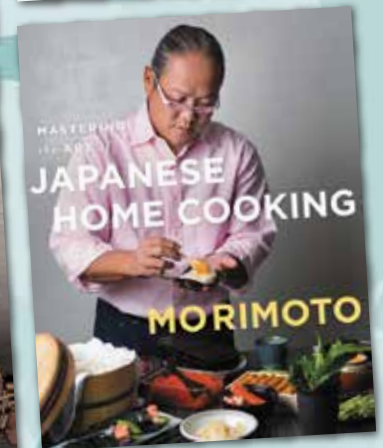
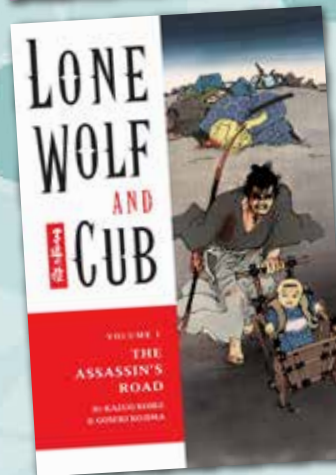
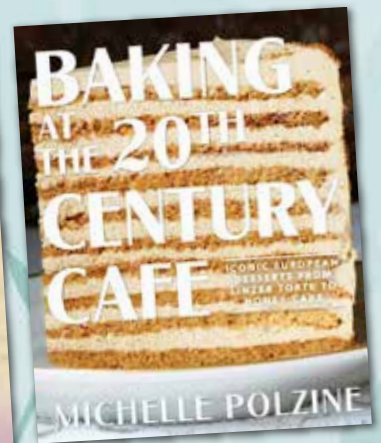




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Book Club Companion: Meeting Planning Guide for Readers of *Before the Coffee Gets Cold*



BOOK CLUB COMPANION: PLANNING YOUR MEETING AROUND *BEFORE THE COFFEE GETS COLD*

"In the absence of a magical café in real life, Kawaguchi encourages readers to value the time they have with their loved ones...*Before the Coffee Gets Cold* is perfect for anyone who wants to feel connected right now." — Allison Lee, *Bookreporter*

Looking for additional ways to connect with your book club? Whether you are meeting virtually or in person at your own neighborhood café, hoopla has suggestions to expand your experience around *Before the Coffee Gets Cold* with titles available instantly!

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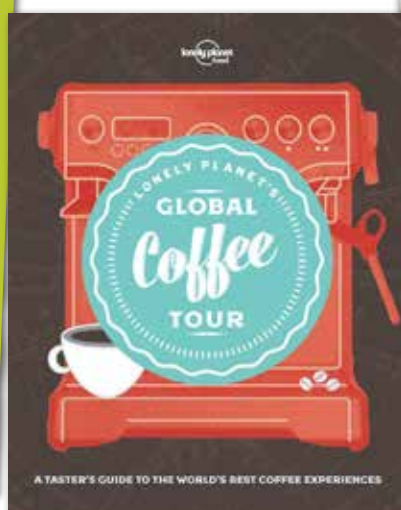
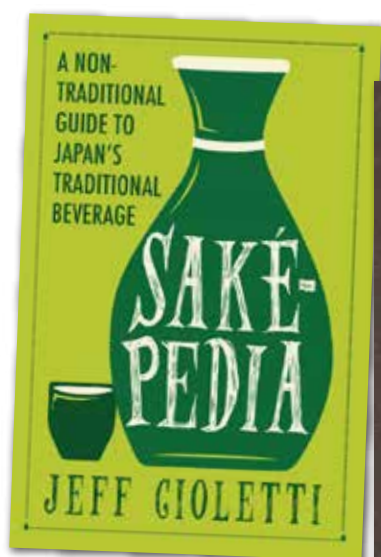
WARM UP

Is it the café location, the staff, or the beverage itself in which the magic in *Before the Coffee Gets Cold* lies? We can't guarantee your cup will be full of magic, but with these titles you'll be on your way to making a warm beverage worthy of café service (or, in *Sakepedia's* case...worthy of Hirai's bar)!

Encourage your book club to read the chapter on Japan in Lonely Planet's *Global Coffee Tour* and compare what you learn to the operations of Café Funiculi Funicula in the novel.

Did you know...

"When people in Japan talk about 'first wave,' they're most likely referring to kissaten, which was the word for coffee shop long before the foreign 'café' entered the national lexicon. When they first began appearing in the early 20th century, kissaten were portals into an exotic world and carried a whiff of the demi-monde. Today the word is used to describe a coffee shop that embraces an aesthetic and taste that predates the arrival of mass-market chains...it's never just about the food and drink, kissaten are individually owned and the personality of the 'master' or 'mama' (as the proprietors are called) is always on show; to run a coffee shop in Japan is an act of creative expression, and one to which many aspire." — From *Global Coffee Tour*, by Lonely Planet

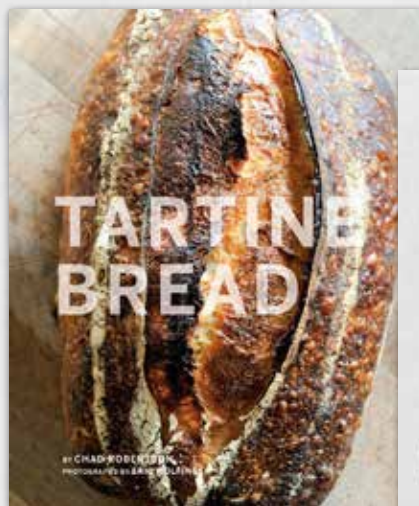


BETTER WITH BUTTER

Just as quintessential as the coffee in the novel's café was Nagare's prized butter:

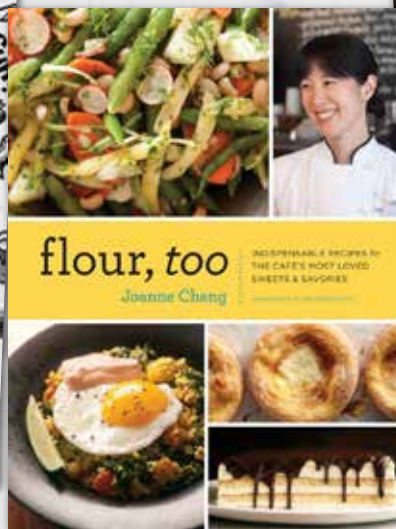
"Nagare got a lot of joy from watching the customers' delight as they ate his delicious butter. The problem was that although he used the most expensive ingredients, the butter was free for customers. He didn't charge for condiments; he was very particular about that. These high standards of his were quite a problem." – From *Before the Coffee Gets Cold*, by Toshikazu Kawaguchi

Once you've found—or made—a butter worthy of admiration like Nagare's, you'll of course need a vehicle for it! Bread baking books on hoopla have become quite popular in recent months as people look to learn new skills right at home. Here, we offer some of the highest rated:



THE SWEET SIDE

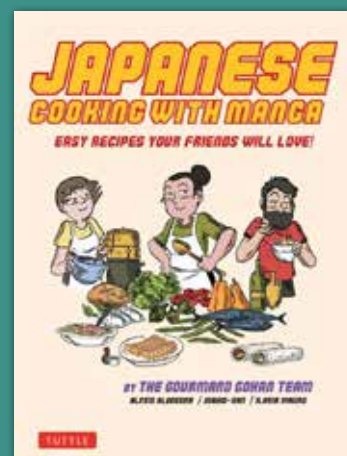
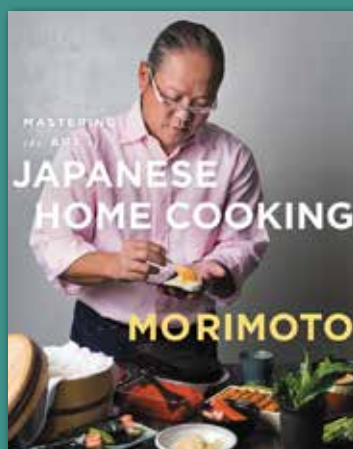
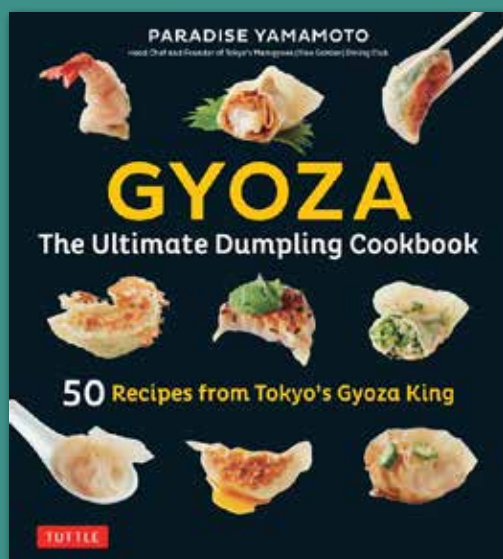
While bread and butter are key to the book's café, here in the States we often spot sweeter coffee accompaniments in our cafés. If a sweet tooth prevails in your own book club, try one of these books written by the minds behind of some of the most popular cafés!



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JAPANESE RECIPES

Looking for a more substantial menu to match a dinner hour book club meeting? With *Before the Coffee Gets Cold* being based in Tokyo, only the most delicious Japanese dishes will do! hoopla has many cookbooks to guide you through this beloved cuisine. Here are a few favorites.



We especially took to *Japanese Cooking with Manga* after reading author Toshikazu Kawaguchi's author interview—available exclusively for your book club to download at theclub.hoopladigital.com. There, he discusses:

INSPIRING READERS: MANGA & SAMURAI STORIES

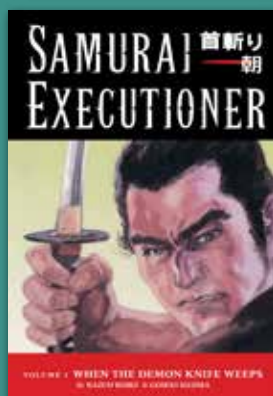
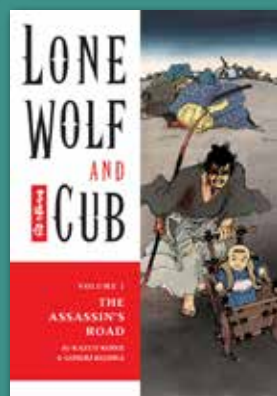
From *Before the Coffee Gets Cold* author Toshikazu Kawaguchi's hoopla-exclusive interview...

For library patrons interested in reading more translated works, are there any books you love and would recommend?

"To tell you the truth, reading was a great pain for me when I was a kid. Reading words induced me to fall asleep, so I preferred reading comics. I started to draw manga comics when I was in elementary school, and my dream was to be a manga artist. But when I was 19 years old, I came across a great series of novels titled *Hattori Hanzo* written by Shinjuro Tobe, who is known for his historical novels. This is the story of a ninja, and is a 10-volume series. As a person who hardly read one book, I read the series of 10 volumes in a blink. It was almost 30 years ago, but I still read them repeatedly. The author passed away a long time ago, and the books are out of print, but I'm still in love with his works."

Hoping to woo a new reader to your club? Check out comics echoing those which inspired Toshikazu Kawaguchi on hoopla:

Also from classic samurai manga creator Kazuo Koike, who penned *Path of the Assassin* (the story of Hattori Hanzo mentioned by Kawaguchi).



Love the comics above? Check this one out as well!



BOOK CLUB MOVIE NIGHT RECOMMENDATIONS

As *Before the Coffee Gets Cold* has been adapted in novel form, on stage, and on screen, we anticipate your book club might be craving film recommendations of similar emotional resonance, or with storylines echoing the book. Based on these notes in our novel, we recommend...



If you were interested in the family inn explored in Kumi & Hirai's tale...

Okko's Inn

After losing her parents in a car accident, Okko starts living in the countryside with her grandmother, who runs a traditional Japanese inn. While she prepares to be the next owner of the inn, Okko can somehow see friendly ghosts.

"...a sweetly rendered takeaway that helps galvanize the welcoming ethos that her grandmother's ryokan applies to its guests: Accept all, and reject none." — *Indiewire.com*



If you wondered what special, secret recipes must exist at Café Funiculi Funicula...

Sweet Bean

The manager of a pancake stall finds himself confronted with an odd but sympathetic elderly woman looking for work. A taste of her homemade red bean paste convinces him to hire her, which starts a relationship that is about much more than just street food.

"...this tender drama is no mere foodie indulgence. Zeroing in on one particular dish, the Japanese confection dorayaki, the story uses simple ingredients as it brings together three lonely souls."

— *Los Angeles Times*



If you were fascinated by the magic behind Before the Coffee Gets Cold...

Weathering with You

A high school boy who has run away to Tokyo befriends a girl who appears to be able to manipulate the weather.

"In the latest from the director of the hit anime *Your Name*, two teenagers find mysterious rays of hope amid catastrophe." — *New York Times*

Cozy with your coffee and wishing for more? Find additional film recommendations in this collection:
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