

The Tea Seller of Kyoto

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Hidden in a quiet lane of Kyoto, Yuki has protected a mysterious wooden box for more than fifty years. Every cup of tea awakens memories, traditions and unexpected encounters.

Prologue

Long before the city awoke, Yuki opened the wooden doors of her tea house in Sakura Lane.

At seventy-two years old, she still followed the rituals taught by her grandparents: warming the tea bowls, lighting the charcoal fire and welcoming each new day with gratitude.

Hidden beneath the tea counter rested a small cedar box she had never opened.

Her grandfather's final words remained clear in her memory:

“Open it only when you meet the person who truly understands the meaning of tea.”

Chapter One — The House on Sakura Lane

Before dawn, the narrow streets of Kyoto remained silent.

Yuki swept the fallen maple leaves from the entrance of her tea house and prepared the first kettle of the day.

Inside these walls, time moved differently. Every cup of tea invited visitors to slow down, listen and remember.

As the morning sun rose above the rooftops, Yuki heard footsteps approaching along Sakura Lane.

For reasons she could not explain, she felt that this day would be different from all the others.

To continue Yuki's journey, discover the complete edition.