

# 100 books for Understanding Japan

## Politics/Government/International Relations

1	<a href="#">The Autobiography of Yukichi Fukuzawa</a>	Yukichi Fukuzawa	Columbia University Press, 1966
2	<a href="#">Broadcasting Politics in Japan: NHK and Television News</a>	Ellis S. Krauss	Cornell University Press, 2000
3	<a href="#">Constructing Civil Society in Japan: Voices of Environmental Movements</a>	Koichi Hasegawa	Trans Pacific Press, 2004
4	<a href="#">Cultural Norms and National Security: Police and Military in Postwar Japan</a>	Peter J. Katzenstein	Cornell University Press, 1996
5	<a href="#">A Discourse By Three Drunkards On Government</a>	Nakae Chomin	Weatherhill, 1984
6	<a href="#">Governing Japan: Divided Politics in a Major Economy</a>	J. A. A. Stockwin	Blackwells Publishing, 1999
7	<a href="#">The Iwakura Mission in America and Europe: A New Assessment</a>	Ian Nish (Ed.)	Routledge Curzon, 1998
8	<a href="#">Japan Remodeled: How Government and Industry are Reforming Japanese Capitalism</a>	Steven K. Vogel	Cornell University Press, 2006
9	<a href="#">Japan Rising: The Resurgence of Japanese Power and Purpose</a>	Kenneth B. Pyle	Public Affairs, 2007
10	<a href="#">Japanese Foreign Policy at the Crossroads: Challenges and Options for the Twenty-First Century</a>	Yutaka Kawashima	Brookings Institution Press, 2003
11	<a href="#">Japan's Love-Hate Relationship with the West</a>	Sukehiro Hirakawa	Global Oriental LTD, 2005
12	<a href="#">Japan's Quest for a Permanent Security Council Seat: A Matter of Pride or Justice?</a>	Reinhard Drifte	St. Martin's Press, 2000
13	<a href="#">The Logic of Japanese Politics: Leaders, Institutions, and the Limits of Change</a>	Gerald L. Curtis	Columbia University Press, 1999
14	<a href="#">Machiavelli's Children: Leaders and Their Legacies in Italy and Japan</a>	Richard J. Samuels	Cornell University Press, 2003
15	<a href="#">Media and Politics in Japan</a>	Susan J. Pharr and Ellis S. Kraus (Eds.)	University of Hawai'i Press, 1996
16	<a href="#">Network Power: Japan and Asia</a>	Peter J. Katzenstein and Takashi	Cornell University Press, 1997
17	<a href="#">Regime Shift: Comparative Dynamics of the Japanese Political Economy</a>	T. J. Pempel	Cornell University Press, 1998
18	<a href="#">Securing Japan: Tokyo's Grand Strategy and the Future of East Asia</a>	Richard J. Samuels	Cornell University Press, 2007
19	<a href="#">Thought and Behavior in Modern Japanese Politics</a>	Masao Maruyama	Oxford University Press, 1969
20	<a href="#">The Turbulent Decade: Confronting the Refugee Crises of the 1990s</a>	Sadako Ogata	W. W. Norton & Company, 2005
21	<a href="#">The U.S.-Japan Alliance: Past, Present, and Future</a>	Michael J. Green & Patrick M. Cronin	Council on Foreign Relations Press, 1999
22	<a href="#">U.S.-Japan Relations in a Changing World</a>	Steven K. Vogel (Ed.)	Brookings Institution Press, 2002

## Economics/Business

23	<a href="#">An Anticlassical Political-Economic Analysis: A Vision for the Next Century</a>	Yasusuke Murakami	Stanford University Press, 1996
24	<a href="#">British Factory - Japanese Factory: The Origins of National Diversity in Industrial Relations</a>	Ronald Dore	University of California Press, 1973

25	<a href="#">The Economics of Work in Japan</a>	Kazuo Koike	LTCB International Library Foundation, 1995
26	<a href="#">The Evolution of a Manufacturing System at Toyota</a>	Takahiro Fujimoto	Oxford University Press, 1999
27	<a href="#">Four Practical Revolutions in Management: Systems for Creating Unique Organizational Capability</a>	Shoji Shiba and David Walden	Productivity Press, 1993
28	<a href="#">Japan, China, and the Growth of the Asian International Economy, 1850-1949</a>	Kaoru Sugihara (Ed.)	Oxford University Press, 2005
29	<a href="#">Japan in the 21st Century: Environment, Economy, and Society</a>	Pradyumna P. Karan	The University Press of Kentucky, 2005
30	<a href="#">The Japanese Company</a>	Rodney Clark	Yale University Press, 1979
31	<a href="#">The Japanese Economic System and Its Historical Origins</a>	Tetsuji Okazaki & Masahiro Okuno-Fujiwara (Eds.)	Oxford University Press, 1999
32	<a href="#">The Japanese Firm: The Sources of Competitive Strength</a>	Masahiko Aoki and Ronald Dore (Eds.)	Oxford University Press, 1994
33	<a href="#">Japan's Financial Crisis: Institutional Rigidity and Reluctant Change</a>	Jennifer A. Amyx	Princeton University Press, 2004
34	<a href="#">Japan's Lost Decade</a>	Hiroshi Yoshikawa	LTCB International Library Foundation, 2001
35	<a href="#">Lectures on Modern Japanese Economic History, 1926-1994</a>	Takafusa Nakamura	LTCB International Library Foundation, 1994
36	<a href="#">Manufacturing Ideology: Scientific Management in Twentieth-Century Japan</a>	William M. Tsutsui	Princeton University Press, 1998
37	<a href="#">MITI and the Japanese Miracle: The Growth of Industrial Policy, 1925-1975</a>	Chalmers Johnson	Stanford University Press, 1982
38	<a href="#">Native Sources of Japanese Industrialization, 1750-1920</a>	Thomas C. Smith	University of California Press, 1988
39	<a href="#">Stock Market Capitalism: Welfare Capitalism: Japan and Germany versus the Anglo-Saxons</a>	Ronald Dore	Oxford University Press, 2000
40	<a href="#">The Sun Also Sets: The Limits to Japan's Economic Power</a>	Bill Emmott	Touchstone, 1989
41	<a href="#">21st-Century Japanese Management: New Systems, Lasting Values</a>	James C. Abegglen	Palgrave Macmillan, 2006

## Society/Culture

42	<a href="#">The Anatomy of Dependence</a>	Takeo Doi	Kodansha International, 1973
43	<a href="#">Bushido: The Soul of Japan</a>	Inazo Nitobe	Kodansha International, 2002
44	<a href="#">Edo Culture: Daily Life and Diversions in Urban Japan, 1600-1868</a>	Nishiyama Matsunosuke	University of Hawai'i Press, 1997
45	<a href="#">Family and Social Policy in Japan: Anthropological Approaches</a>	Roger Goodman (Ed.)	Cambridge University Press, 2002
46	<a href="#">Gender and Development: The Japanese Experience in Comparative Perspective</a>	Mayumi Murayama (Ed.)	Palgrave Macmillan, 2005
47	<a href="#">Japanamerica: How Japanese Pop Culture Has Invaded the U.S.</a>	Roland Kelts	Palgrave Macmillan, 2006
48	<a href="#">Japanese Science: From the Inside</a>	Samuel J. Coleman	Routledge, 1999
49	<a href="#">Japanese Society</a>	Chie Nakane	University of California Press, 1970
50	<a href="#">Japan's High Schools</a>	Thomas P. Rohlen	University of California Press, 1983

51	<a href="#">Loving the Machine: The Art and Science of Japanese Robots</a>	Timothy N. Hornyak	Kodansha International, 2006
52	<a href="#">Neighborhood Tokyo</a>	Theodore C. Bestor	Stanford University Press, 1989
53	<a href="#">Race for the Exits: The Unraveling of Japan's System of Social Protection</a>	Leonard J. Schoppa	Cornell University Press, 2006
54	<a href="#">Science, Technology and Society in Contemporary Japan</a>	Morris Low, Shigeru Nakayama, and Hitoshi Yoshinaka	Cambridge University Press, 1999
55	<a href="#">Tokugawa Religion: The Cultural Roots of Modern Japan</a>	Robert N. Bellah	The Free Press, 1957
56	<a href="#">Tsukiji: The Fish Market at the Center of the World</a>	Theodore C. Bestor	University of California Press, 2004

## Literature/Arts

57	<a href="#">Anime: From Akira to Howl's Moving Castle: Experiencing Contemporary Japanese Animation</a>	Susan J. Napier	Palgrave Macmillan, 2005
58	<a href="#">The Cape and Other Stories from the Japanese Ghetto</a>	Kenji Nakagami	Stone Bridge Press, 1999
59	<a href="#">The Columbia Anthology of Modern Japanese Literature: From 1945 to the Present</a>	Thomas J. Rimer and Gessel Van	Columbia University Press, 2007
60	<a href="#">Contemporary Japanese Film</a>	Mark Schilling	Weatherhill, 1999
61	<a href="#">Contemporary Japanese Literature: An Anthology of Fiction, Film, and Other Writing Since 1945</a>	Howard Hibbett (Ed.)	Cheng & Tsui, 2005
62	<a href="#">Dreamland Japan: Writings on Modern Manga</a>	Frederik L. Schodt	Stone Bridge Press, 1996
63	<a href="#">Erotic Grotesque Nonsense: The Mass Culture of Japanese Modern Times</a>	Miriam Silverberg	University of California Press, 2006
64	<a href="#">Five Modern Japanese Novelists</a>	Donald Keene	Columbia University Press, 2003
65	<a href="#">In Praise of Shadows</a>	Jun'ichirō Tanizaki	Vintage, 2001
66	<a href="#">Japanese Women Writers: Twentieth Century Short Fiction</a>	Noriko Mizuta Lippit and Kyoko	M.E. Sharpe, 1991
67	<a href="#">Kabuki: Baroque Fusion of the Arts</a>	Toshio Kawatake	I House Press, 2003
68	<a href="#">Kabuki Heroes on the Osaka Stage, 1780-1830</a>	Andrew C. Gerstle	University of Hawai'i Press, 2005
69	<a href="#">Kafu the Scribbler: The Life and Writings of Nagai Kafu, 1879-1959</a>	Edward G. Seidensticker	University of Michigan Centre for Japanese Studies, 1990
70	<a href="#">Kokoro</a>	Soseki Natsume	Tuttle Publishing, 1969
71	<a href="#">The Life of an Amorous Woman and Other Writings</a>	Ihara Saikaku	New Directions Publishing, 1963
72	<a href="#">Manga: Sixty Years of Japanese Comics</a>	Paul Gravett	Collins Design, 2004
73	<a href="#">The Narrow Road to the Deep North and Other Travel Sketches</a>	Matsuo Basho	Penguin Books, 1966
74	<a href="#">The Midnight Eye Guide to New Japanese Film</a>	Tom Mes and Jasper Sharp	Stone Bridge Press, 2004
75	<a href="#">Oe and Beyond: Fiction in Contemporary Japan</a>	Stephen Snyder and Philip Gabriel	University of Hawai'i Press, 1999

76	<a href="#">Origins of Modern Japanese Literature</a>	Karatani Kojin	Duke University Press, 1993
77	<a href="#">A Personal Matter</a>	Kenzaburo Oe	Grove Press, 1969
78	<a href="#">The Pleasures of Japanese Literature</a>	Donald Keene	Columbia University Press, 1988
79	<a href="#">I Haven't Dreamed of Flying for a While</a>	Taichi Yamada	Faber & Faber, 2008
80	<a href="#">Tale of Genji</a>	Murasaki Shikibu	Tuttle Publishing, 1976
81	<a href="#">The Tales of the Heike</a>		Columbia University Press, 2006
82	<a href="#">The Wild Goose</a>	Ogai Mori	University of Michigan Center for Japanese Studies, 1995

## History

83	<a href="#">The Abacus and the Sword: The Japanese Penetration of Korea, 1895-1910</a>	Peter Duus	University of California Press, 1995
84	<a href="#">The Atomic Bomb: Voices from Hiroshima and Nagasaki</a>	Kyoko and Mark Selden (Eds.)	M.E. Sharpe, 1989
85	<a href="#">The Conquest of Ainu Lands: Ecology and Culture in Japanese Expansion, 1590-1800</a>	Brett L. Walker	University of California Press, 2001
86	<a href="#">A Diary of Darkness: The Wartime Diary of Kiyosawa Kiyoshi</a>	Kiyoshi Kiyosawa	Princeton University Press, 1998
87	<a href="#">Emperor of Japan: Meiji and his World, 1852-1912</a>	Donald Keene	Columbia University Press, 2002
88	<a href="#">From Mahan to Pearl Harbor: The Imperial Japanese Navy and the United States</a>	Sadao Asada	Naval Institute Press, 2006
89	<a href="#">The Japanese Colonial Empire, 1895-1945</a>	Ramon H. Myers and Mark R.	Princeton University Press, 1984
90	<a href="#">Japanese Imperialism, 1894-1945</a>	William G. Beasley	Clarendon Press, 1987
91	<a href="#">The Making of Modern Japan</a>	Marius B. Jansen	The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2000
92	<a href="#">Modern Japan</a>	Peter Duus	Houghton Mifflin Company, 1998
93	<a href="#">Postwar Japan as History</a>	Andrew Gordon (Ed.)	University of California Press, 1993
94	<a href="#">Sakamoto Ryōma and the Meiji Restoration</a>	Marius B. Jansen	Columbia University Press, 1994
95	<a href="#">Samurai and Silk: A Japanese and American Heritage</a>	Haru Matsukata Reischauer	Tuttle Publishing, 1986
96	<a href="#">State and Diplomacy in Early Modern Japan: Asia in the Development of the Tokugawa Bakufu</a>	Ronald P. Toby	Stanford University Press, 1991
97	<a href="#">Victors' Justice: The Tokyo War Crimes Trial</a>	Richard R. Minear	University of Michigan Center for Japanese Studies, 2001
98	<a href="#">Visions of Ryukyu: Identity and Ideology in Early-Modern Thought and Politics</a>	Gregory Smits	University of Hawai'i Press, 1999
99	<a href="#">War Without Mercy: Race and Power in the Pacific War</a>	John W. Dower	Pantheon Books, 1986
100	<a href="#">From Marco Polo Bridge to Pearl Harbor: Who Was Responsible?</a>	The Yomiuri Shimibun	The Yomiuri Shimibun, 2006
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