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towards the end of the 16th century three outstanding commanders brought Japan's century of civil wars to an end but it was Tokugawa Ieyasu who was to ensure a lasting peace in terms of his strategic and political achievements Ieyasu ranks as Japan's greatest samurai commander Ieyasu possessed the rare wisdom of knowing who should be an ally and who was an enemy a key skill for a successful military leader Ieyasu's crowning victory at Sekigahara depended on the defection to his side of Kobayakawa Hideaki and the absence from the scene of Ieyasu's son Hidetada serves to illustrate how just once there was a failure in Ieyasu's otherwise classic strategic vision as Stephen Turnbull explores in this colour illustrated volume to establish his family as the ruling clan in Japan for the next two and a half centuries was abundant proof of his true greatness

as read on BBC Radio 4 Book of the Week shortlisted for the Stanford Dolman Travel Book of the Year Award longlisted for the RSL Ondaatje Prize a completely extraordinary book unlike anything I have read before at once modest in tone and vast in scale and ambition delicately wrought precise lucid and strange as a dream Olivia Laing author of *The Garden Against Time* a hauntingly original book about Tokyo and the Japanese relationship to time memory and history for over 300 years Japan closed itself to outsiders developing a remarkable and unique culture during its period of isolation the inhabitants of the city of Edo later known as Tokyo relied on its public bells to tell the time in her remarkable book Anna Sherman tells of her search for the bells of Edo exploring the city of Tokyo and its inhabitants and the individual and particular relationship of Japanese culture and the Japanese language to time tradition memory impermanence and history through Sherman's journeys around the city *The Bells of Old Tokyo* presents a series of hauntingly memorable voices in the labyrinth of the Japanese capital an aristocrat plays in the sea of ashes left by the allied firebombing of 1945 a scientist builds the most accurate clock in the world a clock that will not lose a second in five billion years a sculptor eats his father's ashes while the head of the house of Tokugawa reflects on the destruction of his grandfather's city Sherman's is a special book every sentence every thought she has every question she asks every detail she notices offers something the bells of old Tokyo is a gift it is a masterpiece *The Spectator*

This book tells the fascinating history of the life of Shogun Tokugawa Ieyasu Japan's most famous shogun since its initial appearance a Mr. Sadler's imposing biography of the Japanese shogun Tokugawa Ieyasu has been recognized as an outstanding contribution to the knowledge of Japanese history it is also considered the standard reference work on the period that saw the entrenchment of feudalism in Japan and the opening of some two and a half centuries of rigid isolation from the rest of the world in the course of Japanese history there have been five great military leaders who by common consent stand out above the others of their type of these two lived in the twelfth century while the other three Oda Nobunaga Toyotomi Hideyoshi and Tokugawa Ieyasu were contemporary in the latter half of the sixteenth century the last of these three with whose life Mr. Sadler deals may well be described as having perfected the shogunate system not only did Ieyasu found a dynasty of rulers and organize a powerful system of government but also he rounded off his achievements by contriving before his death to arrange for his deification afterward as Mr. Sadler notes Tokugawa Ieyasu is unquestionably one of the greatest men the world has yet seen and this fascinating account of Ieyasu's life and times is presented in a thoroughly absorbing narrative in which dramatic highlights abound Japan's feudal age came to a close in 1868 with the downfall of the Tokugawa shogunate and the restoration of the emperor to political power the event marked the end of the powerful

regime that Ieyasu established at the beginning of the seventeenth century that it did not at the same time mark the eclipse of Ieyasu's greatness is sufficient testimony to the major role he played in his country's history it is to a [I sadler's] lasting credit that he has brought this eminent but often ruthless military leader so vividly to life

three men three voyages one century this book is about the beginning of the modern global order which was created around 1500 in one of the most marginal countries in Europe the black ships were the engines of the voyages of discovery which linked Europe to Asia for the first time the brutal men who sailed these ships were excited by neither the search for unknown lands nor by scientific curiosity but by the deadly contest between Christian and Muslim that consumed Europe for nearly a thousand years the men of Portugal determined that they would engage in the greatest and final crusade to rid the world of Islam to do so they forged new technologies that enabled them to cross oceans they never quite achieved their aims but they changed the world

dive into Japanese history and discover who the samurai really were in this fascinating study that reveals the flawed human warriors behind the idealistic myths this is the go to volume on bushido the way of the warrior drawing on a wide range of historical sources to paint a vivid picture of the samurai in action and separating the truth from the myth of samurai chivalry it offers a long overdue update to the attractive but inaccurate portrait of the samurai painted in bushido the soul of Japan which has been a bestseller ever since its publication in 1905 and the equally idealistic hagakure c 1716 the book of bushido explores the reality of warrior behavior versus the idealistic depiction created for an Edwardian audience by the author of bushido the soul of Japan it reveals the truth of how the samurai really behaved and of what they considered to be a warrior ethos the image of the perfect eastern warrior is replaced with a much more interesting reality hardened bloodstained military leaders with human failings and a complex set of ideas about the world men who engaged in ritual magic and ceremony who led their followers in war and peace and who fought a battle between addiction to power and morality this is the story of bushido the way of the samurai

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uncover the true story of the man who unified medieval Japan for 700 years Japan was ruled by military commanders with absolute authority while the emperor remained a figurehead this book tells the fascinating story of Tokugawa Ieyasu the greatest of all Japanese shoguns who unified and pacified Japan in the early

1600s he established a new central government at edo modern day tokyo and his descendants went on to rule the nation for the next 260 years during which japanese society as we know it today was created the dramatic episodes of ieyasu s life include his crushing victory at the battle of sekigahara in 1600 it was the largest battle ever fought in japan and facilitated his rise to absolute power over the nation his creation of a new government centering on the magnificent castle at edo present day tokyo with a system of control that allowed his descendants to rule japan peacefully for 15 generations his attempts to control the spread of christianity in japan ultimately banning the religion and massacring tens of thousands of ardent believers during his rule ieyasu subdued japan s warring clans and unified the nation successfully founding a dynasty that would rule japan peacefully after centuries of near constant warfare the tokugawa shogunate as it came to be known was medieval japan s greatest dynasty and ushered in the longest period of prosperity in the nation s history this new edition of shogun features 32 pages of color images highlighting the drama and pageantry of ieyasu s life as well as a new foreword by leading japanese historian alexander bennett the story of the tokugawa founder is also the story of the foundation of a conflict ridden country that during peacetime would develop a glittering culture that is now the envy of the world

the engrossing story of the development and role of the kimono from its origins through to contemporary japan

frommer s japan is the premier guide to this fascinating destination offering an authoritative introduction to the nations culture and history accompanied by a wealth of logistical advice etiquette tips and detailed color maps to help travelers find their way this new edition provides detailed walking directions to every sight mentioned and a user friendly glossary of japanese phrases accompanied by a japanese character guide that helps readers recognize establishment names in addition to reviewing the top business hotels and expense account restaurants our author has rounded up the best affordable and moderately priced hotels and restaurants throughout the country so there are choices galore for any budget frommers is there every step of the way to help travelers discover the scenic wonders intriguing cultural experiences and dazzling cities of the land of the rising sun

japan has since the second world war challenged the industrial giants of the west on their own ground with triumphant success yet she remains a profoundly traditional even feudal society the paradox is not simply that these two very different attitudes coexist in modern japan it is rather that the one actually grows out of the other japan has become a mighty industrial power largely because of her traditional values and disciplines michael macintyre has taken his camera in

search of the evidence of Japanese tradition and has found it in a variety of fascinating and sometimes unexpected places in the heart of this modern industrial society the shrine festivals flourish with their parades of samurai and courtiers the age old martial arts and the cult of the sword live on alongside the gentler pursuits of the tea ceremony and flower arrangement the theatre of noh kabuki and bunraku continue their ancient traditions and the geishas of Kyoto front jacket flap

the Japanese are a diligent people constantly working to ensure institutional success the Japanese have an innate ability to copy foreigners in their effort to build a strong country the Japanese sought knowledge from abroad and perfected these learnings in order to effect rapid national development in their quest for progress the Japanese have cherished the trait of national self reliance until the Meiji restoration Japan had pursued a national policy of seclusion that forbade almost all contact with the outside world the nineteenth century was one of exploration and imperialism for most of the world the Japanese would not be left alone merely because they wanted to pursue a national policy of autarchy European powers began establishing commercial relations with Japan in 1853 a Commodore in the US Navy visited Japan with the aim of opening trade contacts after years of negotiations treaties were signed authorizing an opening of a few ports to foreign trade simultaneously Japan embarked on a policy of expansion in China and Korea due to its need for fertile soil and natural resources this policy led to war with China in and with Russia

contains nearly 2 000 annotated citations primarily English language works divided into four eight sections citations refer chiefly to works published between 1961 and 1992

this collection of Japanese literature features the works of noted Japanese novelist Koda Rohan Japanese literary history usually classifies Koda Rohan as an idealist writer and the three stories included in this anthology belong to this genre the five storied pagoda one of Koda's best known works is the moving account of a misunderstood carpenter who has been inspired to undertake the construction of a pagoda by himself it is not merely a story of individualism however for the religious implications of such a task are profound encounter with a skull concerns a fortuitous meeting of two souls not necessarily ordained by karma the multiple processes of enlightenment are perceptively depicted in this eerie tale the last story the bearded samurai is an historical novella whose setting is the sixteenth century battle of Nagashino between the forces of Oda Nobunaga and Tokugawa Ieyasu and those of Takeda Katsuyori here the human side of the

warrior and a realistic view of the samurai are delineated such stories in addition to the essays and notes by the translator will prove of interest to the general reader and especially to the reader already familiar with Japanese literature

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Classic Noh, Kyogen and Kabuki works nothing reflects the beauty of life as much as Japanese theater. It is here that reality is held suspended and emptiness can

fill the mind with words music dance and mysticism a l sadler translates the mysteries of noh kyogen and kabuki in his groundbreaking book *japanese plays* a seminal classic in its time it provides a cross section of *japanese theater* that gives the reader a sampler of its beauty and power the power of noh is in its ability to create an iconic world that represents the attributes that the *japanese* hold in highest esteem family patriotism and honor kyogen plays provide comic relief often times performed between the serious and stoic noh plays similarly sadler s translated kyogen pieces are layered between the noh and the kabuki plays the kabuki plays were the theater of the common people of *japan* the course of time has given them the patina of folk art making them precious cultural relics of *japan* sadler selected these pieces for translation because of their lighter subject matter and relatively upbeat endings ideal for a western readership more linear in their telling and pedestrian in the lessons learned these plays show the difficulties of being in love when a society is bent on conformity and paternal rule the end result found in *japanese plays* is a wonderful selection of classic *japanese* dramatic literature sure to enlighten and delight

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