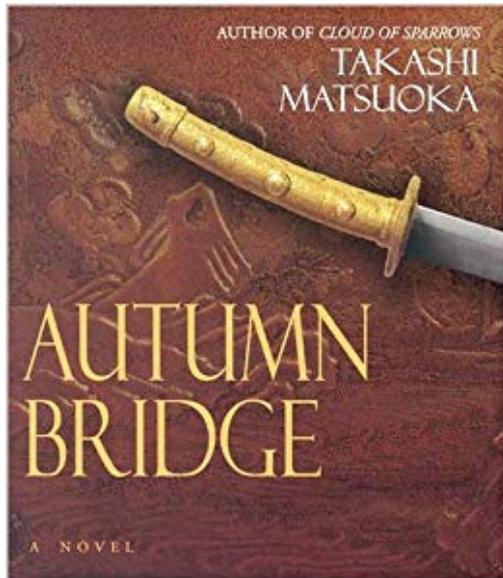


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In the year 1311, in the highest tower of Cloud of Sparrows Castle, a beautiful woman sits by the window, watching as enemies gather below. As she calmly awaits her fate, she begins to write, carefully setting down on a scroll an extraordinary tale---a tale that unfolds in *Autumn Bridge*. With the same emotional power that distinguished *Cloud of Sparrows*, readers will travel from the storm-tossed shores of medieval Japan to the bustling streets of San Francisco---toward and overwhelming revelation linking past, present, and future.



Reviews of the Autumn Bridge by Takashi Matsuoka

Ndav

Excellent written sequel to the first in the series. Described the transition of Japan from the Shogunate to a more 'democratic' society and the problems that the country and citizens faced during this period. Well laced with the story of the control of power while adapting to a new foreign influence. I especially liked the fact that the author sent me to the dictionary several times.

Iarim

Cloud of Sparrows was an amazing first book and a tough act to follow. Maybe too tough.

Too be clear, Autumn Bridge once again demonstrates Matsuoka's skill as a writer, which is considerable. To say this book is well-written would be an understatement; many complex events are woven across time to create a layered story with rich drama. Evidence of careful thought and research is evident in each passage to ensure that the feel of place and time is always right, which is especially important as this helps keep the various plot elements distinct; otherwise, the multiple lines of the plot would be at risk of becoming confused. At times, I did find myself having to refer back to earlier chapters to ensure I was remembering correctly not only what was happening with a certain character, but what was happening in the relevant timeframe, but this is a reflection of the level of nuance used in developing each character and not the dangerous tendency many books that attempt this level of complexity have to implode.

If I had one complaint about Autumn Bridge, it's that I loved Cloud of Sparrows. Cloud of Sparrows felt complete, with a real ending, but extending the stories of the same characters, Autumn Bridge seems to pick apart that sense of completion Cloud of Sparrows had, and undoes what felt like a proper ending to a great book.

Still, as far as complaints go, that's no reason not to recommend this book. Autumn Bridge is an excellent choice for anyone looking for a novel with superb writing, excellent character development, a layered but structured plot, and a thought-provoking way of looking at change.

Mox

Another excellent book by Mr. Matsuoka. I have read both Autumn Bridge and Cloud of Sparrows and they are both extremely well-written. If you are into Japanese historical fiction involving the Samurai era, these are both great reads. I am only disappointed that the author did not write more books to enjoy. The jumping back and forth in history is slightly confusing, but it is easy to follow if you pay attention to the dates at the beginning of each section. I recommend reading "Cloud of Sparrows" first, since it will introduce you to the main characters and provide needed background that will help you understand this book better. Highly recommended.

Gavirgas

It's probably just me, but Autumn Bridge reminded me of Godfather Part II.

In Cloud of Sparrows, you get a good feel for the main characters, their lives and the circumstances of the times in which they lived. The story is highly entertaining and gives insight into a very different world. Just like the original Godfather.

In Autumn Bridge, the story unfolds in different time periods to provide more details about the characters, including additional related characters. As a sequel, Autumn Bridge accomplishes the difficult task of being able to stand on its own, while at the same time rewarding those that read Cloud of Sparrows. Just like Godfather Part II.

Autumn Bridge is a fascinating read. Yes, it skips around time wise, so you may need to back track a little, and there is a list of characters that helps. The twists, turns and revelations made their impact as intended.

It is noteworthy that Autumn Bridge has a lot less violence than Cloud of Sparrows. Some people found the violence in Cloud of Sparrows to be disturbing, so maybe the editors took note and toned it down. I liked both books. Autumn Bridge has the finesse of a love story mini-epic, and Cloud of Sparrows has the action packed thrills that gets your blood pumping.

It would be awesome if Mr. Matsuoka could write a book about Shigeru's life and explain how he became revered as the most formidable fighter since Miyamoto Musashi.

Faugami

Beneath the intricate, engaging plot and the truly masterful writing, there is a profound experience here for those who relax into it and don't try too hard--a truly meaningful and uplifting experience.

For everyone else, it's a really good, worthwhile story which won't disappoint.

Moswyn

I can't wait until Mr. Matsuoka writes more books. Cloud of Sparrows and Autumn Bridge reads like a combination of see-saw and carousel, evolving and revolving.

Will become a favorite that I read again and again

Stylish Monkey

Every bit as good as Cloud of Sparrows. A wonderful sequel that both continues the story and expands it. If you like a well written, informative, and descriptive historical fiction with well developed and personalized characters, you will love this book and its prequel.

It is a well-written novel, exciting to read, but not true to Japanese culture of history except as they serve the story. Have fun with it, but don't take it as a reliable source.

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