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"This portrait of Japanese

country life reminds us that at its core, a happy and healthy life is based on the bonds of food, family, tradition, community, and the richness of nature" —John Einarsen, Founding Editor and Art Director of Kyoto Journal

What would it be like to move to Japan, leaving everyone you know behind, to become part of a traditional Japanese household? *At Home in Japan* tells an extraordinary true story of a foreign woman who goes through an amazing transformation, as she makes a move from a suburban lifestyle in California to a new life, living in Japan. She dedicates 30 years of her life as a housewife, custodian and chatelaine of a 350-year-old farmhouse in rural Japan. This astonishing book traces a circular path from where Rebecca began, to living under Japanese customs, from the basic day to day details of life in the house and village, through relationships with family, neighbors and the natural and supernatural entities with which the family

shares the house. Rebecca Otowa then focuses on her inner life, touching on some of the pivotal memories of her time in Japan, the lessons in perception that Japan has taught her and the ways in which she has been changed by living in Japan. An insightful and compelling read, *At Home in Japan* is a beautifully written and illustrated reminiscence of a once simple life made extraordinary. Lavishly decorated manhole covers, pink polka-dotted backhoes, toilets with warmable seats, blow dryers (and other bells and whistles). It's just another day in Japan, where the futuristic and zany stands side-by-side with the rooted and the venerable, and there's a festival going on somewhere almost every day of the year. In *Uniquely Japan*, Abby Denson--author of *Cool Japan Guide* and *Cool Tokyo Guide*--uses her own personal drawings and photos to highlight the things that make Japan truly different from every other place on the planet. From the ramen and sushi we've all come to love to

the fantastic creatures who now star in their own video games and anime, the comic artist takes you on a romp through Japan's distinctive popular and traditional culture. Here are just a few of the favorite bits and pieces Abby presents: Vending machines for everything from eggs to electronics Tiny alleyways where you may come across a shrine--or a hip-hop bar Silly mascots promoting serious businesses Whimsical architecture for neighborhood police stations Stamps for your name (no signature is complete without one), or to collect at railway stations and castles Colorfully painted, hardworking construction vehicles that beep and talk as you pass by And, of course, the ridiculously delicious food: noodles, bento boxes, and gorgeous sweets From kimono to kawaii, Japan has endless ways to astonish visitors. This book offers a fun opportunity for armchair travel and reminds you to keep your eyes wide open when you do get to visit Japan in person! Originally

published in 1952, this account of the growth and uses of Western learning in Japan has been enlarged by two new chapters that extend the story from 1798 to 1830. The author has incorporated the results of recent research by scholars in Japan and the West and made corrections in the text. This is a reproduction of the diary of George Henry Preble, written while he served on the U.S.S. Macedonian, one of the ships engaged in the East Indies Expedition to Japan, China and the Ryukyu Islands (Okinawa Archipelago) under the command of Commodore Matthew Calbraith Perry. Spanning the years 1853 - 1856, the diary contains observations by Preble during the historic mission which opened Japan. In 2006, I took my first trip to Tokyo as well as my first lesson in kinbaku, the Japanese art of erotic rope bondage. Over the next decade, I would visit many times, meeting with and learning from many of the most important masters of the art. In 2011, I became a student of one of the

grandmasters of kinbaku, Yukimura Haruki. I was given the name Haru Yutaka and in 2013 I was promoted to the rank of instructor in his unique style of shibari, Yukimura Ryuu. Each time I would visit Tokyo, I felt my appreciation for the art of kinbaku growing deeper, more complex, and more nuanced. This volume is a collection of essays that are both reflections and memorializations of the many lessons I learned from the people I have met on my journey. I hope these writing can help share some of my understanding of what rope is and what it can be. This is book is not designed to be a how-to manual or a primer for techniques or skills. Rather it is my own reflection and meditation on what I found while studying in Japan. Taken as a whole, it offers a way of thinking about rope that is guided by my feeling, emotion, communication, and eroticism. Language education is a highly contested arena within any nation and one that arouses an array of sentiments and

identity conflicts. What languages, or what varieties of a language, are to be taught and learned, and how? By whom, for whom, for what purposes and in what contexts? Such questions concern not only policy makers but also teachers, parents, students, as well as businesspeople, politicians, and other social actors. For Japan, a nation state with ideologies of national identity strongly tied to language, these issues have long been of particular concern. This volume presents the cacophony of voices in the field of language education in contemporary Japan, with its focus on English language education. It explores the complex and intricate relationships between the "local" and the "global," and more specifically the links between the levels of policy, educational institutions, classrooms, and the individual. In the much-contested field of foreign language teaching in Japan, this book takes the reader directly to the places that really matter. With the

help of expert guides in the fields of anthropology, sociology and linguistics, we are invited to join a vital discussion about the potentially revolutionary implications of the Japanese government's policy of teaching Japanese citizens to not only passively engage with written English texts but to actually use English as a means of global communication." - Robert Aspinall, PhD (Oxford), Professor, Faculty of Economics, Department of Social Systems, Shiga University, Japan This insightful book about language education involves different disciplines using ethnographic methods. Both 'native' and 'non-native' speakers of Japanese (or English) collaboratively examine two different types of qualitative approaches in Japan - the positivistic and the processual. This is a must-have book for researchers and educators of language who are interested in not only Japan but also language education generally." - Shinji Sato, PhD (Columbia),

Director of the Japanese Language Program, Department of East Asian Studies, Princeton University, USA. Dao is an adorable red panda who can travel back in time and place! Two curious kids Ethan and Emma befriend him and together they discover how some very cool things came from Asia. In their first adventure, Ethan and Emma smell a tasty bowl of ramen noodles. Luckily Dao is the perfect guide to see how ramen was created! The trio zip to 1800s Japan, then skip across the decades to visit ramen factories, museums, and restaurants. Hungry for knowledge, they travel across the world and even zoom to outer space! Ramen has never been more popular. Dynamic art brings food alive and off the page to the point where your mouth will water. After savoring this tasty tale, get ready to discover more marvelous inventions from The Asian Hall of Fame! In this collection of essays, Australian journalist and sociologist Jonathan Gadir probes the

issues that fascinate him most about Japan. This personal and realist exploration of Japanese social life goes beneath the surface, featuring some of the best sociological analyses of a country which often mystifies outsiders. Ranging across diverse topics including the reasons behind Japan 's social order, low crime, horrifying working hours, unique economic arrangements, English language industry and public drunkenness, Gadir looks at whether Japan offers the possibility of an alternative to neoliberalism. Japan is a country that which make been dreaming for generations. Heian-kyō, its former capital, from 794 to 1868, is Japan's most important historical source. The book with its 370 photos is reads for the pleasure of the eyes and tells you stories on every page. Minimalist texts, just the essentials, giving way to photography. Blue-colored titles take you on an adventure to the relevant sites. Photographer by passion, I discover Japan little by little and love to share my

experiences and photos that make you dream, relive memories, serve as a guide for a next trip to the land of the rising sun. This book is based on my childhood experiences in 1950's Japan. Japan has changed enormously since those postwar days of poverty. Anne, the heroine, encounters this along with her discoveries of beautiful gardens. Would an American child moving to Japan with her family discover the same things that Anne discovered? Certainly some of the "opposites" Anne encountered are still very true. The Japanese do many things differently from us. However, other things have changed. No average American household could afford to hire servants in Japan today. But if a Japanese child from a middle-income family were to come to this country, she would be amazed to discover that her family could afford to live in a huge house with a beautiful lawn! She would discover a new freedom making friends the American way. Her ways of looking at the world would be

expanded. That is the point of the book. When I first started this book around 1989 there were no books for children that I could find on the subject of an American child integrating into a foreign culture. There were plenty on the subject of a foreign child trying to adjust to the American culture. Author and naturopathic physician Dr. Cyndi Gilbert introduces readers to the art and science of forest bathing, the deceptively simple Japanese practice of spending time in the forest as a way to find peace, rejuvenation, and to promote health. Dr. Gilbert shares her own personal history with the practice—how in the midst of an urban sprawl she lost touch with nature, only to rediscover it through the Japanese practice of Shinrin Yoku or forest bathing. In *Forest Bathing*, you'll discover the health benefits of Shinrin Yoku, from restoring Vitamin D to balancing your microbiome, along with the rich mental and emotional rewards that spending time surrounded by trees can offer. Forest bathing

is a restorative, meditative activity for those who practice it by themselves, but Dr. Gilbert also explores the benefits of practicing forest bathing in community with family and friends. Most importantly, the book offers an easy and practical guide to begin your own forest bathing practice along with a resources section to help you further explore the topic. Learn to tap more deeply into your five senses, practice true mindfulness in sacred woodland spaces, and experience the healing impact of nature wherever you are. Other books in the Start Here Guide Series: *Energy Healing: Simple and Effective Practices to Become Your Own Healer*, *Meditation: The Simple and Practical Way to Begin*, *Meditating Chakras: An Introduction to Using the Chakras for Emotional, Physical, and Spiritual Well-Being*. Karate is not just a sport or a hobby—it's a lifetime study toward perfection of character. Here, Dave Lowry, one of the best-known writers on the

Japanese martial arts, illuminates the complete path of karate including practice, philosophy, and culture. He covers myriad subjects of interest to karate practitioners of all ages and levels, including:

- The relationship between students and teachers
- Cultivating the correct attitude during practice
- The differences between karate in the East and West
- Whether a karate student really needs to study in Japan to perfect the art
- The meaning of rank and the black belt
- Detailed descriptions of kicks, punches, evasions, and techniques and the philosophical concepts that they manifest
- What practice means and looks like as one ages
- How the practice of karate aims toward cultivating character and spiritual development

After forty years studying karate and the budo arts, Lowry is an informative and reliable guide, highlighting aspects of the karate path that will surprise, entertain, and enlighten. In 1961, President Kennedy named Edwin O. Reischauer the U.S.

Ambassador to Japan. Already deeply intimate with the country, Reischauer hoped to establish a more equal partnership with Japan, which had long been maligned in the American imagination. Reischauer pushed his fellow citizens to abandon caricature and stereotype and recognize Japan as a peace-loving democracy. Though his efforts were often condemned for being "too soft," the immensity of his influence (and the truth of his arguments) can be felt today. Having worked as Reischauer's special assistant in Tokyo, George R. Packard writes the definitive and first biography of this rare, charismatic talent. Reischauer reset the balance between two powerful nations. During World War II, he analyzed intelligence and trained American codebreakers in Japanese. He helped steer Japan toward democracy and then wrote its definitive English-language history. Reischauer's scholarship supplied the foundations for future East Asian disciplines, and his

prescient research foretold America's missteps with China and involvement in Vietnam. At the time of his death in 1990, Reischauer warned the U.S. against adopting an attitude toward Asia that was too narrow and self-centered. India, Pakistan, and North Korea are now nuclear powers, and Reischauer's political brilliance has become more necessary and trenchant than ever. This book analyzes the drug-discovery process in Japan, based on detailed case studies of 12 groups of 15 innovative drugs. It covers the first statin in the world up to the recent major breakthrough in cancer therapy, the recent immune checkpoint inhibitor, the scientific discovery for which a 2018 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine was awarded to Prof. Tasuku Honjo, Kyoto University. The book shows the pervasive high uncertainty in drug discovery: frequent occurrences of unexpected difficulties, discontinuations, serendipities, and good luck, significantly because drug discovery starts

when the underlying science is incomplete. Thus, there exist dynamic interactions between scientific progress and drug discovery. High uncertainty also makes the value of an entrepreneurial scientist high. Such scientists fill the knowledge gaps by absorbing external scientific progress and by relentless pursuit of possibilities through their own research, often including unauthorized research, to overcome crises. Further, high uncertainty and its resolution significantly characterize the evolution of competition in the drug industry. The patent system promotes innovation under high uncertainty not only by enhancing appropriability of R&D investment but also by facilitating the combination of knowledge and capabilities among different firms through disclosure. Understanding such a process significantly benefits the creation of innovation management and policy practices. Created specifically for fans of Japanese "cool culture," *A Geek in Japan* is one of the most iconic, hip, and

concise cultural guides available. Reinvented for the internet age, it is packed with personal essays and hundreds of photographs and presents all the touchstones of traditional and contemporary culture in an entirely new way. A Geek in Japan decodes the mysteries of the Japanese language, Japanese social values and daily habits, business and technology, the arts, and symbols and practices that are peculiarly Japanese. This revised and expanded edition contains many new pages of materials on all sorts of topics including Kyoto, Japanese architecture, and Japanese video games. It also features a guide to author Hector Garcia's favorite Tokyo hangouts and tips on visiting many "secret" places around Japan. Highlighting the originality and creativity of the Japanese, debunking myths, and answering nagging questions such as why the Japanese are so fond of wearing face masks, Garcia has written an irreverent, insightful, and highly informative guide for the

growing ranks of Japanophiles around the world. During the period of the Tokugawa shogunate's seclusion policy from about 1630 onwards there was very little European contact with Japan, apart from the very restricted Dutch presence at Nagasaki. During this period, however, Russians exploring Siberia and the Russian Far East came into contact with Japan, and further exploration and information collecting was encouraged by the Russian government, culminating in the first official Russian Embassy to Japan in 1792. This book examines the Russian discourse on Japan in the period, tracing the gradual accumulation of knowledge, and the development of Russian views, sometimes distorted, about Japan. The book includes key historical documents, some translated into English for the first time. The book is a pre-quel to the author's previous book, *Russian Views of Japan, 1792-1913: An Anthology of Early Travel Writing* (Routledge, 2004). When

analyzing 7-Eleven Japan's advanced and innovative management style, the authors of this book highlight the existence of the "integrated information system". This is because of the key role it plays not only in forming this firm's corporate strategy but also in developing its functional strategies for logistic support, merchandising and store operations. The authors explore the integrated information system, a symbol of the competitiveness of 7-Eleven Japan. Contents: The "Information Industry" Converting the "Change" into a "Chance" The Birth of "Item-by-Item Management" and the Integrated Information System Secrets of 7-Eleven Japan's Excellent Ability in New Product Development The Innovative Distribution System of 7-Eleven Japan Analyzing the Robustness of 7-Eleven Japan According to Personality and Organization Any Blind Spots in 7-Eleven Japan's Strategy? The Fifth Integrated Information System Connecting Chain Stores Utilizing Satellite

Communications The Convenience Store Industry Changing with the Times Progress in the Unification of the Retail and Banking Sectors Readership: Students and professionals interested in management and business topics as well as lay people. Keywords: Early years - Introduction of Buddhism - The zenith of court culture - The court and the Shogunate - Aesthetics of warrior rule - The gilded road to unification - Tokagawa control and the rise of the bourgeoisie - Eyes to the West: the Meiji restoration. In Parting the Mists, Aida Yuen Wong makes a convincing argument that the forging of a national tradition in modern China was frequently pursued in association with rather than in rejection of Japan. The focus of her book is on Japan's integral role in the invention of "national-style painting," or guohua, in early-twentieth-century China. Guohua, referring to brush paintings on traditional formats, is often misconstrued as a residual conservatism from the dynastic

age that barricaded itself within classical traditions. Wong places this art form at the forefront of cross-cultural exchange. Notable proponents of guohua (e.g., Chen Hengke, Jin Cheng, Fu Baoshi, and Gao Jianfu) are discussed in connection with Japan, where they discovered stylistic and ideological paradigms consonant with the empowering of "Asian/Oriental" cultural practices against the backdrop of encroaching westernization. Not just a "window on the West," Japan stood as an informant of China modernism in its own right. The first book in English devoted to Sino-Japanese dialogues in modern art, *Parting the Mists* explores the sensitive phenomenon of Japanism in the practice and theory of Chinese painting. Wong carries out a methodologically agile study that sheds light on multiple spheres: stylistic and iconographic innovations, history writing, art theory, patronage and the market, geopolitics, the creation of

artists' societies, and exhibitions. Without avoiding the dark history of Japanese imperialism, she provides a nuanced reading of Chinese views about Japan and the two countries' convergent, and often colliding, courses of nationalism. This book introduces the young reader to Japan at the end of the 20th century. Readers can examine the tremendous changes that have taken place in Japanese society since the end of World War II. The reader meets a Japanese family, the Hayashis, and watches them at work, at school, and at play. An appreciation is developed for the similarities and differences between family life in Japan and North America. The book includes several colour illustrations, maps, and technical drawings that examine geographical features. Also included are a variety of activities that lead the reader step-by-step through the process of making a paper kimono or carp kite, using a chopsticks, and writing haiku. Exploring the Land of the

Rising Sun: The Ultimate Guide to Visiting Japan Do you have a deeply rooted fascination with everything Japanese? Well, you're not alone! Japan is one of the most sought-after travel destinations in the world, and it has become a lot easier to reach Japan these days than it has ever been before with many direct flights every day, from almost every major city. Japan has a unique culture that many people admire. Not to mention that this country is full of beautiful places and attractions that would make your trip worthwhile. This book will provide you with travel tips and other useful information about Japan. It covers what to expect from the locals, what to see, how to see it, how to get around, what to do, what not to do, what to eat, and everything else in-between. If you are a keen lover of Japanese food, this book will give you a heads up on some of the local delicacies that you should try. Make sure you have covered all the basics before you get to the airport so that you will feel confident and able to head off

and explore. This book "Exploring the Land of the Rising Sun: The Ultimate Guide to Visiting Japan" has everything you need to know if you want to visit this amazing country. From the busy life in Tokyo to the serene beach resorts in the south, this book got you covered! Japan is an island nation replete with densely populated cities, the power of ancient Imperialism still looming large, thousands of temples and shrines, mountains, volcanoes, samurais and more. For some time, Japan was a powerful empire backed by her military and industrial strength. Like all things in the world, the empire withered over time and, for various reasons. But that did not stop the country from retaining its powers. The country simply shifted its gaze on the world horizon from military and industrialization to something far more potent than economics and arms; popular culture. Its territorial powers are now evident in almost living room through the television, and in everyone's

ears through their headphones. Look at the way icons from popular Japanese culture have invaded the western world. Right from movies to manga to highly entertaining and popular cartoon characters to music to anime; Japanese pop culture has contributed significantly to the world pop culture, especially the western world. And it is not just western kids who are fascinated by the popular culture offered by Japan. Many of the anime series of Japanese pop culture are aimed as much at adults as at children. Gory, violent, and yet gripping, only Japan's creative minds can convert comics or manga written in their language into something that adults would get addicted to. This book traces the history of Japanese pop culture through the following elements: movies, TV shows, anime and manga; and their impact on the Western World. "A delightfully creepy telling of Japanese ghost stories. Japanese folklore is abundant with tales of ghostly creatures

and the supernatural. In *Haunted Japan*, author Catrien Ross reveals the legends that have been passed down for generations and continue to terrify us today. To research this book on the country's ghosts, demons and paranormal phenomena, Ross collected accounts from across Japan including: Sacred Mount Osore, a Japanese gateway to the land of the dead, where people gather to contact those who have passed on The Tokyo grave of the samurai Taira no Masakado, where passersby regularly witnessed his ghost until prayers finally laid him to rest The mummified remains of the monk Tetsumonkai at the Churenji Temple on Mount Yudono--a place where bizarre happenings are common The ruins of Hachioji Castle in Tokyo, which was abandoned for many years because of its many hauntings The result is an unparalleled insight into the dark corners of the Japanese psyche--a world filled with horrifying creatures including Oni (demons with fierce and ghastly appearances), Yurei

(Japanese ghosts who inhabit the world of the living), and Yokai (supernatural monsters). The book also includes several traditional Japanese legends, concluding with two of the most famous ghost stories--that of the wronged wife Oiwa and the tale of the Peony Lantern. This book is richly illustrated with 32 pages of full-color prints of frightening ghosts and legendary creatures from Japan's shadowy past. Haunted Japan is the ideal book for anyone interested in exploring the darker side of Japanese history." The investigations undertaken in the pursuit of knowledge by the first overseas Japanese travellers during the 1860s and 70s have left a unique record of life in the then unknown west. Leaving behind a homeland culturally isolated for more than 200 years, these samurai travellers were especially fascinated by the extent of British political and commercial influence they observed during their travels, and therefore paid particularly close attention to the Victorian world and recorded all they

saw in minute detail. Their diaries and 'travelogues' comprise the single largest body of material on Victorian society to be recorded in any non-European language. This book examines the nature of these travellers' experiences and their perceptions of Victorian Britain. A deeper understanding of this rich source material is important because, although entirely unknown to British readers, the documents reveal one of the most spectacular culture shocks ever recorded in World History. They are also important because the images of Victorian and other western societies that they portrayed to the Japanese reading public in the late nineteenth century still underpin Japanese understanding of the outside world more than a hundred years later. "Developed by literacy experts for students in grades three through seven, this book introduces young readers to the geography and culture of Japan"--Provided by publisher. Previously published in the short story collection,

The Informers, Water from the Sun and Discovering Japan is part of the Picador Shots range of short reads. Bret Easton Ellis's two short stories, Water from the Sun and Discovering Japan, chronicle the lives of a group of Los Angeles residents all of them suffering from nothing less than death of the soul. Ellis has an immense gift for dialogue, off-the-wall humour, merciless description and exotic bleakness. In Water from the Sun, Cheryl Lane is going under. Her marriage to William has broken down, she has moved in with a young boy half her age who is more interested in other young boys than in her and she keeps not turning up at work, the one area of her life that seems to be in good working order. To keep afloat she drinks, she shops and she takes pills. Would meeting up with William, something she has been avoiding like everything else in her life, give her what she needs anyway? In Discovering Japan, Bryan, is on tour. His manager, Roger, has taken him to Tokyo to promote

his record and do a few gigs. But to get Roger out of hotel room, off the drink, drugs and women is going to be a tall enough feat itself for Bryan. Written with spare and hypnotic prose, this is a story about a man hell-bent on destruction by a writer deeply concerned with the moral decline of our society. What's an easy way to lower your blood pressure, combat anxiety and depression, and boost your immune system? Shinrin-yoku. The Little Book of Forest Bathing is all about finding strength, peace, and beauty in your surroundings. Drawing on recent research, Forest Bathing maps out the mental, physical, and spiritual benefits of immersing yourself in natural surroundings. It then goes on to provide a how-to guide to forest bathing, with methods ranging from hiking to traditional meditation to literal tree hugging. Interspersed in these informational tidbits are brilliant photos, lush illustrations, sensual typography, poem excerpts, and forest-related quotes.

Forest Bathing is perfect for anyone aspiring to slow down, be more mindful, and connect with something greater. The classic Chinese novel *The Water Margin* (Shuihu zhuan) tells the story of a band of outlaws in twelfth-century China and their insurrection against the corrupt imperial court. Imported into Japan in the early seventeenth century, it became a ubiquitous source of inspiration for translations, adaptations, parodies, and illustrated woodblock prints. There is no work of Chinese fiction more important to both the development of early modern Japanese literature and the Japanese imagination of China than *The Water Margin*. In *The Japanese Discovery of Chinese Fiction*, William C. Hedberg investigates the reception of *The Water Margin* in a variety of early modern and modern Japanese contexts, from eighteenth-century Confucian scholarship and literary exegesis to early twentieth-century colonial ethnography. He examines the ways Japanese interest in

Chinese texts contributed to new ideas about literary canons and national character. By constructing an account of Japanese literature through the lens of *The Water Margin*'s literary afterlives, Hedberg offers an alternative history of East Asian textual culture: one that focuses on the transregional dimensions of Japanese literary history and helps us rethink the definition and boundaries of Japanese literature itself. The investigations undertaken in the pursuit of knowledge by the first overseas Japanese travellers during the 1860s and 70s have left a unique record of life in the then unknown west. Leaving behind a homeland culturally isolated for more than 200 years, these samurai travellers were especially fascinated by the extent of British political and commercial influence they observed during their travels, and therefore paid particularly close attention to the Victorian world and recorded all they saw in minute detail. Their diaries and 'travelogues'

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of the country of the West. The century and more included by the two dates was a most important period in Japanese history, when intellectuals, rebelling at the isolation of their country, desperately sought knowledge from abroad. The amazing energy and enthusiasm of men like Honda Toshiaki made possible the spectacular changes in Japan, which are all too often credited to the arrival of Commodore Perry. The author chose Honda Toshiaki (1744-1821) as his central figure. A page from any one of Honda's writings suffices to show that with him one has entered a new age, that of modern Japan. One finds in his books a new spirit, restless, curious and receptive. There is in him the wonder at new discoveries, the delight in widening horizons. Honda took a kind of pleasure even in revealing that Japan, after all, was only a small island in a large world. To the Japanese who had thought of Chinese civilization as being immemorial antiquity, he declared that Egypt's was

thousands of years older and far superior. The world, he discovered, was full of wonderful things, and he insisted that Japan take advantage of them. Honda looked at Japan as he thought a Westerner might, and saw things that had to be changed, terrible drains on the country's moral and physical strength. Within him sprang the conviction that Japan must become one of the great nations of the world. Conveying the impressive range and beauty of art associated with the tradition of kami veneration in Japan, 'Shinto: Discovery of the Divine in Japanese Art' presents works in various media--calligraphy, painting, sculpture, costume, and decorative arts--assembled from religious institutions and museums in Japan, and from collections in the United States. Kami veneration, a practice often referred to as Shinto in modern sources, is unique to Japan, although a number of its components stem from court and religious rituals in neighboring countries.

'Shinto' accompanies an exhibition at the Cleveland Museum of Art, presented with the special cooperation of the Nara National Museum in Japan, and is written by top scholars from the United States and Japan. It is the first catalogue in any language to bring together significant works from both U.S. and Japanese collections related to kami veneration, documenting these rare and fragile works. For every fan of manga, anime, J-pop, or Zen, A Geek in Japan is a hip, smart and concise guide to the land that is their source. Comprehensive and well informed, it covers a wide array of topics in short articles accompanied by sidebars and numerous photographs, providing a lively digest of the society and culture of Japan. Designed to appeal to the generations of Westerners who grew up on Pokemon, manga and video games, A Geek in Japan reinvents the culture guide for readers in the Internet age. Spotighting the originality and creativity of the Japanese, debunking myths

about them, and answering nagging questions like why they're so fond of robots, author Hector Garcia has created the perfect book for the growing ranks of Japanophiles in this inspired, insightful and highly informative guide.

Complementing other published works about travel by nineteenth-century women writers by locating and creating 'space' for Japan is missing within recent critical discourses on travel writing, it examines narratives of women writers who travelled to Japan from the mid-1850s onwards, and became a highly desirable travel destination thereafter. This stunning guide invites you into the story of sake--an ancient beverage finding its way in a modern world. Whether you're a sake novice or an experienced connoisseur, *Exploring the World of Japanese Craft Sake* offers fascinating insights, practical tips, and rich stories about this popular beverage. Authors and experts Nancy Matsumoto and Michael Tremblay personally

undertook the challenge of visiting 35 artisanal sake breweries in Japan, the US, and Canada to interview makers and document every stage of the sake brewing process. Nancy's celebrated journalistic background combined with Michael's sake sommelier experience have led to an engaging and informative look at the world of sake. With over 300 color photos and a lively narrative, this fascinating book provides: A comprehensive introduction to the science and history of sake brewing in Japan A look at how fine craft sakes are brewed today using traditional methods and no additives--only rice, water, koji, and yeast Histories of Japan's venerable breweries, some of them over 300 years old! An answer to why some breweries are able to turn out a superior quality of sake A discussion of rice varieties and the contentious topic of terroir in the context of sake making. Current trends in the world of sake, including the fine sakes now brewed outside Japan Tasting notes and

recommendations for top craft sakes you have not heard about yet This book also includes personal recipes from several top Japanese sake-brewing families along with food-pairing tips and a chapter on the authors' own Japanese sake-bar-going adventures.

Shortlisted for the International Booker Prize 2020, an enthralling Orwellian novel about the terrors of state surveillance from one of Japan's greatest writers.

'Beautiful... Haunting' Sunday Times 'A dreamlike story of dystopia' Jia Tolentino

_____ Hat, ribbon, bird rose. To the people on the island, a disappeared thing no longer has any meaning. It can be burned in the garden, thrown in the river or handed over to the Memory Police. Soon enough, the island forgets it ever existed. When a young novelist discovers that her editor is in danger of being taken away by the Memory Police, she desperately wants to save him. For some reason, he doesn't forget, and it's becoming increasingly difficult

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