

**The Case of the Sharaku Murders***Katsuhiko Takahashi, translated by Ian MacDonald***Pub Date:** September 2013**Binding:** Hardback**Price:** £19.99 / \$34.95**ISBN:** 9780857281296**Category:** FICTION / Crime**Extent:** 220 pages**Size:** 216 x 140mm / 8.5 x 5.3**Description****Murder and mystery in the art world in this Edogawa Rampo Prize-winning novel.**

When the body of Saga Atsushi, Japan's preeminent connoisseur of ukiyo-e (woodblock prints), is pulled from the ocean off the coast of Tohoku, having apparently committed suicide, the shocked Japanese art world turns out to mourn his death. Among them is Ryohei, an up-and-coming young ukiyo-e scholar and research assistant to Saga's colleague-turned-rival, Professor Nishijima. But a chance encounter with an old friend makes Ryohei wonder if there might be more to Saga's death than meets the eye.

**Readership:** Fans of exciting crime and mystery novels, readers of literary translations and fans of Katsuhiko Takahashi.

**About the Author**

**Katsuhiko Takahashi** is an award-winning Japanese novelist whose accolades include the Edogawa Rampo Prize for *Sharaku satsujin jiken* [The Case of the Sharaku Murders], the Yoshikawa Eiji Prize for New Writers for *Soumon dani* [The Soumon Valley], the Naoki Prize for *Akai kioku* [The Scarlet Memories] and the Yoshikawa Eiji Prize for Literature for *Ka en* [Flaming Rancour]. He has also written works in wide range of genres including action romance, historical fiction, horror and mystery.

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