

Read about Japan!

History, Culture

Modern Japan 952.04 Duu

Samurai

- by Stephen Turnbull
952.02 Tur (2003)

The Japanese Mind

- by Robert C. Christopher
952.04 Chr (1983)

The Making of Modern Japan

- by Marius B. Jansen
952.025 Jan (2000)

Death in Life: Survivors of Hiroshima

- by Robert Jay Lifton
952.19 (1967)
Shockwave: Hiroshima 940.5425wal

Economy, Politics

Japan in the 21st Century

- by Pradyumna P. Karan
952.05 Kar (2005) with map

Japan Remodeled

- by Steven K. Vogel
338.952 Vog (2006)

Constructing Civil Society in Japan

- by Koichi Hasegawa
363.705 Has (2004)

Japan's Financial Crisis

- by Jennifer A. Amyx
332.1 Amy (2004)



Art, Literature

The Tales of the Heike 895.6 tal

Faces of Japan (photography)

- by Bob Davis
915.2 Dav (1978) 915.2 Dav

Noh theater 792.7028 vol (2010)

Kabuki theatre 792 Sco (1955)

Manga: comics 741.5 gra

Religion

The Temple of the Golden Pavilion

- a novel by Yukio Mishima that has
to do with a Buddhist temple
Christianity 275.2 Rei

Music

Sakura: Japanese melodies for flute
and harp (CD - world saku japa)

Koto Music of Japan (CD - world
zumi koto)

Travel

Tokyo 915.21 Mar

Lost Japan

- by Alex Kerr 952.04 Ker (1996)

Gardening

Create your own Japanese garden
712.60952 ogu (2007)

Domestic Life

Tea Ceremony 394.12 Tan

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Romance Fiction

Matsuoka, Takashi

- Autumn Bridge (2004) (historical)

Schaeffer, Susan Fromberg

- The Snow Fox (2004) (historical)

Walbert, Kate

- The Gardens of Kyoto (2001)
(World War II)

Tsukiyama, Gail

- The Street of a
Thousand
Blossoms (2007)
(also in **LP** and
audio book)



(follows lives of 2
brothers during mid-20th century)

Thriller

Hayder, Mo

- The Devil of Nanking (2004)
(also in audio book format)
(deals with 1930's Nanking
massacre)

Benson, Raymond

- The Man with the Red Tattoo
(2002) (espionage)

Smith, Martin Cruz

- December 6 (2002) (also in **LP**)
(set just prior to World War II)

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Mystery Fiction

Browne, Marshall

- Rendezvous at Kamakura Inn
(2005) Mys Fic

Kirino, Natsuo

- Out (2003) Mys Fic
(contemporary)

Lee, Don

- Country of Origin (2004)

Massey, Sujata

- Girl in a Box (2006) Mys Fic
(espionage)

Miyabe, Miyuki

- The Devil's Whisper (2007) Mys
Fic

Nonami, Asa

- Detective Takako Otomichi
series

Peace, David

- Tokyo Year Zero (2007) (also in
audio book format)

Rowland, Laura Joh

- Sano Ichiro shogun historical
mystery series

Yoshida, Shuichi

- Villain (2010) (noir fiction)

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For Young Adults

Yumoto, Kazumi

- The Letters (2003) S YA Fic

Otomo, Katsuhiro

- Akira (2009) Graphic novel
Cyberpunk Science Fiction



Summer Wars (2009)

Here's a DVD with a teenage
protagonist. Story has elements of
science fiction.
DVD fea sum

Cha no aji (The Taste of Tea)
(2003)

Looking for a comedy on DVD?
Here's a story about generational
conflict.

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Historical Fiction

Abe, Kobo

- The Woman in the Dunes (1964)
S Fic (rural life)

Bock, Dennis

- The Ash Garden (2001) (atomic bomb victims)

Hunter, Stephen

- Bob Lee Swagger series (samurai)

Hearn, Lian

- Tales of the Otori series (lots of adventure)

Knight, Michael

- The Typist (2010) (post World War II family drama)

Dalkey, Kara

- Genpei (2001) (set in 12th century, introduces many elements of fantasy)

Schuyler, Nina

- The Painting (2004) (Victorian era)

Mitchell, David

- The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet (2010) (recreates the lost world of the late 18th century - cross appeal for mystery readers) (also in **LP** and ebook)

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Contemporary Fiction

Mishima, Yukio

- Acts of Worship: 7 stories (1989)
- We have volumes 2, 3, and 4 of the "Sea of Fertility" series.

Murakami, Haruki

- After the Quake (2007) (ebook)
- After Dark (2007) (also on CD)
- Blind Willow, Sleeping Woman: 24 stories (2006) (also on CD)

There is also a biography on this author in the adult biography section.



Murakami, Ryu

- Audition (2010) (suspense)

Oe, Kenzaburo

- The Changeling (2010) (friendship, suicide - would appeal to readers who like a literary style)

Sherwood, Barrie

- Escape from Amsterdam (2008) (a look at Japan's underworld)

Mitchell, David

- Number9dream (2001) (a look at Japan's underworld)

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Movies listed by director

Akira Kurosawa:

- Yojimbo (The Bodyguard) a samurai film VHS
- Seven Samurai (double video set) VHS

Kiyoshi Kurosawa

- Tokyo Sonata DVD

Hiroshi Inagaki

- Musashi Miyamoto (part of Samurai trilogy) VHS

Juzo Itami

- Tampopo (parody of American western and Japanese samurai films) VHS

Kihachi Okamoto

- Sword of Doom (samurai film) VHS

Yojiro Takita

- Departures DVD

Documentaries:

Faces of Japan series
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Japan: the island empire
915.59 jap VHS