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## Japanese Feel-Good Literature What Are We Talking About?

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Japanese feel-good literature has enjoyed considerable success in Europe, particularly in France, Italy, and the United Kingdom. However, the category of “healing fiction” or “feel-good fiction” is neither as self-evident nor as widespread in Japan. What does this say about the reception of “Japanese feel-good fiction” in Europe? Is this label blurry and irrelevant in and of itself? Should we distinguish different trends within “Japanese feel-good” literature? By addressing these questions, this lecture aims to provide a better understanding of the perceptions and realities underlying the “Japanese feel-good” phenomenon.

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