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Synopsis

Written by local expert Sumiko Kajiya, Cool Japan is a three-part travel guide that explores the heart of Japanese culture and must-see places from a uniquely Japanese perspective. First, visit Kyoto, where you will discover 1,000 years of history from the ancient love story the Tale of Genji to the traditional tea ceremony. Then head to Tokyo to experience Japan's cutting-edge capital, where the 21st-century kawaii culture collides with landmarks like the Kabuki-za Theater and the Imperial Palace. For a different perspective, venture outside the city to the serene towns of Tohoku, the region largely affected by the 2011 tsunami disaster. Informative, entertaining, and useful, this book is an ideal introduction for any traveler looking for a deeper understanding of Japanese culture, past and present.

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for one day offered a free download for this Kindle book. Thank you, ! It got me hooked into reading it straight through and I just had to write a glowing review and look for more. I don't plan to visit Japan, but even so this book is a fantastic introduction to the country. It teaches much of the basics

important to understanding the history and culture of the nation. Both what is rapidly changing and what valuable parts stay the same. The only objection I might have is the title, "Cool Japan," it is not about latest fads or cool fashions, even though some are mentioned in the Tokyo section. Instead, it should be "neat" as in "interesting" and "stimulating" and "elegant

I bought this book in preparation for a three week trip to Japan this winter. Not quite a travel guide and not quite a history book, this is a nice introduction to three Japanese cities and the culture surrounding them. Told through a couple unique stories and biographies, it still includes the textbook guide book features with maps and location information. I really enjoyed reading this and it helped develop our itineraries for the trip. Nice illustrations to boot. If you are interested in Japanese culture, especially in preparing for a visit - I definitely recommend this book.

I really enjoyed this book, although it contained more history than I was expecting it to for a travel guide. It was more like a book on the history of certain locations in Japan, and then there was travel information thrown in at the end of the sections. I can understand why that would be frustrating if you were looking for a travel guide, but I quite enjoyed it and thought it was very interesting. From the writing (and the fact that the writer is from Japan), it is clear that the writer's first language isn't English. I love the fact that the book is written by someone from Japan because they are more likely to know the area better. However, the book definitely could have been edited better. There were a lot of parts where the wording was awkward or just not right. That's probably my biggest complaint with the book. Overall, I enjoyed it and thought that the information it contained was cool to learn.

essential for a trip to Tokyo and Kyoto and other parts of Japan.

Tons of great history in this book. It was this very book that led us to Uji for a day trip from Kyoto. A great guide, especially for those looking for some additional history on Japan. Very good if you are at all interested in "The Tale of the Genji" or areas outside of Tokyo.

Informational

I have found this book interesting as it is more focused on Japanese culture and history than the usual "tourist guides". I recommend this text, therefore.

We had several guidebooks and websites in our arsenal on our recent trip, but I'm glad I got the Kindle version of Cool Japan. I liked all the local history it provides on Kyoto, and the helpful hints for visiting Tokyo. I enjoy getting a local's view of things to do wherever I go, and this book provided that.

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