

A Passion for Japan: A Collection of Personal Narratives

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Short description: A captivating tapestry woven by people whose passion for something they do or have discovered in Japan has enriched their lives, *A Passion for Japan* overflows with struggles and joy, wisdom, warmth, and glimpses into worlds that few people have experienced.

Longer description: *A Passion for Japan* brings together the stories of thirty long-term residents of Japan who have, among other things, gained behind-the-scenes access to one of Japan's most famous festivals; worked as an interpreter and commentator in professional and amateur sumo; been ordained as a female Buddhist priest at a 440-year-old temple in the mountains of Kyushu; become a Master in one of Japan's oldest schools of tea ceremony; climbed the Nihon Hyakumeizan ("Japan's top 100 mountains"); represented Japan in the world chess championships; and translated Japanese novels, short stories, film and TV subtitles, manga, and video games.

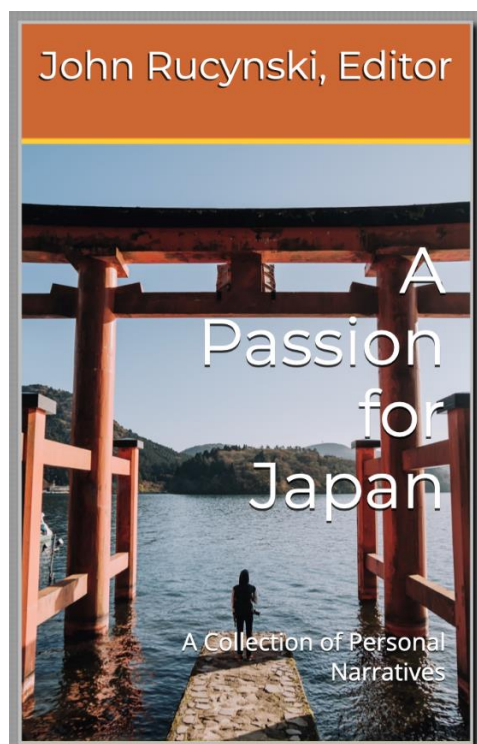


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