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Tokyo: TOTO Shuppan,2003

2nd Edition

358 p.; ill; 25cm. 4-88706-220-6

\$ 29.50

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Japan: Architectural Institute of Japan, 2002

234 p.; ill; 31cm. 4-8189-2960-3

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[This book is a highly valuable and useful architectural yearbook produced following the Institution? prompt evaluation of outstanding Architectural works of its members, in order to introduce in a timely manner the architectural current of the past year.]

**Arata Isozaki 1958-78

GA Architect 6

Tokyo: A.D.A. Edita Tokyo Co., Ltd.,

264 p.; ill.

4-87140-410-2

\$ 80.00

[Contents

Text: Kenneth Frampton works: Oita Medical Hall; Oita Prefectural Library; Fukuoka Mutual Bank; Gumma Prefectural Museum; Kitakyushu Central Library; Kamioka Town Hall and others 1

**Tadao Ando 1972-87

GA Architect 8

Japan: A.D.A. Edita Tokyo Co., Ltd,

264 p.; ill.

4-87140-412-9 \$ 76.50

[Contents

Text: Tom Heneghan Works: Rokko Housing II; Church on the Water; Water Temple; RAIKA Headquarters; Naoshima Contemporary Art Museum; Japan Pavilion Expo' 92/Sevilla and others]

**Tadao Ando : 2 : 1988-93

GA Architect 12

Japan: A.D.A. Edita Tokyo Co., Ltd,

228 p.; 30 ill. 4-87140-419-6 \$ 76.50

[Contents

Text :Tom Heneghan works : Rokko Housing II; Church on the Water;

Water

Temple; RAIKA Headquarters; Naoshima Contemporary Art Museum;

Japan Pavilion Expo' 92 / Sevilla; and others]

**Hiroshi Hara

GA Architect 13

Japan: A.D.A. Edita Tokyo Co., Ltd

252 p.; 36 ill. 4-87140-420-X \$ 76.50

[Contents

Text: David B. Stewart works: Hara House; Josei Primary School; Tasaki Museum of Art; Yamato International; Iida City Museum; Umeda Sky Building; Ose Middle School; and others]

**Arata Isozaki 3 : 1991-2000

GA Architect 15

Japan: A.D.A. Edita Tokyo Co., Ltd

264 p.; 96 ill.

4-87140-422-6 \$ 87.50 PB 4-87140-423-4 \$ 120.00 HB

[Contents

Text: Arata Isozaki works: Team Disney Building; Toyonokuni Libraries for Cultural Resources; Kyoto Concert Hall; Nara Centennial Hall; DOMUS Interactive Museum about Humans; Buss Museum of Art; Shizuoka Convention & Arts Centr ?ranship"; Shizuoka Performing Arts Center; Akiyoshi International Art Village; and others.]

**Tadao Ando -3 : 1994-2000

GA Architect 16

Japan: A.D.A. Edita Tokyo Co., Ltd

276 p.; 48 ill. 4-87140-424-2 \$ 87.50

[Contents

Text: William J.R. Curtis / Tadao Ando

Works: College of Nursing, Art and Science, Hyogo; Chikatsu ?suka Historical Museum + Plaza; Garden of Fine Art, Kyoto; Museum of Wood; Suntory Museum; Eychaner / Lee House; Rokko Hausing Ill; FABRICA (Benetton Communication Research Center); Awaji-Yumebutai; Naoshima Contemporary Art Museum, Annex; Meditation Space, UNESCO; Komyo-ji Temple; and others.]

*Toyo Ito 1970-2001 GA Architect 17

Japan: A.D.A. Edita Tokyo Co., Ltd

217 p.; 90 ill. 4-87140-425-0 \$ 75.00

[Contents

Text: Hiroshi Hara / Toyo Ito

Works: Aluminium House, White U; PMT Building; House in Kasama; Silver Hut; Exhibition Project for Pao, a Dwelling for Tokyo Nomad Women; Tower of winds; T Building in Nakameguro; Yasushiro Municipal Museum; Old People? Home in Yatsushiro; Yatsushiro Fire Station; T Hall in Taisha; Sendai Mediatheque; and others.]

Kazuyo Sejima / Ryue Nishizawa 1987-2001

GA Architect 18

Japan: A.D.A. Edita Tokyo Co., Ltd, 2003

Forthcomming Issue

[Contents

Text: Kazuyo Sejima + Ryue Nishizawa

Works: PLATFORM I; PLATFORM II; Saishukan Seiyaku Women? Dormitory; PachinkoParlor I; Villa in the Forest; Pachinko Parlor II, Y-House; Police Box at Chofu Staition; Gifu Kitagata Apartment Building; Pachinko Parlor III; Multimedia Workshop in Oogaki; N-Museum; S-House; M-House; Park Café; U-Building; O-Museum; Day care Center for the Elders; Small House; Stadstheater in Almere Project; and others.]

Light & Space: Modern Architecture Vol.1 &2 / Edited by Yukio Futagawa

Japan: A.D.A. Edita Tokyo Co., Ltd,

Vol. 1: 98 works by 67 Architects 216 p.; 30 ill. Vol. 2: 130 Works by 62 Architects 216 p.; 24 ill.

Combined Issue: 426 p.; 54 ill.

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[Light is a fundamental element of architecture. Through the finest examples from the beginning of Modernism to the present, this compendium examines the way natural light is captured, altered, and shaped in architectural space.

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The Myth of Iron and Glass

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Light and Shadow in the Fin-de-Siecle

Window to the Womb

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The Pleasure of Architecture

Travel to the Orient

The Myth of the Glazed Box

See-Through Architecture

Light without Shadow

Primitive Light

Sticky Space

The Mechanical Sky

Architecture of Membrane 1

**Tadao Ando Details : Vol.1. / Edited by Yukio Futagawa; Criticism by Peter Eisenman

Tokyo, A.D.A. Edita Tokyo Co. Ltd,

168p.; ill.

4-87140-551-6

\$ 63.50

[List of Works

Row House in Sumiyoshi(Azuma House) 1975-76

Wall House (Matsumoto House) 1976-77

Glass Block House (Ishihara House) 1977-78

Rokko Housing I 1978-83

Koshino House 1979-81/1983-84

Festival 1980-84

BIGI Atelier 1980-83

Town House in Kujo (Izutsu House) 1981-82

Iwasa House 1982-84/1989-90

Kidosaki House 1982-86

Time? I/II 1983-84/1986-91

JUN Port Island Building 1983-85

Old/New Rokko 1985-86

Chapel on Mt. Rokko 1985-86

Church on the Water 1985-88

Church with the Light 1987-89]

**Tado ando Details Vol. 2 / Edited b y Yukio Futagawa Criticism by Francesco Dal Co

Japan: A.D.A Edita Tokyo Co. Ltd,

148 p.

4-87140-555-9

\$ 62.00

[List of Works Tea House in Oyodo 1985 - 86 Karaza Theater 1985-88 Rokko Housing II 1985-93 Galleria (akka) 1985-88 Collezione 1986-89 Naoshima Contemporary Art Museum and Annex 1988-95 Museum of Literature, Himeji and Annex 1988-96 Otemae Art Center 1989-92 Matsutani House Addition 1989-92 Japan Pavilion Expo '92 / Sevilia 1989-92 Water Temple 1989-91 Temporary Theater for Bishin Jumonji, Photographer 1990 Chikatsu Asuka Historical Museum 1990-94 Oyamazaki Villa Museum 1991-95 Suntory Museum 1991-94 Lee House 1991-93 Inamori Auditorium 1991-94 Museum of Gojo Culture 1991-95 Benetton United Colors and Forms Research Center 1992-95 Eychaner / Lee House 1991-93 House in Nihonbashi (Kanamori House) 1991-93 Town House in Hirano (Nomi House) 1991-93

La Maison de Verre / Pierre Chareau Edited by Yukio Futagawa Tokyo : A.D.A. Edita Tokyo Co. Ltd 4-87140-528-1

\$ 76.50

[Built in the center of Paris, La Maison de Verre is neither a work which can be overlooked for it avantgarde qualities, nor as a landmark in the history of modern Architecture. This volume attempts to give an overall picture of this major work with photographs and survey drawings.]

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GA House Special – Masterpieces 1945-1970 & 1971-2000

Japan: A.D.A. EditaTokyo Co.,

Vol. 1 : 276 p.; 72 ill. Vol. 2 : 296 p.; 120 ill.

Vol. 1 : 4-87140-353-x Vol. 2 : 4-87140-354-8

\$ 66.50

[The cream of Post-war masterpieces of houses realized in all over the world, presented in two separate volumes. Volume One covers the years from 1945 to 1970. A selection of more than 50 houses of late Modernism, from the rehabilitation period just after the WWII up to the times of Cultural Revolution. Works by the modern masters of Europe and America attaining maturity and those of their followers full of bloom depict generation shift from old to new. Volume Two covers the years from 1971 to 2000. A selection of more than

50 houses from a time of major transition headed for the new possibilities of 21st century, starting from the rise of Post-Modernism and ending with the chaotic fin de siecle.]

**Shohei Imamura / Edited by James Quandt

Toronto: Toronto International Film Festival Group, 1997

181 p.; 21cm.

Cinematheque Ontario Monographs Shohei Imamura No:1

0-9682969-0-4

\$ 42.00

**The Benshi: Japanese Silent Film Narrators

Tokyo: Urban Connections, 2001

172 p.; ill; 21cm. 4-900849-51-0

\$ 25.00

**A Hundred years of Japanese Film: A concise History with a selective Guide to Videos and DVDs / Donald Richie

Tokyo: Kodansha International, 2001

311 p.; ill; 23cm. 4-7700-2682-x

\$ 58.50

[As Paul Schrader writes in his perceptive foreword, Richie? new accounting of the Japanese film retains his sensitivity to the actual circumstances of film production [something filmmakers know very well but historians often overlook]... and shows the interweave of filmmaking-the contribution of directors, writers, cinematographers, actors, musicians, art directors, as well as financiers".

Of primary interest to those who would like to watch the works introduced in these pages, Richie has provided capsule reviews of the major subtitled Japanese films commercially available in VHS and DVD formats. The American distributors of these films are listed, as are the Japanese makers of important non-subtitled VHS/DVDs discussed in this volume. For the first time under one cover, the interested reader now has a concise guide to available films alongside what he or she is reading about.]

**Masterpieces of Japanese Silent Cinema Tokyo: Urban Connections, 2002 DVD - Windows Based 4-900849-39-1 \$ 300.00

[The silent film era was the age in which film became the king of popular entertainment. Japanese silent films are infused with the essence of the Japanese people of those daystheir emotions, mannerisms, common expression patterns and the atmosphere of the times. This volume is a source of the highest order for research in the field of Japanese silent film. Moreover it goes without saying that it can be enjoyed as pure entertainment as well as a source of nostalgia.]

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Video Clips of Famous Scenes from 45 top silent films (about two minutes each, presented by Benshi Narrators)

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Research Center
Basic Data on 12,000 Japanese Silent Films (Production Company, Staff, Cast, etc)
Story Synopses, Commentaries, Still Photos and Leaflet Images from 1,000 Films)
Library
560 Personal Profiles of Directors, actors, benshi and others who contributed to the golden
age of silent films interviews of six people active in the silent film world
**Handbook of Energy and Economic Statistics in Japan: 2003
Japan: The Energy Conservation Center, 2003
327 p.; ill; 18cm.
4-87973-254-0
$ 40.00
**Statistical Handbook of Japan 2002
Japan : Statistics Bureau, Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs, Posts and
Telecommunications, 2002
xii, 203p.; ill; 21cm.
4-8223-2651-9
$ 25.00
**Economic Survey of Japan 1999-2000 : The Beginning of a New Era
Japan: Economic Planning Agency, Government of Japan, 2000
381 p.; ill; 21cm.
4-17-566400-9
$ 100.00
**Securities Market in Japan 2002
Tokyo: Japan Securities research institute, 2002
xviii, 371 p.; ill; 23cm.
Includes Index
4-89032-814-9
$ 53.50
**Statistical abstract of Japanese Distribution [2002]
Japan: The Distribution Economics institute of Japan, 2002
102 p.; ill; 30cm.
Includes Tables
4-947664-33-9
$ 79.50
**White paper on International Trade, Japan 2001
Tokyo: Japan External Trade Organisation, 2001
vii, 371p.; ill; 26cm.
4-8224-0929-5
$ 125.00
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**A History of Japanese railways 1872-1999 / Eiichi Aoki, Mitsuhide Imashiro, Shinichi Kato,
Yasuo Wakuda
Tokyo: East Japan Railway Culture Foundation,c2000
x, 256 p.; ill; 26cm.
Includes Index
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4-87513-089-9

\$ 62.50

?apan? railway history is unique because this small island country in East Asia started railway development nearly half a century after Europe and America, caught up with them quickly, and then later surprised the world twice, by opening the world? first dedicated high-speed railway [shinkansen] and by splitting up its state-owned railway network into several pieces and privatizing them.

However little is known outside Japan about how Japanese railways have grown from a short single-track steam railway in 1872 to today? shinkansen network and dense urban railway systems. This is because there has been limited information available tonon-Japanese readers.

This book is the first complete history of Japanese railways written in English. We hope it will help many people who have been hindered by the language barrier from studying Japan? railway history.]

Water pollution control policy and management : The Japanese Experience / Mitsumasa Okada; Spencer A Peterson

Japan : Gyosei, 2000

287 p.; ill; 26cm. 4-324-06240-4

\$ 60.00 [February 2004 catalogue]

**The Broken Commandment / Shimazaki Toson , Translated by Kenneth Strong

Tokyo: University of Tokyo Press, 2001

xxv, 248 p.; 23cm.

4-13-087026-2

\$ 35.00

**Crackling Mountain and Other Stories / Osamu Dazai; Translated by James Orien

Tokyo: Tuttle Publishing

256p.;

0804833427

\$ 14.95

**Fires on the Plain / Shohei Ooka; Ivan Morris (Translator)

Tokyo: Tuttle Publishing, 2001

246p.;

0804813795

\$ 14.95

This haunting novel about the extreme undoing of a man by war is generally regarded as one of the most important war stories of our time. As the might of the Imperial Japanese Army is crumbling, so too are the tenuous ties with human society held by a sensitive soldier of World War II. Lacking hope and nearly devoid of the will to survive, he hears of a port still in Japanese hands, and struggles to walk through the American lines. Eluding American victors, Private Tamura becomes an outcast verging on cannibalism. Powerful and shocking, the novel's greatness lies in its uplifting vision during a time of ultimate horror

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**Heike Story / Eiji Yoshikawa
Tokyo: Tuttle Publishing
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640 p.; 0804833184 \$ 17.95

**Kappa: A Satire / Ryunosuke?kutagawa; Translator Geoffrey?rownas

Tokyo: Tuttle Publishing, 2001

144 p.; 080483251X \$ 10.95

[From the author of Rashomon comes a Swiftian satire of Japanese society thinly disguised as the fictitious Kappaland. Peopled with creatures from Japanese folklore, Kappland serves as a vehicle for the humorous examination of the moral foibles of Japanese society in the early 20th century.]

**Rashomon: and Other Stories / Ryunosuke?kutagawa; Translator Kojima?akashi

Tokyo: Tuttle Publishing

144 p.; 0804814570 \$ 12.95

[Before his tragic death in 1927, Ryunosuke Akutagawa, author of ?ashomon," one of the most renowned stories of Japanese literature, wrote more than 100 short stories. Since his death, he has been described as one of the best-read men of his generation.

Included in this timeless collection are Akutagawa? ?n a Grove," a psychologically sophisticated tale about murder, rape, and suicide; ?he Martyr," the story of silent suffering in Christian Nagasaki; and ?esa and Morito," the story of man driven to kill someone he doesn? hate by a lover whom he doesn? love; and ?ashomon," the infamous story of a thief scared into honesty by a terrifying encounter with a ghoul.

?hat [Akutagawa] did was question the values of his society, dramatize the complexities of human psychology, and study, with a Zen taste for paradox, the balance of illusion and reality.?

**Romaji Diary and Sad Toys / <u>Takuboku?shikawa</u> <u>Sanford Translator</u> Goldstein?nd?eishi?hinoda

Tokyo: Tuttle Publishing, 2001

280 p.; 0804832536 \$12.95

[The novella Romaji Diary represents the first instance of a Japanese writer using romaji (roman script) to tell stories in a way that could not be told in kana or kanji. Sad Toys is a collection of 194 Tanka, the traditional 31- syllable poems that are evocative of Japan? misty past and its tentative steps into the wider world.]

**Romance of the Three Kingdoms: Volume I / <u>Lo?uan-chung Robert?.?egel</u>; introduction, C.H.?rewitt-Taylor?ranslator

Tokyo: Tuttle Publishing, 2002

992 p.; 0804834679 \$24.95 [The Romance of the Three Kingdoms is Lo Kuan-chung? retelling of the events attending the fall of the Han Dynasty in 220 A.D., one of the most tumultuous and fascinating periods in Chinese history. It is an epic saga of brotherhood and rivalry, of loyalty and treachery, of victory and death. As important for Chinese culture as the Homeric epics have been for the West, this fourteenth-century masterpiece continues to be loved and read throughout China as well as in Japan, Korea, and Vietnam.]

**Romance of the Three Kingdoms: Volume II / <u>Lo?uan-chung</u>; <u>Robert?.?egel</u>; introduction, <u>C.H.?rewitt-Taylor?</u>ranslator Tokyo: Tuttle Publishing, 2002

0804834687 \$24.95

[The Romance of the Three Kingdoms is Lo Kuan-chung? retelling of the events attending the fall of the Han Dynasty in 220 A.D., one of the most tumultuous and fascinating periods in Chinese history. It is an epic saga of brotherhood and rivalry, of loyalty and treachery, of victory and death. As important for Chinese culture as the Homeric epics have been for the West, this fourteenth-century masterpiece continues to be loved and read throughout China as well as in Japan, Korea, and Vietnam.]

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**Shank's Mare: Japan's Great Comic Novel of Travel & Ribaldry / <u>Ikku?ippensha</u> <u>Thomas?atchell</u> (translator)

Tokyo: Tuttle Publishing, 2001

416 p.; 0804815801 \$16.95

[A pair of irrepressible scoundrels are the heroes of this madcap chronicle of adventure, full of earthy humor, along the great highway from Tokyo to Kyoto. The lusty tale of their disreputable doings is Japan? most celebrated comic novel. Shank? Mare was originally issued serially beginning in 1802, and was so successful that the author wrote numerous sequels, appearing year by year, until 1822. This

novel portrays all the varied colors in Japan? Tokugawa era.]

**The Buddha Tree / Fumio?iwa; Kenneth?trong (translator)

Tokyo: Tuttle Publishing, 2000

384 p.; 0804832544 \$14.95

[The author? remarkable insight into human weaknesses, his sensitive sketches of the Japanese countryside, and his revelation of the materialism of the modern Buddhist church in Japan make this a book of unusual distinction.]

**The Counterfeiter and Other Stories / Yasushi?noue; Leon?icon (translator)

Tokyo: Tuttle Publishing, 2000

128 p.; 0804832528 \$10.95

[These three short stories, The Counterfeiter, Obasute, and The Full Moon, explore the roles of

loneliness, compassion, beauty, and forgiveness in day-to-day life in Japan, all within the context of the Buddhist-influenced notion of inescapable predestination.]

The Diary of a Noblewoman of Heian Gossamer Years: Japan / Edward?eidensticker (translator)

Tokyo: Tuttle Publishing, 2001

0804811237 208 p.; \$12.95

[Written in the tenth century, The Kagero Nikki, translated as The Gossamer Years, belongs to the same period as The Tale of Genji and The Pillow Book of Sei Shonagon. Like The Pillow Book of Sei Shonagon, The Gossamer Years is a journal kept by a noblewoman.

This frank autobiographical diary reveals two tempestuous decades of the author? unhappy marriage and her growing indignation at rival wives and mistresses. Too impetuous to be satisfied as a subsidiary wife, she protests the marriage system of her time in one of Japanese literature? earliest attempts to portray difficult elements of the predominant social hierarchy.

Very little is known of the author outside of what is related in her diary. Her name is unknown?ut she was related to the Lady Murasaki, author of The Tale of Genji, and to Sei Shonagon, author of The Pillow Book.1

**The Harp of Burma / Michio?akeyama; Howard?ibbett (translator),

Tokyo: Tuttle Publishing, 2001

136 p.; 0804802327 \$12.95

[Near the end of World War II, the Japanese are facing defeat in Burma at the hands of the British Army. After Corporal Mizushima? unit surrenders he attempts to persuade other holdouts also to surrender without a struggle, now that the war is coming to an end. They refuse and in the final battle Mizushima is injured and rescued by a Buddhist monk. Thus begins a spiritual journey for Mizushima which ends with him adopting the robes of a monk and traveling the countryside, cremating and burying the war dead. Originally published in Japanese in 1946, Tuttle first published this charming and fluid English translation of Harp of Burma in 1966.]

The Hunting Gun / Yasushi?noue; Sanford?oldstein (translator),

Tokyo: Tuttle Publishing, 2001

80 p.; 0804802572 \$12.95

[The Hunting Gun, set in the period immediately following WWII, follows the consequences of a tragic love affair among well-to-do people in an exclusive suburb of the great commercial cities of Osaka and Kobe. Told from the viewpoints of three different women, this is a story of the psychological impact of illicit love. First viewed through the eyes of Shoko, who learns of the affair through reading her mother? diary, then through the eyes of Midori, who had long known about the affair of her husband with Saiko, and finally through the eyes of Saiko herself.]

The Journey / <u>Jiro?saraqi</u>; <u>Ivan?orris</u> (translator)

Tokyo: Tuttle Publishing

0804832552

\$14.95

[This touching allegorical novel about a man who is almost destroyed by his lust for money and the accumulation of wealth is a masterful depiction of the new moral reality facing post-war Japan.]

The Tale of Genji / Murasaki?hikibu Suematsu (translator)

Tokyo: Tuttle Publishing, 2000

232 p.; 0804832560 \$12.95

[This biographical novel centers around the amorous exploits of Price Hikaru Genji, whose elegance and talent epitomized the values of Heian Japan, an era in which indigenous Japanese culture still held prominence over the Chinese culture that

would come to dominate Japan.]

The Wild Geese / Ogai?ori; Sanford?oldstein (translator), Kingo?chiai (translator)

Tokyo: Tuttle Publishing

128 p.; 0804810702 \$12.95

[First published in serial form, The Wild Geese is the story of unfulfilled love set against a background of social change. Ogai portrays with compassion and beauty the drama of a girl forced by poverty to become a moneylender? mistress. Around her, in scenes of humor and pathos, move the skillfully drawn characters of her weak-willed father, her lover and his suspicious wife, and a handsome student who is both the object of her desire and the symbol of her rescue.]

Vita Sexualis: A Novel / Ogai?ori; Sanford?oldstein (translator)

Tokyo: Tuttle Publishing, 2001

160 p.; 0804810486 \$12.95

[Though banned three weeks after its publication in 1909, Vita Sexualis is far more than a prurient erotic novel. The narrator, a professor of philosophy, wrestles with issues of sexual desire, sex education, and the proper place of sensuality. His story explores his own journey into sexual awareness, spanning fifteen years, from his first exposure to erotic woodcuts at the age of six, to his first physical response to a woman, and his eventual encounter with a professional courtesan. Beyond being a poignant account of one boy? coming of age, Vita Sexualis is also an important record of Japan? moral struggles during the cultural upheaval of the last years of the Meiji era.]

Japan? Big Bang: The Deregulation & Revitalization of the Japanese Economy / Declan?ayes

Tokyo: Tuttle Publishing, 2000

0804832277 \$19.95

[Having spent nearly a decade in recession, the restructured Japanese economy is slowly beginning to grow again, and its systemic reforms are being put to the test. Now journalist and commentator Declan Hayes examines the fall and rise of Japan's economic infrastructure,

starting with the giddy and elusive bubble economy that ultimately sapped the country and other Asian neighbors dry. Hayes explores the Western influence on Japan's economic crash, as well as its own faulty use of loans and credit lines secured with vastly over-valued real estate, and other contributors to its financial failures. From there he looks at today's Japan, restructuring its economy in accord with American and World Bank dicta, and dealing with the profound social changes necessary to recapture its economic momentum and ensure its continuing dominance as an economic superpower.]

Japan: The Toothless Tiger / <u>Declan?ayes</u>

Tokyo: Tuttle Publishing, 2001

192[°]p.; 080483279X \$24.95

[The current economic and political balance of power in Asia is shifting away from Japan, which once dominated Asia through sheer financial muscle, to China, which is beginning to fill the vacuum left by the gradual U.S. withdrawal from the region. Now journalist, author, and Asian-economic expert Declan Hayes thoroughly examines how this shift is taking place and what effects it will have both in Asia and the West.

Japan, The Toothless Tiger, addresses not only the historic role the U.S. has played in maintaining peace in Asia, but also explores the threat China poses to its neighbors' economic and political sovereignty. In his fast-paced, literary style Hayes explains the urgent need for Japan to re-balance the scales by developing nuclear arms, armaments, and missile defense systems capable of protecting its own national interests as well as the balance of power in Asia. Is protection possible without triggering a massive arms race with China? Japan, The Toothless Tiger is a must read for anyone interested in the changing face of the Asian political economy and the effects that this drastic shift will likely have on the West.]

Memoirs of the Warrior Kumagai: A Historical Novel / Donald?ichie

Tokyo: Tuttle Publishing, 1999

176p.; 0804821267 \$18.95

[Kumagai Naozane was a Japanese warrior famous for having taken the head of the young and handsome samurai Atsumori. This episode has become one of the best-known and best-loved in the Tale of the Heike, the great medieval epic of the twelfth century and a work central to Japanese literature.

The seasoned warrior, struck by Atsumori? beauty, nonetheless forces himself to dutifully kill the boy--then in contrition becomes a priest, never to fight again. This anecdote is celebrated, endlessly sung and written about, and often pictured and dramatized in both the Noh and Kabuki; but is the popular and sentimental tale true--and if so, in what way?

In this brilliant historical reconstruction of the life and times of Kumagai, Donald Richie asks that very question. Purporting to be the recently discovered memoirs of the warrior himself, Memoirs of the Warrior Kumagai is a fictional version of Kumagai? own attempt to come to terms with his past--the real past which is his and that other past which he in his priestly retirement hears the monks inventing as they compose the lay which will eventually become the Tale of the Heike.

As the warrior remembers his past and compares it to its finctional parallel, he evokes the wonders of the city of Heiankyo (Kyoto); the wars which raised the Taira (Heike) clan to power under the general Kiyomoro and later reduced it to ruin at the hands of Yoritomo and the Minamoto (Genji) clan; the battles at the Uji River; life in the imperial court of the retired

emperor Go-Shirakawa; and the naval encounter and Dannoura, where the infant emperor Antoku was delivered to the depths of the sea.

At the same time Kumagai must confront this alternate account, which eventually becomes the only one. He writes: ? want to put my life some kind of order and to create a permanence where none exists." In so doing he has to determine the meaning of his life. Always curious as to what shape it would take, this brave, impatient, prosaid, and pragmatic warrior finds that he must decide who he will become.

Among the many ironies of this gleaming account is that Kumagai, man of action, remains unaware of just what his contemplation, a meditation on the nature of history, has created. And among the many pleasures of this brilliantly colored chronicle is how the common humanity of this honest, hopeless man transcends his time and milieu to speak directly to us, here and now.]

My Asakusa: Coming of Age in Pre-war Tokyo /<u>Sadako?awamura</u> <u>Norman?.?tafford</u> (translator) <u>Yasuhiro?awamura</u> (translator)

Tokyo: Tuttle Publishing, 2000

304p.

0804821356

\$16.95

[Sadako Sawamura was a popular stage, film and television actress who lived an extraordinary life. My Asakusa is her poignant memoir. Born and raised in the now-extinct Shitamachi district of Asakusa, a neighborhood brimming with Kabuki theaters and geisha pleasure houses, Sadako Sawamura's rise to icon status is fascinating, including her account of serving a jail sentence for her pro-Communist sympathies. A remarkable woman and a remarkable true-life.]

Wabi Sabi: The Japanese Art of Impermanence / Andrew?uniper

Tokyo: Tuttle Publishing, 2003

176p.; 0804834822 \$12.95

[Wabi sabi, the quintessential Japanese design aesthetic, is quickly gaining popularity around the world, as evidenced by recent articles in Utne Reader and Kyoto Journal. Taken from the Japanese words wabi, which translates to less is more, and sabi, which means attentive melancholy, wabi sabi refers to an awareness of the transient nature of earthly things and a corresponding pleasure in the things that bear the mark of this impermanence. As a design style, wabi sabi helps us to appreciate the simple beauty in imperfection--of a chipped vase or a rainy day, for example.]

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