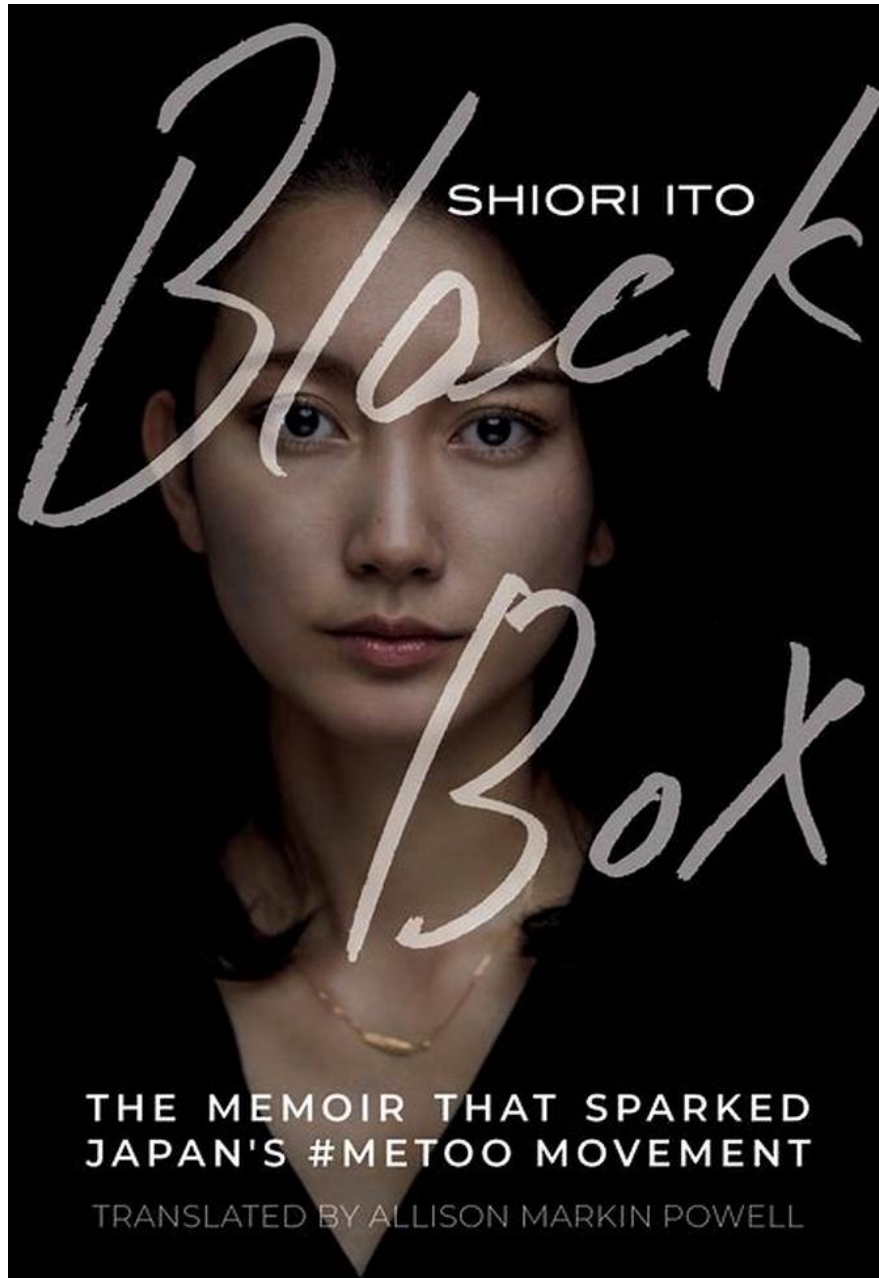
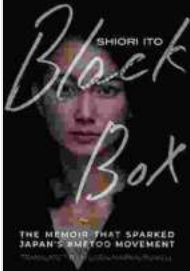


The Memoir that Sparked Japan's #MeToo Movement: Shiori Itō's *Black Box*



In 2017, Japanese journalist Shiori Itō published *Black Box*, a memoir that detailed her experience of being raped by a prominent television executive. The book became a bestseller in Japan and sparked a national

conversation about sexual violence. It also helped to fuel the #MeToo movement in Japan, which has seen a surge in women coming forward to share their stories of sexual harassment and assault.



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Itō's story is particularly powerful because it challenges the long-held belief in Japan that rape is a rare occurrence. In fact, a 2017 government survey found that one in four women in Japan has experienced sexual violence. However, only a small fraction of these cases are ever reported to the police.

Itō's decision to speak out about her experience was a brave one. In Japan, there is a strong stigma against victims of sexual violence. Victims are often blamed for their own assaults and discouraged from reporting them to the authorities.

Despite the challenges, Itō has become a powerful advocate for victims of sexual violence. She has spoken out about her experience at rallies and in

the media, and she has worked to raise awareness of the issue of sexual violence in Japan.

Itō's work has had a significant impact on Japanese society. *Black Box* has been credited with helping to break the silence around sexual violence in Japan. It has also led to changes in the way that sexual violence cases are handled by the police and the courts.

In 2019, Itō was awarded the International Women of Courage Award from the U.S. Department of State. She is an inspiration to women around the world who are fighting to end sexual violence.

Shiori Itō's Story

Shiori Itō was born in Tokyo, Japan, in 1989. She studied journalism at Waseda University and began her career as a journalist in 2013.

In 2015, Itō met Noriyuki Yamaguchi, a prominent television executive, at a party. Yamaguchi invited Itō to dinner, and she accepted. However, after dinner, Yamaguchi took Itō to his apartment and raped her.

Itō reported the rape to the police, but her case was closed without charges being filed. Yamaguchi denied the allegations and filed a defamation lawsuit against Itō.

Itō's case drew national attention and sparked a debate about sexual violence in Japan. In 2017, Itō published *Black Box*, a memoir that detailed her experience.

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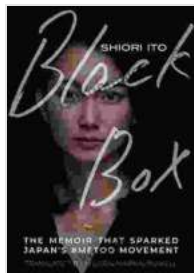
In 2019, the Japanese government passed a new law that criminalized stalking and made it easier for victims of sexual violence to report their assaults. The law was named the Shiori Itō Law after the journalist who helped to bring about its passage.

Itō's work has also inspired other victims of sexual violence to come forward and share their stories. In the years since *Black Box* was published, there has been a surge in the number of women in Japan who have reported being sexually assaulted.

Itō's work has made a real difference in the lives of victims of sexual violence in Japan. She has helped to break the silence around the issue and has inspired others to come forward and share their stories. Her work has also led to changes in the law that make it easier for victims of sexual violence to get justice.

Shiori Itō is a courageous woman who has made a significant impact on Japanese society. Her memoir, *Black Box*, has helped to break the silence around sexual violence in Japan and has inspired others to come forward and share their stories. Her work has also led to changes in the law that make it easier for victims of sexual violence to get justice.

Itō is an inspiration to women around the world who are fighting to end sexual violence. Her story is a reminder that we can all make a difference, no matter how small our voices may seem.

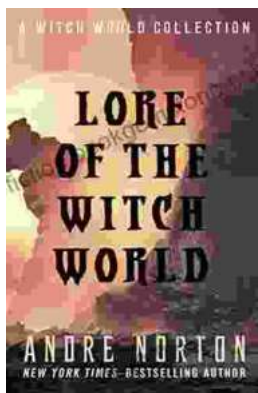


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