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Anthropology

***Human Beliefs and Values in Striding Asia : East Asia in Focus: Country Profiles, Thematic Analyses, and Sourcebook Based on the AsiaBarometer Survey of 2004 / Edited by Takashi Inoguchi (et all)
Japan : Akashi Shoten Co., Ltd., c2006
579 p. : ill ; 25 cm
4-7503-2286-5
\$ 195.00

[The Asia Barometer Survey is establishing itself as a vital source of understanding and comparing public opinion in Asia. The newest 2004 survey spans 13 nations, and includes a wealth of new information on living conditions, life satisfaction, political attitudes, and economic conditions from the public's perspective. Moreover, the continuous monitoring of opinions across earlier Asia Barometers is an unparalleled tool to understand public responses to recent political events and the long-term development of the region. Policy makers, political analysts, and students of Asian politics will find this is a valuable resource. With this volume on Human Belief and Values in Striding Asia, Takashi Inoguchi and his colleagues continue their pioneering work to describe and analyze human attitudes, beliefs, and values in East and Southeast Asia. Results are based on the AsiaBarometer Survey 2004 which covers 13 countries of the region. The book opens a new dimension in our understanding of similarities and differences in the daily lives of ordinary people. It is a "must buy" for any scholar interested in the development of culture in Asia.]

The Book of Tea / Kakuzo Okakura
Tokyo : Yohan Classics , c2006
116 p. ; 19 cm
978-1-933330-17-4(USA)
978-4-89684-292-0(Japan)
\$ 14.95

[The book of Tea is brief but classic essay on tea drinking, its history, restorative powers, and rich connection to Japanese culture. Okakura felt that "Teaism" was at very center of Japanese life and helped shape everything from art, aesthetics, and an appreciation for the ephemeral to architecture, design, gardens, and painting. In tea could be found one source of what Okakura felt was Japan's and, by extension, Asia's unique power to influence the world. Containing both a history of tea in Japan and lucid, wide-ranging comments on the schools of tea, Zen, Taoism, Flower arranging, and the tea ceremony and its tea-masters, this book is deservedly a timeless classic and will be of interested in the Japanese arts and ways.]

Bushido : The Soul of Japan / Inazo Nitobe
Japan : IBC Publishing, 2007
129 p. ; 18 cm
978-4-89684-442-9
\$ 12.95

[Contents:
Preface
Chapter 1: Bushido as an Ethical System
Chapter 2: Sources of Bushido
Chapter 3: Correct Judgment or Justice
Chapter 4: Courage, the spirit of Daring and Bearing
Chapter 5: Kindness, the Feeling of Mental Pain
Chapter 6: Politeness
Chapter 7: Honesty and Sincerity
Chapter 8: Honor
Chapter 9: The Duty of Loyalty
Chapter 10: The Education and Training of a Samurai
Chapter 11: Self-Control
Chapter 12: Suicide and Revenge
Chapter 13: The Sword, the Soul of the Samurai
Chapter 14: The Training and Position of Women
Chapter 15: The Influence of Bushido
Chapter 16: Is Bushido Still Alive?
Chapter 17: The Future of Bushido
Word List.]

Architecture

***Graphic Anatomy Atelier Bow-Wow / Yoshiharu Tsukamoto and Momoyu Kaijima
Tokyo : TOTO Ltd, c2007
153 p. : ill ; 26 cm
978-4-88706-278-8
\$ 39.95

***Monastery of Sainte- Marie de La Tourette :1953-60 / Le Corbusier
Tokyo : Banana Books , c2007
55 p. : ill ; 21 cm
978-4-902930-10-8
\$ 16.95

[Contents:
Photos of the Monastery
Plans of the Monastery, Detail
Strong Awareness to the Origins of a Monastery
Odyssey of Master Architect in His Mature Age
Location of the Monastery
Development of Architect in His Mature Age
Positioning the Monastery of La Tourette
Brushup of Techniques
Japanese Architecture as Design Sources?
Outstanding Producer

Xenakis as a Musician and Structural Engineer
Cozy cells for Monks]

***Banraisha : A Poetic Architecture by Yoshiro Taniguchi and Isamu Noguchi / Makiko Sugiyama

Tokyo : Kajima Institute Publishing Co. Ltd., c2006

102 p. : ill ; 25 cm

4-306-04472-6

\$ 39.95

[Isamu Noguchi was one of the greatest masters of the twentieth century. Yet, born into the gap between Japan and the US, neither was his home. He stated that, for him, 'it was only in art that it was ever possible... to find any identity at all.' The Noguchi Room within Banraisha, on the campus to Keio University, was perhaps a home that beckoned his soul. On his side was Yoshiro Taniguchi, who left us countless architectural gems.

Many of us are finally becoming aware of the depth of the legacy this collaboration by the two will leave to our future. Sadly, we realized this only after it was lost, It is a lesson we have already learned repeatedly, with too many precedents from the past. Such is the irony our cultural assets will always bear. And now, we are being tested by history itself. Banraisha embodied the spirit taught by Yukichi Fukuzawa, the founder of Keio University. And it must be passed on, in words, for many generations to come.]

Experience in Material 49 : Ryoji Suzuki Complete Works 1973-2007

Tokyo : INAX Publishing, 2007

231 p. : ill ; 19 cm

Includes Index

978-4-87275-139-0

\$ 59.95

Architect's works file "Mikan"

Japan : Access to Mikan, 2007

111 p. : ill ; 29 cm

978-4-7678-0614-3

\$ 29.95

Arts

The Ideals of the East with Special Reference to the Art of Japan / Kakuzo Okakura

Tokyo : Yohan Classics , c2007

152 p. : ill ; 19 cm

978-4-89684-295-1

\$ 20.00

[Written at the turn of the 20th century, when many Asians (and Westerners) assumed the economically dominant West might also harbor a culturally superior civilization, this book offered a startling appreciation of Asian beauty, values, and spirituality through an introduction to Japanese art. By better understanding their own Asian roots, History and Spirituality, the Japanese, the author reasoned, could with confidence participate in the cultural development of the world. In recent times Okakura has been criticized for emphasizing Japan's "Uniqueness" and for catering to, if not in fact cementing, the West's view of Japan as a distant and exotic land. Even in that context, The ideals of the East remains an important work, as a guide to early interactions between Japan and the West

and as an example of the brilliant insights of one of Japan's most gifted cross-cultural interpreters.]

***Soul of Japan : Introducing Traditional Japanese Arts to the New Generations / Shozo Sato

Tokyo : Keio University Press , c2004

269 p. : ill ; 24 cm

4-7644-1028-9

\$ 45.00

[Contents:

The Tea Ceremony

Kabuki

Sumi: The Magical Art of Black Ink

Ikebana

Conclusion]

Communication & Journalism

***Information and communications in Japan 2007

Japan : Infocom Research, Inc., c2007

155 p. : ill ; 21 cm

978-4-915724-94-7

\$ 65.00

[Contents:

Principal Telecom Carriers in Japan (1984)

Highlights

Chapter 1: The Info-Communications industry

Chapter 2: Information and Communications Policy

Chapter 3: Internet

Chapter 4: Mobile and Communication Services

Chapter 5: Broadcasting and cable TV Services

Chapter 6: Business Trends]

Economics

Year Book of Asian Affairs 2006

Japan : Institute of Developing Economies, JETRO, 2006

viii, 588 p. ; 23 cm.

978-4-258-27005-7

\$ 89.95

An Analytical Overview of yearly economic and political affairs in Asian Countries, with an outline of issues and news arranged in chronological order. Key economic statistics are attached.

Trade-related Indices and Trade Structure / Compiled by NODA Yosuke and Kuroko Masato

Japan : Institute of Developing Economies, 2007

344 p. ; 29 cm.

I.D.E. Statistical Data Series No.91

\$ 59.95

New Challenges for Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA) Policy: Human Rights, Democracy and Aid Sanctions / Fumitaka Furuoka

Sabah : Universiti Malaysia Sabah, c2006

xxiii, 317 p. ; 23 cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index.

983-2369-39-8

1. Economic assistance, Japanese-Research
 2. Japan-Economic policy Research
 3. Japan-Foreign economic relations-Research
- \$ 24.00
-

History

***Women in Medieval Japan: Motherhood, Household Management and Sexuality / Wakita Haruko

Tokyo : University of Tokyo Press (Distributors Monash University Press, Victoria), 2006

vi, 230 p.; 23 cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index.

978-1-876924-45-4

1. Women -Japan-History. 2. Japan-History-1185-1600. I. Tokita, Alison, 1947, II. Monash University. Monash Asia Institute. III.Title.
- \$ 29.90

[This book demonstrates the diversity of women's lives in this dynamic yet trouble period of Japanese history. Eminent historian Wakita Haruko puts forward a powerful argument that women were not confined to the roles of wife and mother, but had a variety of opportunities for social labour and participation in an expanding commercial culture.

Women in medieval Japan were in an interesting position, when the flexible marriage arrangements of the ancient era were giving way to the custom of a women entering her husband's family for life. Mothers were accorded a large degree of respect, even though they were demeaned by ideas of impurity and karmic hindrance.]

***Kyoto in the Fifties : As seen by Fosco Maraini

Kyoto : Italian School of East Asian Studies, 1995

96p.

4900793094

9784900793095

\$ 29.50

Travels to Real and Imaginary Lands : Two Lectures on East Asia / Giuliano Bertuccioli

Kyoto : Italian School of East Asian Studies, 1990

85p.

Occasional Papers 2

With an Appendix 'Francesco Carletti on Slavery and Oppression / Antonino Forte

4900793043

\$ 29.50

***Japanese Historical Figures / Morimura Munefuyu and Kirsten McIvor

Japan : Bilingual Books , c2007

319 p. : ill ; 19 cm

Includes Bibliography and Index

978-4-7700-4057-2
\$ 19.95

***Contemporary Japanese History : Since 1945 / James M. Vardaman
Tokyo : Yohan Classics, c2006.
311 p. : ill ; 21 cm
Includes Bibliography and Index.
4-89684-389-4
\$ 21.95

***The Life and Times of Miyamoto Musashi / Shizuteru Usui
Hiroshima : Gariver Products, c2003
208 p. : ill and Maps ; 20 cm
4-86107-005-8
\$ 21.95

From Marco Polo Bridge to Pearl Harbor : Who was responsible? / Tsuneo Watanabe (Edited
by James E.Auer)
Tokyo : Japan Publications Trading Co., Ltd., c2006
410 p. ; 24 cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index.
4-643-06012-3
\$ 59.95

[“Many Japanese apparently prefer not to know what happened during the ‘Shows War”. When the military forces of their country behaved in a manner that seems almost incomprehensible today. As a result, the matter of individual responsibility has hitherto been little discussed. This book earns our gratitude by squarely and honestly attempting to identify those guilty of decisions that brought death to hundred of thousand, if not millions, in Asia on the island of the Pacific. Each major decision (or lack of decision) that contributed to the slaughter of a terrible war is chronicle along with the names of the perpetrators. This book deserves the attention especially of those who never knew or have forgotten the horrors of the long years of war.]

***Unexpected Encounters : Neglected histories behind the Australia- Japan relationship /
Edited by Michael Ackland and Pam Oliver
Australia : Monash University Press, c2007
xxvi, 210 p. : ill ; 21 cm
Includes Bibliography
978-1-876924-50-8
1. Australia- Relations- Japan- History
2. Japan-Relation-Australia
\$ 35.90

[Telling the personal stories of Australians in Japan and Japanese in Australia, this book explores issues of race, identity and ambition in times of war and peace. The essays collected here illuminate a variety of fascinating lives and individual achievements, from trade to literature and the arts, the media and the justice system. For over 150 years, people have been shaped by and contributed to the breadth, strength and diversity of the Australia- Japan relationship. As the editors and their contributors contend, a transnational relationship is ultimately constituted by hundreds of untold, seesawing and yet fruitful

personal encounters that overcome prejudice, and blur the boundaries set by official and unofficial racial mores.]

***Japanese History : 11 Experts reflect on the Past

Japan : Bilingual Books, c2006

239 p. : ill ; 19 cm

Includes Index.

4-7700-4018-0

\$ 21.95

A Diplomat in Japan : The Inner History of the Critical Years in the Evolution of Japan When the Ports were Opened and the Monarchy Restored, recorded by a diplomatist who took an active part in the events of the time, with an account of his personal experience during that period / Sir Ernest Satow

Tokyo : Yohan Classics , c2006

472 p. : ill ; 19 cm

Includes Index

978-1-933330-16-7 (USA)

978-4-89684-2890-0 (JAPAN)

\$ 29.95

[After more than two hundred years of self-imposed isolation, Japan opened itself to the Western world in 1854. There followed a time of political upheaval, capped by the Meiji Restoration in 1868. British diplomat Ernest Satow was near the center of these events and knew or met all of the key figures of the time. This remarkable book, begun in 1885 and based on the author's detailed diary and keen memory, is a record of the inner history of those critical years in the evolution of Japan, accompanied by an account of Satow's personal experiences during that period.]

The Inugami Clan / Seishi Yokomizo

Tokyo : Yohan Classics , c2006

309 p. ; 19 cm

978-4-89684-427-6(Japan)

\$ 24.95

[In mid-1940s Japan Sahei Inugami, wealthy head of the Inugami Group and 'Silk King of Japan' dies in his lakeside villa at the venerable age of 81. In his youth, Sahei was rescued from poverty and an early death by a Shimo priest. However, upon Sahei's death, his debt of gratitude to the priest unleashes a bitter curse, triggering a chain of gruesome and bizarre murders as the members of the Inugami family are pit against each other in a desperate contest for his fortune.

This haunting tale of murder and suspense is the first of over 80 books, famous in Japan, featuring the popular detective, Kosuke Kindaichi. His disorderly character and eccentric habits conceal sharp deduction skills that enable Kindaichi to solve the crimes.

Discovering the Inugami Clan's terrible secrets of forbidden liaisons, monstrous cruelty, and disguised identities, Kindaichi unravels the complex web of human relationships and passions that lie behind the murders.]

The Mikado's Empire : A History of Japan from the age of Gods to the Meiji Era (660 BC-AD 1872) / William Elliot Griffis

Tokyo : Yohan Classics , c2006

xix, 492 p. , 19 cm
Includes Index and Maps.
978-4-89684-290-6
\$ 27.95

[The Mikado's Empire was in its day the most popular book on the then-mysterious nation of Japan. Contained here is Part I of William E.Griffis's influential two-volume work. It covers the history and culture of Japan from prehistory to the revolution in Japan that opened the nation to the West and set the stage for Japan's evolution into an industrial and military power. Distinguished by vigorous writing and first-hand knowledge, this book remains an important tool for understanding Western perceptions of Japan.]

Unbeaten Tracks in Japan : An Account of Travels in the Interior Including Visits to the Aborigines of Yezo and the Shrine of Nikko / Isabella L. Bird
Tokyo : Yohan Classics , c2006
xxi, 330 p. : ill ; 19 cm
Includes Index
978-1-933330-19-8 (USA)
978-4-89684-291-3 (Japan)
\$ 24.95

[In 1878, a decade after the Meiji Restoration Japan into the community of nations, the author, already forty-seven years old, set out to explore the backroads of northeastern Honshu and Hokkaido, regions that were almost entirely untouched by Tokyo's galloping rush toward modernization. Travelling with a Japanese interpreter, she walked, rode horses, took a jinrikisha, and traveled by ferry for six months and over 1,400 miles, braving natural hazards, bad weather, and occasional animosity. Her exceptional book- a series of letters to her sister-is the first recorded account of the interior of Japan by a Westerner. While some Japanese were uncomfortable having Japan's relative backwardness and poverty exposed, Bird herself was charmed as she observed ordinary Japanese village and town life and commented on dress, food, religion, homes, and customs. Her observations on the aboriginal Ainu population are especially significant, even today.]

A History of Victorian Popular Picture Books : The Aesthetic, Creative and Technological aspects of the Toy Book through the publications of the firm of Routledge 1852-1893 – Parts 1 & 2 SET / Tomoko Masaki
Tokyo : Kazama-Shobo, c2006
2v. : ill. ; 23 cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index.
4-7599-1560-5
\$ 600.00(Set) (Including Air Delivery Charges)

[Part 1 : Combination of Volume 1 – Text & Volume II – Catalogue
Part 2 : Volume III – Illustrations

Contents :

Volume 1

Introduction

Chapter 1 : The publication history of toy books by the firm of Routledge in the context of the Victorian period

Chapter 2 : The Aesthetic development and printing history of front cover design : the pursuit and development of Connections

Chapter 3 : Printers of Toy Books : The Picture book phenomenon in Victorian England

Chapter 4 : Edmund Evans : his contribution to the development of colour printing and picture book design, through his collaboration with various artists in his work for the publisher Routledge

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Appendix List of the toy book series published by the firm of Routledge

Bibliography

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Catalogue

Toy books published by the firm of Routledge

Composite volume of toy books published by the firm of Routledge

Index for Volume 1

Volume 3 – Illustrations.]

Literature

Woman on the Other Shore / Mitsuyo Kakuta

Tokyo : Kodansha International , c2004

271 p. ; 23 cm

978-4-7700-3043-6

Novel

\$ 31.95

[This compelling novel, widely acclaimed for its perceptive portrayal of the everyday lives and struggles of Japanese women, struck a deep chord with readers throughout Japan. In 2005 it won the prestigious Naoki Prize, awarded semiannually for the best work of popular fiction by an established writer.

Sayoko, a thirty-five-year-old homemaker with a three-year-old child, begins working for Aoi, a free-spirited, single career woman her own age who runs a travel agency-housekeeping business. Timid and unable to connect with other mothers in her neighborhood, Sayoko finds herself drawn to Aoi's independent lifestyle and easygoing personality. The two hit it off from the start, beginning a friendship that is for Sayoko also a reaffirmation of what living is about.

Aoi, meanwhile, has not always been the self-confident person she appears to be. Severe class-room bullying in junior high had forced her to change schools, uprooting her and her family to the countryside; and at her new schools, she was so afraid of again becoming the object of her class-mates' cruelties that she spent most of her time steering clear of those around her.

The present day friendship between Sayoko and Aoi on the one hand, and Aoi's painful high school past on the other, form a gripping two-tier narrative that converges in the final chapter. The book touches on a broad range of issues of concern of women today, from marriage and child rearing to being and working for oneself. It is a universal story about both the fear and the joy of opening up to others.]

Faces in the Crowds : A Tokyo international anthology / Edited by Hillel Wright

Tokyo : Printed Matter Press , c2002

254 p. : ill ; 22 cm

0-935086-02-1

\$ 34.95

Yakuza moon : Memoirs of a gangster's daughter / Shoko Tendo

Tokyo : Kodansha International, c2004
187 p. ; 23 cm
978-4-7700-3042-9
\$ 29.95

[A shocking yet intensely moving first-person account of one woman's experience of growing up in Japan's yakuza society.

Born into the family of a wealthy yakuza boss, Shoko Tendo lives her early years in luxury, But labeled "the yakuza kid", she is the victim of bullying and discrimination from teacher's and classmates at school, and of her father's violent rages at home. The family falls into debt, and Tendo falls in with the wrong crowd. By the age of fifteen she is a gang member, by the age of eighteen a drug addict, and her young adulthood is marked by a series of abusive and violent relationships with men.

After the death of her parents and her own attempt at suicide, Tendo turns her life around. A pivotal moment is the decision to get tattooed: an act of empowerment that helps her take control of her life.

This is the universally appealing story of a young woman's successful struggle to escape from a life of ostracism and abuse, and a rare glimpse into Japan's closed yakuza world from an insider's viewpoint.]

The Demon's Sermon on The Martial Arts and Other Tales / Issai Chozanshi

Tokyo : Kodansha International, c2006
221 p. : ill ; 19 cm
4-7700-3018-4
\$ 24.95

[The Demon's Sermon opens with the Discourses, a collection of whimsical fables concerned with the theme of transformation- for Chozanshi a core phenomenon to the martial artist. Though ostensibly light and fanciful, these stories offer the attentive reader ideas that subvert perceived notions of conflict and the individual's relationship to the outside world. In the main body of work, the Sermon, Chozanshi demonstrates how transformation is fostered and nurtured through ch'i- the vital and fundamental energy that flows through all things, animate and inanimate, and the very bed rock of Chozanshi's themes and the martial arts themselves. This he does using the voice of the Tengu, as the reader is invited to eavesdrop with the swordsman on the demon's revelations of the deepest truths concerning ch'i, the principles on yin and yang, and how these forces shape our existence. In the Dispatch the themes are brought to an elegant conclusion using the parable of an old and toothless cat who, like the demon, has mastered the art of acting by relying on nothing, and in so doing can defeat even the wildest and most vicious of rats despite his advanced years.]

Demon Lake / Izumi Kyoka

Tokyo : Hokuseido Press,2007
201 p. ; 17 cm
978-4-590-01216-2
\$ 14.95

[Contents:
Demon Lake
Comments on the Significance of this New Translation
Izumi Kyoka: The Man and his Literature]

Border Town / Hillel Wright

Tokyo : Printed Matter Press, c2006
170 p. : ill ; 19 cm
1-933606-08-8
\$ 22.95

Official Publications

Japan's Official Development Assistance : White Paper 2006
Tokyo : Urban Connections, c2007
v, 237 p. : ill ; 30 cm
978-4-900849-92-1
\$ 69.95

[Contents:
Part I : Japan's Official Development Assistance for world peace and prosperity
Part II : ODA Disbursements in Fiscal Year 2005
Part III : Statistical Appendix
Chart
Box
Column]

Annual Report on the Japanese Economy and Public Finance 2006 : Japanese Economy
Heading for New Growth Era with Conditions for Growth Restored
Japan : Cabinet Office, Government of Japan, 2006
448 p. : ill ; 21 cm
Includes Bibliography
978-4-17-566406-9
\$ 59.95

[Contents:
Introduction
Chapter 1: Japanese Economy Heading for New Growth Era and its Challenges
Chapter 2: Changes in the business Behaviour and Companies Evaluation of Structural Reforms
Chapter 3: Changes in Environment in the Household Sector and Challenges toward the Strengthening of Human Potential

Diplomatic Bluebook 2006 : Japanese Diplomacy and Global Affairs in 2005
Tokyo : Urban Connections, c2006
330 p. : ill ; 26 cm
Includes Index and Maps
4-900849-87-1
\$ 59.95

[Contents:
Chapter 1: Overview
Chapter 2: Japan's Regional Diplomacy
Chapter 3: Japan's Foreign Policy in Major Diplomatic Fields
Chapter 4: Japanese Nationals Active in the International Community and Diplomatic Roles
Chapter 5: Japanese Diplomacy that has Public Understanding and Support.
Major International Events
VIP Visits
Index and Abbreviations]

Politics

Power and Pork : A Japanese Political Life / Aurelia George Mulgan
Australia : The Australian National University, c2006

ix, 273 p.; 22 cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index.

0-7315-3757-2

1. Japan – Politics and Government

2. Japan – Economic policy

\$ 32.95

[Power and Pork : A Japanese political life aims to tell the 'inside story' of a Japanese Politician – Matsuoka Toshikatsu – one of the more controversial members of Japan's national Diet. Matsuoka belongs to the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) as a representative of the Lower House constituency of Kumamoto No.3, one of Japan's regional electorates. His behaviour has been the subject of much speculation and commentary in the media. The book details Matsuoka's political stratagems and policy activities as an archetypal 'traditional' politician representing farm and rural interests. As an old-style, old-guard LDP Diet member, Matsuoka is the kind of politician that former Prime Minister Koizumi targeted in his attempt to reform his own party and the policymaking process. Matsuoka's reversal of fortune under Prime Minister Abe with his appointment to the post of Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries raises questions about the durability of Koizumi's reforms.

The scope of the work is contemporary Japanese domestic politics, including electoral processes, zoku influence, pork barreling and 'money politics' as exemplified by one of its key players. Power and Pork gives an account of how Matsuoka has catered to local, sectional and clientele interests in order to build and retain his political power base. One of the most important conclusions of the book is that individual ruling party backbenchers can exercise extraordinary influence over government policy in Japan.]

Japanese Public Opinion and the War on Terrorism: Implications for Japan's Security Strategy / Paul Midford

Washington : East- West Center, c2006

ix, 72 p. ; 24 cm

Includes Bibliography.

Policy Studies No.27

978-1-932728-52-1

ISSN: 1547-1349*

\$ 19.95

Religion – Buddhism

Dharma Bell and Dharani Pillar : Li Po's Buddhist Inscriptions / Paul W Kroll

Kyoto : Italian School of East Asian Studies, 2001

95p.

Epigraphical Studies : 3

4900793191

\$ 35.00

The Shaolin Monastery Stele on Mount Song / Tonami Mamoru; Translated and Annotated by P.A. Herbert; Edited by Antonine Forte
Kyoto : Italian School of East Asian Studies, 1990

61p.; 14 Figs
Epigraphical Studies : 1
4900793027
\$ 35.00

Vegetal Buddhas : Ideological Effects of Japanese Buddhist Doctrines on the Salvation of Inanimate Beings / Fabio Rambelli
Kyoto : Italian School of East Asian Studies, 2001
129p ; 3 Figs
Occasional Papers 9
4900793175
9784900793170
\$ 38.00

Monks and Monarchs, Kinship and Kingship : Tanqian in Sui Buddhism and Politics / Chen Jinhua
Kyoto : Italian School of East Asian Studies, 2002
Xiii, 310p.
Essays : Volume 3
4900793213
\$ 59.50

Buddhist Asia 1 : Papers from the First Conference of Buddhist Studies Held in Naples in May 2001 / Edited by Giovanni Verardi, Silvio Vita
Kyoto : Italian School of East Asian Studies, 2003
Ix, 245p.
4900793221
\$ 60.00

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- Images of Destruction : An Enquiry into Hindu Icons in their Relation to Buddhism / Giovanni Verardi
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 - On the Origin of the Purple Kasaya in China / Antonino Forte
 - Dharmaraksa and Kanthaka : White Horse Monasteries in Early Medieval China / Antonella Palumbo
 - Printings of the Buddhist "Canon" in Modern Japan / Silvio Vita
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A Raft from the other shore : Honen and the Way of Pure Land Buddhism / Sho- on Hattori
Tokyo : Jodu Shu Press, c2000
119 p. ; 21 cm
4-88363-329-2
\$ 16.95

Essentials of Buddhist Manners and Rituals: A Practical Guide / Kodo Matsunami
Tokyo : Omega-Com, Inc. JABICS (Japanese Buddhism International Communications Service), c2007

xix, 248 p.; 23 cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index.
978-4-9902154-8-4
Essentials of Buddhism Series
\$ 29.95

[This book responds directly to that need. It is the first practical English guide to offer not only knowledge about the various Buddhist practices and rituals, but also detailed explanations of the fascinating history and profound philosophy that lie behind them.]

You were Born For a Reason : The Real Purpose of Life / Kentesu Takamori, Daiji Akehashi and Kentaro Ito
Tokyo : Ichimannendo Publishing, Inc., 2006
Includes Bibliography and Index.
xi, 224 p. ; 23 cm
4-925253-24-7
\$ 24.95

[As human beings, we have one thing in common: we search all our lives for lasting happiness.

You were born for a reason tells us that happiness can indeed be found. But it is not found in the places we ordinarily look, such as status, achievements, or family. This book, which has sold nearly half a million copies since its original publication in Japan, shows us how navigate life's obstacles from a deep and abiding source of inner peace.

The Authors- a Buddhist teacher, a Psychotherapist, and a philosopher-bring their combined wisdom to bear on the age-old question: what is the purpose of life? They direct us toward answers contained in often-overlooked Buddhist teachings-specially, in the words of Shinran, who is the founder of Jodo Shinshu, the largest of Japan's schools of Buddhism.

In clear and compelling language, You Are Born For a Reason shows why human life is not only meaningful, but infinitely precious. It considers the many ills that plague modern society-suicide, murder, angst, a constant sense of futility- and guides us to the enduring truths that can renew our hearts and finally provide real happiness.]

Sociology

Frontiers of social research : Japan and beyond / edited by Akira Furukawa.
Rosanna, Vic. : Trans Pacific Press, 2007.
xv, 351 : ill. ; 23 cm.
9781876843342 (hbk.)
9781876843359 (pbk.)
Advanced social research series (Nishinomiya, Japan) ; v. 2
Includes index.
Bibliography: p. 318-338.
Subjects: Sociology --Research --Japan.
Japan --Social conditions.
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