

Peter Edwards

Audio Guide transcript

Kazuo Ishiguro, author of highly-regarded novels *'The Remains of the Day'*, *'The Unconsoled'* and *'When We Were Orphans'* was painted for us by Peter Edwards, a former winner of the BP Award as his winning commission.

'This might be spurious I almost felt I was approaching the portrait like a novel. I was sort of putting it together and almost trying to imitate the way he writes his meticulous novels. And the one thing that you will get from standing in front of this painting, much more so than just seeing a reproduction is all the many layers and the way the texture is being built up and none of this was just purely going through some well trodden technique, this was very much unique to this portrait. This is how I felt I almost reproduced Ishi's methods of working, the way he builds up these very detailed novels.'