Sarah Z. Sleeper is an ex-journalist with an MFA in creative writing. *Gaijin* is her first novel. Her short story, “A Few Innocuous Lines,” won an award from *Writer’s Digest*. Her non-fiction essay, “On Getting Vivian,” was published in *The Shanghai Literary Review*. Her poetry has been published in *A Year in Ink*, the *San Diego Poetry Annual* and *Painters & Poets*, and exhibited at the *Bellarmino Museum*. In the recent past she was an editor at *New Rivers Press*, and editor-in-chief of the literary journal *Mason’s Road*. She completed her MFA at *Fairfield University* in 2012. Prior to that she had a twenty-five-year career as a business writer and technology reporter and won three journalism awards and a fellowship at the *National Press Foundation*.

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