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Grass For His Pillow, Episode 1: Lord Fujiwara's Treasures (Tales Of The Otori, Book 2)



Synopsis

Abducted by his teacher, Kenji, Takeo is condemned to work as an assassin, an enforced occupation that his father sacrificed his life to escape. Still he is determined to carry on the name of the Otori. At the same time, his beloved Shirakawa Kaede, heir to the Maruyama, returns home to a shattered family and an uncertain future, and quickly realizes that she can rely on no one but herself.

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GRASS FOR HIS PILLOW by Lian Hearn The second book in a series called TALES OF THE OTORI by Lian Hearn, GRASS FOR HIS PILLOW continues the story of young Takeo (Tomasu) and his adventures among the clans of a fictional ancient Japan. This world that Hearn creates is filled with a touch of fantasy, as special people known as The Tribe populate the land, with the ability to do "magical" things such as disappear, or split oneself into two persons. Takeo learns in the first book, ACROSS THE NIGHTINGALE FLOOR, that he is part of The Tribe, through a father he does not remember. Raised among the people called "The Hidden", Takeo has learned of a more gentle way of life by a people who believe in a new god, while The Tribe teaches him to kill and destroy. GRASS FOR HIS PILLOW begins with Lady Kaede, a young woman betrothed to

Takeo's adoptive father Lord Shigeru of the Otori, one of many powerful lords among the clans. Kaede, however, loves Takeo, but in this second book she is now on her own with her lady-in-waiting Shizuka, who is also part of The Tribe. Kaede is no longer with Takeo or Lord Shigeru, and she must now find a way to fend for her life and help her sisters survive in this dangerous world they live in. Her father, Lord Shirakawa, is very old and weak, and he is the only protection she has from the other powerful men in the land who will try take away all that she has come to love, including her sisters. Kaede, with the help of Shizuka, learns how to defend herself and learn the skills that traditionally belong to a man, because she knows that she can no longer trust anyone else, and she will certainly not trust a man again. Her only love Takeo has been taken away and she does not even know whether he is alive. Takeo is also unaware of what has become of Kaede.

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