

Japan in Fact and Fiction

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Thursday, July 8, 7:00 pm on Zoom

In 2020, Iain Maloney published “The Only Gaijin in the Village,” a memoir about his life in rural Japan. Despite being his 5th book and having lived in Japan for 15 years, it was his first book set in the country. This September, his new novella, “Life is Elsewhere/Burn Your Flags,” will be published. This time he turned to fiction to tell the story of the effects of the pandemic on a married couple. In this lecture he will talk about and read from both books, and discuss the differences in writing about Japan in fact and fiction. This will be the first public reading from “Life is Elsewhere/Burn Your Flags” anywhere in the world.

Iain Maloney is a writer, editor and lecturer from Aberdeen, Scotland. He is the author of three novels, a collection of haiku and the acclaimed memoir, “The Only Gaijin in the Village”. His new book, “Life is Elsewhere/Burn Your Flags” is a novella set during the pandemic of 2020 and will be published by Liminal Ink in September 2021. <http://www.iainmaloney.com> @iainmaloney

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