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*Secret Rendezvous*. , Kobo Abe (1977, trans. 1979) In Kobo Abe's *Secret Rendezvous* (1977, trans. 1979) the hospital stretches like a recumbent body, leaking fluids through its membranes and undefined in its expansiveness, across the urban landscape. Within its labyrinthine interior, humans (agents of "disease") animate various functions of the hospital for their own purposes—some sinister, some scientific, some sinisterly scientific.

### Book Review: Secret Rendezvous, Kobo Abe (1977, trans ...

*Secret Rendezvous* (謎宮, Mikikai) is a 1977 novel by Kōbō Abe. Synopsis. In the middle of the night, an ambulance arrives to take away a woman who appears to be completely healthy.

### Secret Rendezvous (novel) - Wikipedia

*Secret Rendezvous* is the most straightforwardly Kafkaesque of the three, with a character trying to find his wife in a labyrinthian hospital controlled by an absurd bureaucracy. It also has some bizarre body horror elements, such as a man who turns himself into a horse by stitching another man's legs and penis onto his body.

### The Millions: Secret Rendezvous by Kobo Abe

The *Secret Rendezvous*, by Kobo Abe is a the tale of a "jump-shoe" salesman and former nude model whose wife is taken away in an ambulance by mistake one morning. When he goes to look for her, he stumbles from the mundane world into a vast, half-submerged, increasingly surreal hospital complex where the patients are semi-prostitutes and a man who thinks he's a horse is running the show.

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*Secret Rendezvous* is arguably the smartest and strongest of the three, balancing absurdism with genuinely smart Kafkaesque themes; it only makes sense that this was the result of Kobo Abe honing his skills as a writer and literary philosopher. As for the story, we follow our detective

protagonist as he attempts to find this missing husband.

### **Kobo Abe: 3 Must-Read Surreal Novels | Books and Bao**

secret rendezvous by Kobo Abe · RELEASE DATE: Aug. 27, 1979 Abe (Woman in the Dunes, The Box Man) has backed this book with a powerful abstract shape—the effect is often vivid and spooky—but that shape frequently slips from sight, and then the novel is merely busy.

### **SECRET RENDEZVOUS | Kirkus Reviews**

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Secret Rendezvous is relevant in its description of the trappings of an increasingly technological society and its critique of a hospital system gone haywire. Each patient requires a secret agent to penetrate the bureaucratic system, and each person also appears to be under surveillance, mimicking the modern-day question, "Is Big Brother watching you?"

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Abe was born on March 7, 1924 in Kita, Tokyo, Japan and grew up in Mukden (now Shenyang) in Manchuria. Abe's family was in Tokyo at the time due to his father's year of medical research in Tokyo. His mother had been raised in Hokkaido, while he experienced childhood in Manchuria.

### **Kōbō Abe - Wikipedia**

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### **Jessica Schneider on Secret Rendezvous**

The Ruined Map, Secret Rendezvous and The Box Man by Kōbō Abe – review Nov. 17, 2020, 7 a.m. If, as writer and poet Mieko Kawakami says, Japanese literature is filled with books that are “odd, cute and a bit mysterious”, then Kōbō Abe's novels score two out of three.

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