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This beautiful novel by one of Japan's most important writers is also one of the most strangely terrifying and memorable books you'll ever read. *The Woman in the Dunes* is the story of an amateur entomologist who wanders alone into a remote seaside village in pursuit of a rare beetle he wants to add to his collection. But the townspeople take him prisoner. They lower him into the sand-pit home of a young widow, a pariah in the poor community, who the villagers have condemned to a life of shoveling back the ever-encroaching dunes that threaten to bury the town. An amazing book.

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—*The New York Times Book Review*

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### Language Notes

Text: English, Japanese

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