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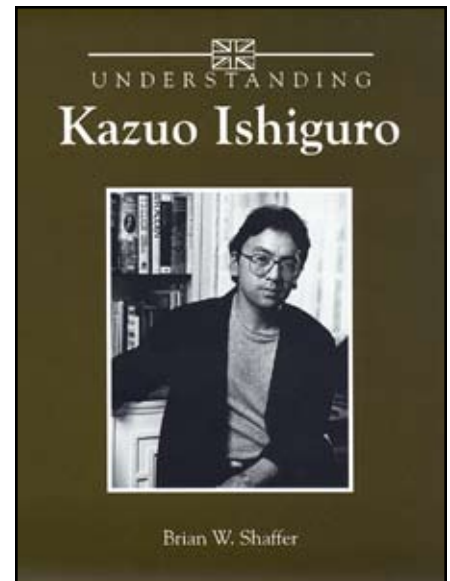
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One of the most closely followed British writers of his generation, the Japanese-born, English-raised and -educated Ishiguro is the author of six critically acclaimed novels, including *A Pale View of Hills* (1982, Winifred Holtby Prize of the Royal Society of Literature), *An Artist of the Floating World* (1986, Whitbread Book of the Year Award), *The Remains of the Day* (1988, Booker Prize), and *The Unconsoled* (1995, Cheltenham Prize). Ishiguro's reputation also extends beyond the world of English-language readers. His work has been translated into twenty-seven foreign languages, and the feature film version of *The Remains of the Day* was nominated for eight Academy Awards.

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