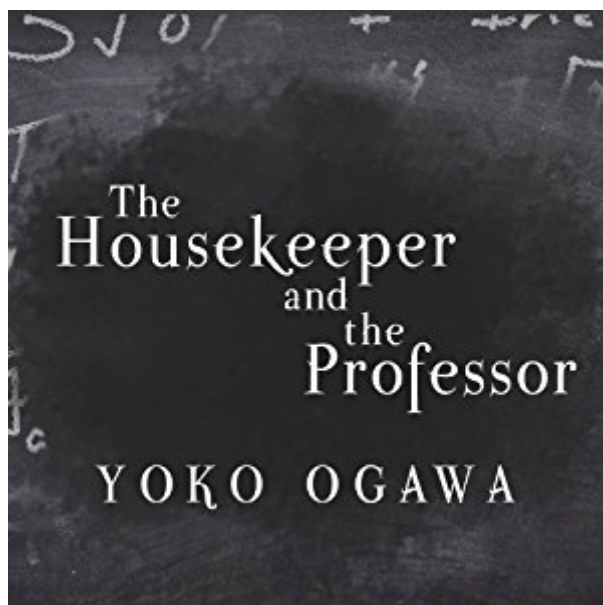The book was found

The Housekeeper And The Professor

Synopsis

He is a brilliant math professor with a peculiar problem - ever since a traumatic head injury, he has lived with only 80 minutes of short-term memory. She is an astute young housekeeper - with a 10-year-old son-who is hired to care for the professor. And every morning, as the professor and the housekeeper are introduced to each other anew, a strange and beautiful relationship blossoms between them. Though he cannot hold memories for long (his brain is like a tape that begins to erase itself every 80 minutes), the professor's mind is still alive with elegant equations from the past. And the numbers, in all of their articulate order, reveal a sheltering and poetic world to both the housekeeper and her young son. The professor is capable of discovering connections between the simplest of quantities - like the housekeeper's shoe size - and the universe at large, drawing their lives ever closer and more profoundly together, even as his memory slips away. Yoko Ogawa's The Housekeeper and the Professor is an enchanting story about what it means to live in the present, and about the curious equations that can create a family.

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Customer Reviews

Loved this book. It is about a brilliant math professor whose short-term memory only lasts 80 minutes due to a car accident. To compensate, he makes notes and pins them to his clothes during that 80 minutes. A housekeeper and her son look after him and love growsÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â •not romantic love, but a family bond that is heartwarming and flows both ways. The book is unique because the story uses actual math problems to carry the story line. I am not a math person so I

skimmed over the math problems, but I imagine if you love math, you will enjoy the book even more. The author does an amazing job of making the reader look between the written words to interpret the complicated relationships of the characters.

A beautiful and evocative read. While the plot is simple and the characters are never named, it is beautifully told. and I found it hard to put down. I finished it the same day I began. There were some unusual choices of vignettes included - such as the woman who demanded money from the Housekeeper at a bus stop - but I quite enjoyed this meandering storytelling. Who would have thought maths could be made some emotionally engaging?

i really enjoyed this story...it did seem anticlimactic toward the end which was a bit disappointing but all in all it was a sweet fun clean story that i really liked ...i also really got into the whole math thing which is weird cause I'm not a math person but she is a good writer who makes even math interesting and beautiful

Great book, very different but a good story line. We read this for book club and was a big hit. I'll probably watch the movie.This was easy to promote discussion because of the characters.I'd recommend for an easy but interesting book to reD.

A gifted mathematician, after suffering a terrible accident is left with a memory that only last for 80 minutes. His world is reduced to solving puzzles from mathematic journals. His only connection with the larger world and important events in his life is through the handwritten notes clipped to his worn out suits. Unable to form lasting relationships with anyone new, heÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s stuck in the past that no longer exists. Isolated from the world, itÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s left to his widowed sister-in-law to be his caretaker. To this end, she hires a series of housekeepers to tend to the ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å"professorÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢sÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• few needs and to keep his shack of a home from deteriorating any further. Meeting new people for the professor and the person in question is a daunting experience that must be repeated every day. The only connection the professor can form with these people is through their numbers (birth date, age, height, shoe size, etc.); and finding the interplay those numbers have with the only world he understands, mathematics. Enter an under educated housekeeper devoted to her work and her nine year old son (an avid baseball fan) who shake the professorÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s self constructed reality to reveal a fully fledged person.The Housekeeper and the Professor is about friendship and the bonds people

form when they are open to receiving each otherÃƒÂ¢Ã â¬Ã â„¢s flaws as well as their gifts. ItÃƒÂ¢Ã â¬Ã â„¢s about to torn families coming together to form a new family built from the tragedies each has experienced. ItÃƒÂ¢Ã â¬Ã â„¢s about overcoming isolation and opening up to possibility. All wrapped in the beautifully understated prose of Yoko Ogawa.

I found the book gimmicky and contrived. It was interesting to a point. A housekeeper and her fatherless son befriend a math professor who can only remember 80 minutes of the past. He relates various number theory "basics," which she contemplates. Notes are pinned to his suit so that he can better function.

This is a great book, very well written and a captivating story. Stands out among the contemporary japanese litterature translated into the english. The publisher should have "kept" the original title in the transition into the english; "The Professor And The Equation" is a far better title, as explained to me by my native japanese friend. I had to agree after reading the book. "The Professor And The Equation" is spot on regarding context... The title "the housekeeper and the professor" tends to be a bit misleading. (would the use of a mathematical word in the book title scare away potensial readers / buyers?). I highly recomend this book. Read it with the original title in mind....

A charming little story--I just had to finish it as soon as I got into it. If you have dealt with those with memory loss this is a more uplifting story than what you may be used to. The dignity of all work and endeavors.

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