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Japanese Science Fiction Oct 04 2020 After the Meiji Restoration of 1868 Japan modernized rapidly, transforming itself perhaps more quickly than any other country in history. However, the change was not without its conflicts, many of them still unresolved as the pleasures of modern society vie with a respect for the traditional Japanese lifestyle. As the literature of change and of the young, science fiction acts as a window to the modern mind and the uneasy alliance of the old and new. This book, filled with detailed reference to numerous stories, traces the origin and development of the genre from the mid-nineteenth century to today, thus exploring unique insights into Japanese attitudes to commercialism, spirituality, the media, war and international relations.

Japanese Women Dec 06 2020 Japan, a decade behind the United States, is now expressing its awareness of women as a major social issue. This awareness manifests itself in floods of publications, television coverage, the burgeoning of women's studies groups, court rulings interfering with sex discrimination, appointments of women to prominent positions thus far reserved exclusively for men, admission of women to such institutions as the Self Defense Forces, police, athletics, and so on.

An Introduction to Modern Japanese: Volume 1, Grammar Lessons Jan 25 2020 This is an intensive one-year introductory course in Japanese, also suitable for those who wish to work at a slower pace. Students who finish this course will have a firm grasp of how the language works and enough knowledge of the writing system to tackle everyday written material with no more than a dictionary. Particular attention is paid to questions of grammar which foreign learners often find so difficult, so Book One can also serve as a reference grammar. An Introduction to Modern Japanese uses both spoken and written forms from the outset. There are word lists for each lesson, and a comprehensive vocabulary for the whole course. Book One comprises fifty-two lessons which are accompanied by exercises and word lists in Book Two. The exercises ensure that the student has understood the grammar explained in the relevant lessons and give further practice in reading and recognizing characters.

A Study of Personal and Cultural Values Sep 02 2020 This study analyzes American, Vietnamese, and Japanese personal values, attempting to understand how it can be ethnographers find large differences in values between cultures, yet empirical surveys find relatively small differences in personal values between cultures. D'Andrade argues that

people live in two distinct value worlds; the world of personal values and the world of institutionalized values. Assessing these value worlds, D'Andrade is able to explain the contrast between ethnography and survey data, while making vital commentary on American, Vietnamese, and Japanese culture. With insight and precision, this book contributes to the important debate that the Culture, Mind, and Society series has initiated.

Japanese for Professionals: Revised (Enhanced with Audio) Nov 28 2022 From the authors of the best-selling Japanese for Busy People series comes a must have for intermediate and advanced learners who want to focus on building business Japanese language skills. The Association for Japanese-Language Teaching (AJALT), renowned for its Japanese for Busy People series, has developed a comprehensive course for students who need to use Japanese in a real-life business environment. Almost a decade after its first edition, Japanese for Professionals has been revised and updated to reflect current business scenes. Moreover, learners can now practice their listening skills with the newly added audio for the dialogues and exercises from the text. Eight lessons introduce common business situations with the emphasis on how to communicate with Japanese colleagues and clients. Each lesson is consisted with two parts: Part 1 is set to observe the dialogue and Part 2 is set to further enhance comprehension of the dialogue with exercises. Precise definitions for all new vocabulary and lucid explanations of grammar, idioms, and cultural differences provide the reader with powerful communication tools for the office. Exercises and quizzes have been included to help students check their progress. Busy professionals will find the bilingual glossaries a useful reference even after completing all the lessons in this clear and extremely helpful textbook. Japanese for Professionals is specially designed for learners who are familiar with basic Japanese and ideally be at level N2 or N3 of JLPT, Japanese-Language Proficiency Test.

Historical Memories of the Japanese American Internment and the Struggle for Redress Jan 07 2021 This book explores how the politics of memory and history affected representations of the internment of 120,000 Japanese Americans during World War II and the passage of redress legislation in 1988.

The Sushi Economy Feb 26 2020 Journalist Sash Issenberg traces sushi's journey from Tokyo street snack to global delicacy, in this fascinating history. Issenberg examines not just the foodstuff itself, but the history, economics and businesses behind the famous fish recipes. It covers topics including the birth of modern sushi, the mysterious underworld of pirates and the tuna black market, Nobu Matsuhisa and what sushi chefs really do behind the bar. It jumps from Mediterranean docks to tuna-auctions to cargo holds to Shanghai streets, all the while making a surprising case against eating local.

Outrageous Japanese Dec 26 2019 Fun and instructive, this book is perfect for those looking to taste the flavor of informal Japanese, and those who want to shock or surprise a Japanese friend or enemy with a pithy phrase.

Two Japanese Christian Heroes Nov 16 2021 This true story of Christian martyrdom

takes place in feudal Japan. The Christian world will always marvel how in less than two generations the Gospel seed struck such deep roots in Japan that thousands of converts were ready to lay down their lives for Christ. True it is that many Japanese martyrs died for their faith are now canonized and beatified. Among many who did not obtain the crown of martyrdom there are not a few, both men and women, who, by their heroic virtue, were an inspiration to their contemporaries. Among the most outstanding are Justo Takayama Ukon and Gracia Hosokawa Tamako, to whom these pages are devoted. Father Lares describes vividly and accurately in these stories of Two Japanese Christian Heroes the trials and hardships of the early Catholic fathers and of their converts, their deep faith and the great spiritual strength that fortified their amazing endurance. In addition, he depicts with great insight the background of the old feudal days, the personal relationship of samurai to their lords, to their wives and to their families, as well as the political and social conditions of those days.

The Anglo-Japanese Alliance May 30 2020

The Hood River Issei Jan 31 2023 Gathers oral histories from Japanese immigrants, most of them women, that discuss leaving Japan, life as farmers and orchard workers, and the World War II relocation.

Japanese for Healthcare Professionals May 03 2023 The only book of its kind in English, Japanese for Healthcare Professionals is a proficiency-based conversation textbook offering a complete Japanese language course that teaches Japanese grammar along with the vocabulary of medical care. With nearly three million Japanese tourists visiting the United States last year, and another five hundred thousand expatriates residing in the US and other English-speaking countries, it is inevitable that many Japanese speakers find themselves in need of healthcare but unable to communicate. Important highlights of this book are: Accompanying MP3 Audio Disc. No prior knowledge of Japanese necessary. For all professionals seeking to communicate in healthcare situations. Includes an English-Japanese dictionary of medical terms, a glossary of common complaints, and a sample bilingual medical questionnaire. Japanese for Healthcare Professionals offers a complete language course for classroom study or independent learners that teaches Japanese grammar along with the Japanese medical vocabulary. The chapters cover every step of a patient's interaction with care providers, from appointments and admissions to the physical examination, symptoms and illnesses, diagnosis, treatment, instructions to the patient, discharge, and follow-up. Chapters are devoted to the major branches of medicine as well as dentistry and to the corresponding bodily systems. There are also chapters on anatomy, infection and disease, and visits to the pharmacy. Each chapter follows a natural progression designed to help the learner comprehend the new material and acquire the language as effortlessly as possible. Each includes: basic Japanese vocabulary, a situational dialogue, Japanese grammar points and key Japanese language and culture notes, exercises and practice drills, and a quiz to sharpen comprehension. The culture and language notes

seek to help the provider understand better a Japanese patient's cultural framework and patterns of belief, as well as the "un-translatable" meaning conveyed by certain idioms. The accompanying MP3 audio disc ties in core parts of each chapter, allowing learners to practice their spoken language skills outside a classroom setting. The book also includes thirty illustrations to help with vocabulary acquisition, a pronunciation guide, an English-Japanese dictionary of medical terms, a glossary of Japanese expressions for common complaints, a sample bilingual medical questionnaire, and answers to the quizzes. Emphasizing the learner's practical use of the Japanese language for healthcare settings and the importance of culture in understanding, *Japanese for Healthcare Professionals* reflects the national standards in foreign-language education set by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). All disc content is alternatively accessible on tuttlepublishing.com/downloadable-content.

Original Enlightenment and the Transformation of Medieval Japanese Buddhism

Sep 26 2022 Original enlightenment thought (*hongaku shiso*) dominated Buddhist intellectual circles throughout Japan's medieval period. Enlightenment, this discourse claims, is neither a goal to be achieved nor a potential to be realized but the true status of all things. Every animate and inanimate object manifests the primordially enlightened Buddha just as it is. Seen in its true aspect, every activity of daily life—eating, sleeping, even one's deluded thinking—is the Buddha's conduct. Emerging from within the powerful Tendai School, ideas of original enlightenment were appropriated by a number of Buddhist traditions and influenced nascent theories about the *kami* (local deities) as well as medieval aesthetics and the literary and performing arts. Scholars and commentators have long recognized the historical importance of original enlightenment thought but differ heatedly over how it is to be understood. Some tout it as the pinnacle of the Buddhist philosophy of absolute non-dualism. Others claim to find in it the paradigmatic expression of a timeless Japanese spirituality. According other readings, it represents a dangerous anti-nomianism that undermined observance of moral precepts, precipitated a decline in Buddhist scholarship, and denied the need for religious discipline. Still others denounce it as an authoritarian ideology that, by sacralizing the given order, has in effect legitimized hierarchy and discriminative social practices. Often the acceptance or rejection of original enlightenment thought is seen as the fault line along which traditional Buddhist institutions are to be differentiated from the new Buddhist movements (Zen, Pure Land, and Nichiren) that arose during Japan's medieval period. Jacqueline Stone's groundbreaking study moves beyond the treatment of the original enlightenment doctrine as abstract philosophy to explore its historical dimension. Drawing on a wealth of medieval primary sources and modern Japanese scholarship, it places this discourse in its ritual, institutional, and social contexts, illuminating its importance to the maintenance of traditions of lineage and the secret transmission of knowledge that characterized several medieval Japanese elite culture. It sheds new light on interpretive

strategies employed in pre-modern Japanese Buddhist texts, an area that hitherto has received a little attention. Through these and other lines of investigation, Stone problematizes entrenched notions of “corruption” in the medieval Buddhist establishment. Using the examples of Tendai and Nichiren Buddhism and their interactions throughout the medieval period, she calls into question both overly facile distinctions between “old” and “new” Buddhism and the long-standing scholarly assumptions that have perpetuated them. This study marks a significant contribution to ongoing debates over definitions of Buddhism in the Kamakura era (1185–1333), long regarded as a formative period in Japanese religion and culture. Stone argues that “original enlightenment thought” represents a substantial rethinking of Buddhist enlightenment that cuts across the distinction between “old” and “new” institutions and was particularly characteristic of the medieval period.

Japanese Inrō Mar 28 2020 This is a comprehensive study of the inro, the small lacquer container used by Japanese men wearing traditional dress to carry items in daily use, drawing on the V&A's collection. Suspended from the belt by means of a netsuke and originally intended to hold a seal and ink or a supply of medicines, the inro gradually developed as a highly decorative dress accessory and became an object of high fashion, which is now prized by collectors. The majority of inro were made of lacquer, and include some of the finest and most innovative examples of the Japanese lacquerer's craft. The book traces the diverse origins of the inro from around 1600 until the early-20th century, and includes sections on construction and techniques of manufacture, on materials used, as well as on individual craftsmen, with photographs of their signatures. The sources of inro designs are explored, from paintings, ukiyoe prints and woodblock-printed books, with many examples illustrated. Methods of dating are also discussed, making this a useful reference for collectors and experts, while those with a general interest in Japanese art should be drawn to the craftsmanship of the individual pieces.

The Japanese Bath Dec 18 2021 In the West, a bath is a place one goes to cleanse the body. In Japan, one goes there to cleanse the soul. Bathing in Japan is about much more than cleanliness: it is about family and community. It is about being alone and contemplative, time to watch the moon rise above the garden. Along with sixty full-color illustrations of the light and airy baths themselves, *The Japanese Bath*, delves into the aesthetic of bathing Japanese style and the innate beauty of the steps surrounding the process. The authors explain how to create a Japanese bath in your own home. A Zen meditation, the Japanese bath, indeed, cleanses the soul, and one emerges refreshed, renewed, and serene.

Reimagining Japanese Education Mar 09 2021 Sparked by the confluence of accelerating domestic transformation and increasingly explicit impacts from ‘globalization’, the Japanese education system has undergone tremendous changes during the turbulence of the past decade. This volume, which brings together some of the

foremost scholars in the field of Japanese education, analyzes these recent changes in ways that help us 'reimagine' Japan and Japanese educational change at this critical juncture. Rather than simply updating well-worn Western images of Japan and its educational system, the aim of the book is a much deeper critical rethinking of the outmoded paradigms and perspectives that have rendered the massive shifts that have taken place in Japan largely invisible to or forgotten by the outside world. This 'reimagining' thus restores Japan to its place as a key comparative link in the global conversation on education and lays out new pathways for comparative research and reflection. Ranging widely across domains of policy and practice, and with a balance of Japanese and foreign scholars, the volume is also indicative of new directions in educational scholarship worldwide: approaches that center global interactions on domestic education and contribute to a far greater recognition of the polycentric, polycontextual World unfolding today. This book will be of keen interest to scholars of education worldwide, as well as those working in and across anthropology, sociology, policy studies, political science, and area studies given that contemporary transformations in Japan at once reflect and approximate political, social, and educational shifts occurring throughout the World in the early decades of the 21st century.

Democratizing the Enemy May 23 2022 "Brian Hayashi's book is one of the most detailed, insightful and thoroughly documented accounts of the Japanese American experience during World War II. It will set a new standard for scholars for years to come."--Lane Ryo Hirabayashi, University of California, Riverside, author, *Inside an American Concentration Camp: Japanese American Resistance at Poston*

Being Japanese American Mar 01 2023 This entertaining compendium is a celebration of Japanese American history and heritage. While detailing favorite foods, customs, words, games, and holidays, it explores the painful history of immigration and WWII internment, with suggestions for connecting to your Japanese American community and passing on traditions across generations and into intermarried families. This revised edition has fresh interviews with Japanese Americans about their life experiences and explores contemporary Japanese pop culture like anime and J-pop, with information on traveling to visit your Japanese roots and lists of resources on the Web and social media. Gil Asakawa lives in Denver, Colorado, and is a nationally known journalist, editor, author, speaker, and blogger focusing on Japanese and Asian American issues.

The Complete Book of Japanese Cooking Feb 05 2021 Bring the authentic cuisine of Japan to your own home with these master recipes that highlight the elegant simplicity of Japanese cuisine. Every aspect of Japanese cooking is here in an easy-to-follow format: soups, rice, sushi, tempura, noodles, sukiyaki, teriyaki, noodles, pickles, desserts, beverages and more. In addition to recipes *The Complete Book of Japanese Cooking* includes menu plans and a complete glossary of Japanese cooking terms and methods. An informative introduction explains the traditions of Japanese cuisine and line drawings

illustrate precisely how Japanese foods are prepared, what special ingredients look like, and the proper culinary equipment to use in their preparation. This is the cookbook for anyone who enjoys the simple, fresh and beautifully presented foods of Japan, and is the ideal introduction for those who have yet to taste its delights.

The Passive in Japanese Apr 02 2023 This book describes and analyzes the passive voice system in Japanese within the framework of generative grammar. By unifying different types of passives conventionally distinguished within the literature, the book advances a simple minimalist account where various passive characteristics emerge from the lexical properties of a single passive morpheme interacting with independently-supported syntactic principles and general properties of Japanese. The book both reevaluates numerous properties previously discussed within the literature and introduces interesting new data collected through experiments. This novel analysis also benefits from considering the important issue of interspeaker variability, in terms of grammaticality judgments and context requirements, and its implications for individual grammar. The book will be of interest not only to students and scholars working on passive constructions, but more generally to scholars working on generative grammar, experimental syntax, language acquisition, and sentence processing.

Japanese in America Oct 28 2022 "It is inconceivable that fewer than 100,000 Japanese, willing to work exceedingly long hours at the hardest of tasks for economic success, could create an international problem. Yet at the present time, such a problem seems to exist. It is the belief of the author that were the average American to know the exact facts of the Japanese American situation, there would be no problem. A full understanding by the public is not at all difficult to arrive at, providing the facts and not propaganda are furnished. A certain section of the American Press has singled out the Japanese for vilification, abuse and slander, for the sole purpose of increasing its circulation by sensational methods. We find the people of California constantly harassed by Anti-Japanese Propaganda, while the rest of the nation looks on, expressing only a nominal interest, and that more in the skill with which the propagandists have plied their art, than in the subject of their discussion. The purpose of the author in the present volume is to present as concisely as possible the history of the diplomatic, industrial, and social relations between Japan and the United States, to review the actual conditions in California, and to present as fully as possible an account of the various forces and interests vitally concerned with the campaign of propaganda which has been and is now being waged. The author is indebted to McMasters' History of the People of the United States, Harper's Encyclopedia of United States History, A History of the Japanese People, by Capt. F. Brinkley (Encyclopedia Britannica); the Japanese Association of America, and Mr. K. Kanzaki."--Introduction.

[Japanese Homestyle Dishes](#) Jul 01 2020 Enjoy fresh and delicious Japanese meals with the ease of cooking in your own kitchen! Few home cooks prepare the dishes typically

served in restaurants, and nowhere is that more true than in Japan. Fortunately, Japanese Homestyle Cooking introduces Western taste buds to the flavorful, delicious, and easy-to-prepare foods that Japanese home cooks make every day for family and friends. Readers will delight in this easy-to-follow Japanese cookbook's step-by-step recipes—including how to use a rice cooker—and their families will love trying tasty new dishes such as sukiyaki, shabu-shabu, and teppanyaki. Many home style Japanese dishes are meat-free and instead feature seafood or tofu along with a wide variety of vegetables, making them perfect for vegetarians. Accessible and simple to master, the over 80 recipes in Japanese Homestyle Cooking are as authentic as they are delicious. Homestyle Japanese recipes include: Classic Miso Soup with Tofu and Mushrooms Sukiyaki Beef Hotpot Sesame Omelet Rolls with Shrimp Grilled Yakitori Chicken Skewers Japanese Grilled Steak Smoked Trout Sushi Rolls Hand-rolled Sushi Cones with Ginger Chicken And many more! From seafood dishes to using a rice cooker, Japanese Homestyle Cooking will bring a wonderful depth of flavor and many tasty new foods to your table.

Storied Lives Mar 21 2022 During World War II over 5,500 young Japanese Americans left the concentration camps to which they had been confined with their families in order to attend college. *Storied Lives* describes ♦ often in their own words ♦ how nisei students found schools to attend outside the West Coast exclusion zone and the efforts of white Americans to help them. The book is concerned with the deeds of white and Japanese Americans in a mutual struggle against racism, and argues that Asian American studies ♦ indeed, race relations as a whole ♦ will benefit from an understanding not only of racism but also of its opposition, antiracism. To uncover this little known story, Gary Okihiro surveyed the colleges and universities the nisei attended, collected oral histories from nisei students and student relocation staff members, and examined the records of the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council and other materials.

The Films of Oshima Nagisa Apr 29 2020 This study of the films of Oshima Nagisa is both an essential introduction to the work of a major postwar director of Japanese cinema and a theoretical exploration of strategies of filmic style. For almost forty years, Oshima has produced provocative films that have received wide distribution and international acclaim. Formally innovative as well as socially daring, they provide a running commentary, direct and indirect, on the cultural and political tensions of postwar Japan. Best known today for his controversial films *In the Realm of the Senses* and *The Empire of Passion*, Oshima engages issues of sexuality and power, domination and identity, which Maureen Turim explores in relation to psychoanalytic and postmodern theory. The films' complex representation of women in Japanese society receives detailed and careful scrutiny, as does their political engagement with the Japanese student movement, postwar anti-American sentiments, and critiques of Stalinist tendencies of the Left. Turim also considers Oshima's surprising comedies, his experimentation with Brechtian and avant-garde theatricality as well as reflexive textuality, and his essayist documentaries in this

look at an artist's gifted and vital attempt to put his will on film.

Modern Japanese Grammar Workbook Nov 04 2020 The Modern Japanese Grammar Workbook is an innovative book of exercises and language tasks for all learners of Japanese. The book is divided into two parts: Section A provides exercises based on essential grammatical structures Section B practises everyday functions (e.g. making introductions, apologizing, expressing needs). All sentences are written both in Romanization and in the Japanese script and a comprehensive answer key at the back enables the learner to check on their progress. Key features of the book include: Exercises graded on a 3-point scale according to their level of difficulty Cross-referencing to the related Modern Japanese Grammar Topical exercises drawn from realistic scenarios to help learners develop their vocabulary and practical communication skills Opportunities to practise both written and spoken Japanese. Modern Japanese Grammar Workbook is an ideal practice tool for learners of Japanese at all levels. No prior knowledge of grammatical terminology is assumed and it can be used both independently and alongside the Modern Japanese Grammar (ISBN 978-0-415-57201-9), which is also published by Routledge.

Rivals Jun 11 2021 Groundbreaking new take on the growing rivalry between China, India and Japan-- and what it means for America, the global economy and the twenty-first century.

Japanese Fortified Temples and Monasteries AD 710–1602 May 11 2021 From the 10th century onwards the great Japanese monastic foundations of Nara and Mount Hiei maintained large armies of warlike monks. The tempestuous political rivalries that developed between the different orders of monks and religiously inspired laymen ensured that their temples and monasteries had to be securely sited and robustly defended. This book recreates these enormous fortified monasteries and temples, tracing their development from the 10th century through to the Sengoku Jidai period and the rise of the power of the shogunate under Tokugawa Ieyasu.

Make Your Own Japanese Clothes Jun 23 2022 Classical elegance. Loose-fitting comfort. Versatility. Functional design. These are just some of the reasons why traditional Japanese clothes have captured the imagination of modern fashion designers and stylish dressers around the world. Making Japanese clothes is surprisingly simple. Patterns consist of virtually all straight lines, and the non-body-conforming shapes require no darts, buttonholes, or zippers. Here, in this creative sourcebook, is all the information you need to sew authentic Japanese clothes or to design your own Japan-inspired fashions: Step-by-step instructions for making 14 select traditional garments, from the luxurious wedding robe and the classic kimono to the informal hanten jacket and practical field pants Detailed patterns that can be adjusted to fit any size An introduction to the basic building blocks—sleeve shapes, collars, hems, linings, and padding—so creative sewers can design their own fashions Over 40 sketches with many more suggestions for modern variations on

the classic garments A choice of authentic Japanese techniques or simplified methods that achieve the same look How to use any width fabric, whether narrow Japanese fabric or standard Western widths Sources of Japanese fabric and sewing accessories Care and storage guidelines Fabric suggestions, ideas for creative wear, historical information, and much more!

Colloquial Japanese Jan 19 2022 Colloquial Japanese provides a step-by-step course in Japanese as it is written and spoken today. This new edition has been completely rewritten by experienced teachers; it combines an accessible approach with a thorough treatment of the language, equipping learners with the essential skills needed to communicate confidently and effectively in Japanese in a broad range of situations. No prior knowledge of the language is required. Key features include: progressive coverage of speaking, listening, reading and writing skills jargon-free explanations of grammar, with key structures presented through user-friendly diagrams Coverage of the different writing systems of Japanese: hiragana, katakana and kanji an extensive range of focused and stimulating exercises realistic and entertaining dialogues covering a broad variety of scenarios useful vocabulary lists throughout the text additional resources available at the back of the book, including a full answer key, a grammar summary, a verb/adjective list with conjugation aid, bilingual glossaries and English translations of dialogues Balanced, comprehensive and rewarding, Colloquial Japanese will be an indispensable resource both for independent learners and for students taking courses in Japanese. Supplementary exercise sheets for hiragana, katakana and kanji and two additional units are available for free download at <http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415593304/> The units cover more advanced features of Japanese and incorporate a wide assortment of supporting exercises. Accompanying audio material is available to purchase separately on two CDs or in MP3 format, or comes included in the great value Colloquial Japanese pack. Recorded by native speakers, the audio complements the book and will help enhance learners' listening and speaking skills. By the end of this course, you will be at Level B1 of the Common European Framework for Languages and at the Intermediate-Mid on the ACTFL proficiency scales. Course components: The complete course comprises the book and audio materials. These are available to purchase separately in paperback, ebook, CD and MP3 format. The paperback and CDs can also be purchased together in the great-value Colloquials pack. Paperback: 978-0-415-59330-4 (please note this does not include the audio) CDs : 978-0-415-59332-8 Ebook: 978-1-315-88977-1 (please note this does not include the audio, available from www.tandfebooks.com) MP3s: 978-0-415-59333-5 (available from www.tandfebooks.com) Pack : 978-0-415-59331-1 (paperback and CDs) For the eBook and MP3 pack, please find instructions on how to access the supplementary content for this title in the Prelims section.

Wind Bands and Cultural Identity in Japanese Schools Jul 13 2021 This well researched volume tells the story of music education in Japan and of the wind band contest

organized by the All-Japan Band Association. Identified here for the first time as the world's largest musical competition, it attracts 14,000 bands and well over 500,000 competitors. The book's insightful contribution to our understanding of both music and education chronicles music learning in Japanese schools and communities. It examines the contest from a range of perspectives, including those of policy makers, adjudicators, conductors and young musicians. The book is an illuminating window on the world of Japanese wind bands, a unique hybrid tradition that combines contemporary western idioms with traditional Japanese influences. In addition to its social history of Japanese school music programs, it shows how participation in Japanese school bands contributes to students' sense of identity, and sheds new light on the process of learning to play European orchestral instruments.

Shutting Out the Sun Aug 02 2020 The world's second-wealthiest country, Japan once seemed poised to overtake America as the leading global economic powerhouse. But the country failed to recover from the staggering economic collapse of the early 1990s. Today it confronts an array of disturbing social trends, notably a population of more than one million hikikomori: the young men who shut themselves in their rooms, withdrawing from society. There is also a growing numbers of "parasite singles": single women who refuse to leave home, marry, or bear children. In this trenchant investigation, Michael Zielenziger argues that Japan's tradition-steeped society, its aversion to change, and its distrust of individuality are stifling economic revival, political reform, and social evolution. *Shutting Out the Sun* is a bold explanation of Japan's stagnation and its implications for the rest of the world.

Making Sense of Japanese Dec 30 2022 Making Sense of Japanese is the fruit of one foolhardy American's thirty-year struggle to learn and teach the Language of the Infinite. Previously known as *Gone Fishin'*, this book has brought Jay Rubin more feedback than any of his literary translations or scholarly tomes, "even if," he says, "you discount the hate mail from spin-casters and the stray gill-netter." To convey his conviction that "the Japanese language is not vague," Rubin has dared to explain how some of the most challenging Japanese grammatical forms work in terms of everyday English. Reached recently at a recuperative center in the hills north of Kyoto, Rubin declared, "I'm still pretty sure that Japanese is not vague. Or at least, it's not as vague as it used to be. Probably." The notorious "subjectless sentence" of Japanese comes under close scrutiny in Part One. A sentence can't be a sentence without a subject, so even in cases where the subject seems to be lost or hiding, the author provides the tools to help you find it. Some attention is paid as well to the rest of the sentence, known technically to grammarians as "the rest of the sentence." Part Two tackles a number of expressions that have baffled students of Japanese over the decades, and concludes with Rubin's patented technique of analyzing upside-down Japanese sentences right-side up, which, he claims, is "far more restful" than the traditional way, inside-out. "The scholar," according to the great Japanese

novelist Soseki Natsume, is "one who specializes in making the comprehensible incomprehensible." Despite his best scholarly efforts, Rubin seems to have done just the opposite. Previously published in the Power Japanese series under the same title and originally as *Gone Fishin'* in the same series.

Researching Japanese War Crimes Records Sep 14 2021

The Chrysanthemum and the Sword Aug 14 2021 Essential reading for anyone interested in Japanese culture, this unsurpassed masterwork opens an intriguing window on Japan. Benedict's World War II-era study paints an illuminating contrast between the culture of Japan and that of the United States. *The Chrysanthemum and the Sword* is a revealing look at how and why our cultures differ, making it the perfect introduction to Japanese history and customs.

Easy Japanese Jul 25 2022 This user-friendly Japanese language book is a complete course, pocket dictionary and Japanese phrasebook in one. Easy Japanese is designed for Japanese language beginners who are planning a visit to Japan or already living there and wish to learn spoken Japanese quickly and easily—on their own or with a teacher. This book introduces all the basics of the spoken language with an emphasis on practical daily conversations and vocabulary. It enables you to begin communicating effectively right away. Key features of Easy Japanese include: Structured, progressive lessons Focuses on daily communication Native-speaker audio recordings All dialogues are highly practical and authentic and illustrated with manga illustrations for easy memorization. Useful notes and explanations about the Japanese writing system, pronunciation and accent, greetings and requests, sentence structure, vocabulary, verb conjugations, honorific forms, idiomatic expressions and Japanese etiquette dos and don'ts are provided throughout the book. A useful Japanese dictionary of commonly-used words and phrases is included at the back.

Jews in the Japanese Mind Feb 17 2022 Why are the Japanese fascinated with the Jews? By showing that the modern attitude is the result of a process of accretion begun 200 years ago, this book describes the development behind Japanese ideas of Jews and how these images are reflected in their modern intellectual life

The Boy Who Drew Cats and Other Japanese Fairy Tales Oct 16 2021 Eleven engaging, excellently translated tales of talking tea kettles, a monstrous goblin-spider, miniature warriors and other fanciful creatures. 21 original illustrations by Yuko Green.

The Folk Art of Japanese Country Cooking Apr 21 2022 Those who love Japanese food know there is more to it than sukiyaki, tempura, and sushi. A variety of miso-based soups, one-pot cooking (*nabemono*), and vegetable side dishes with sweet vinegar dressing (*sunomono*) are just a few of the traditional dishes that are attracting many interested in Asian cooking. Homma presents an intriguing mixture of Japanese country cooking, folk tradition, and memories of growing up in Japan. Cooking methods include techniques for chopping vegetables, making udon and soba noodles, making tofu and using various tofu products, and making rich soup stocks. This is a book to use and treasure for its traditional

Japanese cooking methods.

Writing the Love of Boys Apr 09 2021 A pioneering look at same-sex desire in Japanese modernist writing.

English Grammar for Students of Japanese Aug 26 2022 Explains the basic terminology and concepts of English grammar, focusing on material which will most benefit students of Japanese.

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