



## Kokoro

By Natsume Soseki

Digireads.com. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 124 pages. Dimensions: 8.9in. x 5.9in. x 0.6in. Literally meaning heart, the Japanese word kokoro can be more distinctly translated as the heart of things or feeling. Natsume Soseki's 1914 novel, which was originally published in serial format in a Japanese newspaper, Kokoro deals with the transition from the Japanese Meiji society to the modern era. Divided into three parts Sensei and I, My Parents and I, and Sensei and His Testament, the novel explores the themes of loneliness and isolation. In the first part we find the narrator attending university where he befriends an older man, known only as Sensei, who lives a largely reclusive life. In the second part of the novel the narrator graduates from college and returns home to await the death of his father. The third part of the novel recounts a letter that the narrator receives from the Sensei, which describes the circumstances that caused his loss of faith in humanity and the guilt he feels over the death of a childhood friend which drives him to the reclusive life that he has led. A deeply thematic novel Kokoro provides an excellent introduction to one of Japan's most beloved...

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