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Understanding Contemporary Japanese Culture Tuttle Publishing

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The Religious and Philosophical Foundations Tuttle Publishing

Language was used for centuries as a barrier to prevent the non-Japanese from learning about how Japanese society works. This book provides a practical insight into anticipating Japanese behaviour and avoiding cultural faux-pas.

Japan: A Guide to Traditions, Customs and Etiquette Tuttle Publishing

Beginning students in Japanese martial arts, such as karate, judo, aikido, iaido, kyudo, and kendo, learn that when they are in the dojo (the practice space), they must don their practice garb with ritual precision, address their teacher and senior students in a specific way, and follow certain unwritten but deeply held codes of behavior. But very soon they begin to wonder about the meaning behind the traditions, gear, and relationships in the dojo. In this collection of lively, detailed essays, Dave Lowry, one of the most well-known and respected swordsmen in the United States, illuminates the history and meaning behind the rituals, training costumes, objects, and relationships that have such profound significance in Japanese martial arts, including • the dojo

space itself • the teacher-student relationship • the act of bowing • what to expect—and what will be expected of you—when you visit a dojo • the training weapons • the hakama (ceremonial skirt) and dogi (practice uniform) • the Shinto shrine Authoritative, insightful, and packed with fascinating stories from his own experience, In the Dojo provides a wealth of information that beginning students will pore over and advanced students will treasure.

In the Dojo Tuttle Publishing

Overcrowding. Lengthy queues. Increasing animosity from locals. Loss of authenticity. Disappointment. As tourists, how can we improve tourism for locals, their communities, their culture and the environment - as well as for ourselves?By taking steps to "be invisible," of course!Unbeknownst to most tourists, there is a hidden power within them. This handbook examines the lesser-known problems with overtourism, how they came to be and details practical solutions to help you unlock this power to use as a force for good.Packed with everything you need to know to tailor your own invisibility cloak, you'll learn how to: Plan a stress-free trip every time & ways to reduce disappointment; Enjoy popular destinations without contributing to overcrowding;

Feel fulfilled by personal, authentic encounters with locals whilst helping their businesses; Avoid pickpockets & scammers for a safe travel experience; Preserve local cultures & identities instead of diluting them; Protect attractions of significant cultural heritage & the natural environment. Learn how to make the most of your next travel experience by "blending in!" **Etiquette Guide to Japan** Etiquette Guide to Japan Know the Rules that Make the Difference! (Third Edition)

Learn the elements of the timeless beauty that is Japanese design in this concise reference volume. Japanese design is known throughout the world for its beauty, its simplicity, and its blending of traditional and contemporary effects. This succinct guide describes the influence and importance of 65 key elements that make up Japanese design, detailing their origins—and their impact on fields ranging from architecture and interior design to consumer products and high fashion. Learn, for example, how the wabi sabi style that's so popular today developed from the lifestyle choices made by monks a thousand years ago. And how unexpected influences—like tatami (straw mats) or seijaku (silence)—have contributed to contemporary Japanese design. Elements of Japanese Design offers new insights into the historical and cultural developments at the root of this now international aesthetic movement. From wa (harmony) to kaizen (continuous improvement), from mushin (the empty mind) to mujo (incompleteness), you'll discover how these elements have combined and evolved into a powerful design paradigm that has changed the way the world looks, thinks and acts. Chapters include: Washi, Paper with Character Ikebana, Growing Flowers in a Vase Bukkyo, The Impact of Buddhism Shibui, Eliminating the Unessential Kawaii, The Incredibly "Cute" Syndrome Katana, Swords with Spirit

A Survival Guide to Customs and Etiquette Tuttle Publishing

Traveling to Japan has never been so much fun—visit the land of anime, manga, cosplay, hot springs and sushi! This graphic Japan travel guide is the first of its kind exploring Japanese culture from a cartoonist's perspective. Cool Japan Guide takes you on a fun tour from the high-energy urban streets of Tokyo to the peaceful Zen gardens and Shinto shrines of Kyoto and introduces you to: the exciting world of Japanese food—from bento to sushi and everything in between. the otaku (geek) culture of Japan, including a manga market in Tokyo where artists display and sell their original artwork. the complete Japanese shopping experience, from combini (not your run-of-the-mill convenience stores!) to depato (department stores with everything). the world's biggest manga, anime and cosplay festivals. lots of other exciting places to go and things to do—like zen gardens, traditional Japanese arts, and a ride on a Japanese bullet train. Whether you're ready to hop a plane and travel to Japan tomorrow, or interested in Japanese culture, this fun and colorful travelogue by noted comic book artist and food blogger Abby Denson, husband Matt, friend Yuuko, and sidekick, Kitty Sweet Tooth, will present Japan in a unique and fascinating way.

Culture Shock! Graphic Arts Books

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[Etiquette Guide to Korea](#) Paul Norbury Global Books Limited (UK)

The Japanese people have an extensive range of customs, rituals, and forms of etiquette for all aspects of their lives. These forms of etiquette are not only interesting for non-Japanese but also open our eyes to the fact that despite the huge strides Japan has made in terms of modern-day advancement in technologies, the age-old customs and traditions are still a deeply-embedded part of their society. They revere and respect their customs, traditions, and other forms of etiquette and expect people visiting from other countries to do so too. Similarly, the Japanese people are equally respectful of other people's traditions, customs, and etiquette and work hard to understand them so that they don't make a mistake when they visit other countries. Taking a page out of their etiquette book, it makes a lot of sense to learn about the Japanese forms of etiquette so that we can be prepared to do the right thing at the right time in the right place when we travel to Japan. Moreover, knowing about the culture of another country is a fabulous way of opening our minds and celebrating world differences. With the etiquette tips in this book, you will be able to handle the expectations of the courteous and polite people of Japan in terms of good behaviour and manners. Most of the people are happy to welcome guests and tourists with open arms and will be even more obliged to do their best to make your stay in their country happy and worthwhile if you show an effort to replicate their etiquette norms and requirements. What are you waiting for? Get this book and start learning today!

With Respect to the Japanese Tuttle Publishing

Japanese Business Culture and Practices presents detailed insights and descriptions on the proper ways to conduct business with contemporary Japanese. It focuses on the traditional and nontraditional business-related practices, including the internal mechanisms of promotion and decision-making in Japanese corporations. From advice on how to avoid cultural misunderstandings and how to develop trust with Japanese colleagues, readers will gain insights on how to communicate, negotiate, entertain, and socialize with Japanese as well as the minutiae of correct behavior. Using linguistic examples to facilitate how Japanese themselves view their work environment, authors Isao Takei and Jon P. Alston describe the social etiquette and protocols Japanese expect all foreigners to adopt in order to successfully conduct business. With a glossary of terms and practical real-life experiences, this is an essential guide for anyone who wants to forge deeper business relationships with Japanese.

The Connoisseur's Guide to Sushi Tuttle Publishing

Farewell to faux pas! South Korea is one of the greatest economic success stories of the past 60 years, and more and more Westerners are traveling to this bustling, modern country for business and pleasure. But no matter why you visit, an understanding of Korea's etiquette and culture is essential to an enjoyable and successful trip. With Etiquette Guide to Korea, you'll never need to worry about making an embarrassing mistake—this authoritative guide covers everything the courteous traveler needs to know, including the importance of names and how to use them, shaking hands versus bowing, table manners for celebrations and everyday meals, and how to negotiate in Korea. Also included are invaluable lists of Korean vocabulary and helpful phrases, making this book the most important item you can pack for your trip or extended stay in Korea.

Know the Rules that Make the Difference! John Murray Press

Tokyo is ground zero for Japan's famous "geek" or otaku culture—a phenomenon that has now swept across the globe. This is the most comprehensive Japan travel guide ever produced which features Tokyo's geeky underworld. It provides a comprehensive run-down of each major Tokyo district where geeks congregate, shop, play and hang out—from hi-tech Akihabara and trendy Harajuku to newer and lesser-known haunts like chic Shimo-Kita and working-class Ikebukuro. Dozens of iconic shops, restaurants, cafes and clubs in each area are described in loving detail with precise directions to get to each location. Maps, URLs, opening hours and over 400 fascinating color photographs bring you around Tokyo on an unforgettable trip to the centers of Japanese manga, anime and geek culture. Interviews with local otaku experts and people on the street let you see the world from their perspective and provide insights into Tokyo and Japanese culture, which will only continue to spread around the globe. Japanese pop culture, in its myriad forms, is more widespread today than ever before—with J-Pop artists playing through speakers everywhere, Japanese manga filling every bookstore; anime cartoons on TV; and toys and video games, like Pokemon Go, played by tens of millions of people. Swarms of visitors come to Tokyo each year on a personal quest to soak in all the otaku-related sights and enjoy Japanese manga, anime, gaming and idol culture at its very source. This is the go-to resource for those planning a trip, or simply

dreaming of visiting one day!

[The Japanese Have a Word for It](#) Routledge

an irrational fear of foreigners, probably justified, always understandable. an irreverent look at the beliefs and foibles of nations, almost guaranteed to cure Xenophobia.

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CultureShock! Japan McGraw-Hill Education

"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.

Manners and Mischief Tuttle Publishing

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[At Home in Japan](#) Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

Three popular destinations, from the series that makes the foreign familiar Now expanded, revised, and thoroughly up-to-date, the best-selling insider's guide (over 40,000 copies sold) continues to help business and holiday travelers navigate the serpentine currents of Japanese life and culture. In addition to the wealth of social background for which the Simple Guides are justifiably famous (including information on business dealings, eating in and out, visiting the Japanese home, greetings, shopping, and more), the book includes new sections on space, silence, taboos, and attitudes toward foreigners. Also here are new "Facts about Japan", covering essential traveler's information on climate, clothing, currency, key cities, and a great deal more.

A Guide to Tokyo, Kyoto, Tohoku and Japanese Culture Past and Present Tuttle Publishing

In *The Ikigai Journey*, authors Hector Garcia and Francesc Miralles take their international bestseller *Ikigai: the Japanese Secret to a Long and Happy Life* a step further by showing you how to find your own ikigai through practical exercises, such as employing new habits and stepping outside your comfort zone. Ikigai is the place where our passion (what we love), mission (what we hope to contribute), vocation (the gifts we have to offer the world) and profession (how our passions and talents can become a livelihood) converge, giving us a personal sense of meaning. This book helps you bring together all of these elements so that you can enjoy a balanced life. Our ikigai is very similar to change: it is a constant that transforms depending on which phase of life we are in. Our "reason for being" is not the same at 15 as it is at 70. Through three sections, this

book helps you to accept and embrace that—acting as a tool to revolutionize your future by helping you to understand the past, so you can enjoy your present. Section 1—Journey Through the Future: Tokyo (a symbol of modernity and innovation) Section 2—Journey Through the Past: Kyoto (an ancient capital moored in tradition) Section 3—Journey Through the Present: Ise (an ancient shrine that is destroyed and rebuilt every twenty years) Japan has one of the longest life spans in the world, and the greatest number of centenarians—many of whom cite their strong sense of ikigai as the basis for their happiness and longevity. Unlike many "self-care" practices, which require setting aside time in an increasingly busy world, the ikigai method helps you find peace and fulfillment in your busy life.

Business In Japan Univ of California Press

While Japan has been on center stage of the world economy for decades, interactions between the Japanese and Westerners continue to be on the rise. Daily communication in both business and social settings is commonplace, and connections through the Internet and mobile media make what felt distant only a few years ago seem familiar. Our cultures and social norms remain vastly different, however, and professionals working in Japan are likely to confront new challenges every day. For example, what are the three biggest challenges for Westerners who go to work in Japan? How can you tell when "yes" might mean "no"? When you are the guest in a taxi, who should sit

where? In the fully updated second edition of *With Respect to the Japanese*, readers discover not only answers to basic etiquette questions, but also how to communicate successfully with the Japanese and, in the process, earn mutual respect. John C. Condon and Tomoko Masumoto use real-life examples (from kindergarten classrooms to the boardroom) to explain the contrast between these two distinct cultures. In this essential guide to Japanese culture, you will learn how vital societal characteristics affect communication, decision making, management styles and many other aspects of work and everyday relationships.

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This guide to common courtesy, acceptable behavior, and manners is essential for any visitor to Japan. Japanese are unfailingly polite and will never tell you if you've crossed the line. But by knowing how to act in every situation you'll gain the respect of your hosts and in the end get even better service and enjoyment during your travels. Covered here are all the essentials—like travel, greetings, dining—plus subtle niceties like tone of voice, body language, cell phone usage, city vs. country styles, and attire (and what to do about your tattoos!). The author, a 25-year resident of Japan and tourist adviser who lives on the fabled Inland Sea, knows just what foreign visitors need and delivers it in a smart, compact, and delightfully illustrated package for quick use and reference.