

# HISTORY



## Roundtable est. 2017

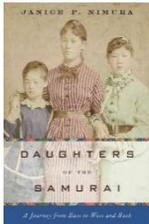
{meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at the Greenwood Public Library}

### July's Topic: Japanese History

**Meeting Date:** Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Read. Watch. Listen. Discuss. Read any non-fiction book, watch a documentary, and/or listen to a podcast pertaining to the history of Japan from any century. Once you've read/watched/listened to an item about Japan's history, come to the roundtable prepared to summarize your choice for all the participants. Possible resources include (but are not limited to) –

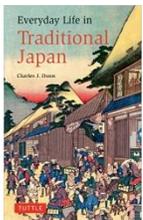
#### Books:



**[Daughters of the Samurai: A Journey from East to West and Back](#) by Janice**

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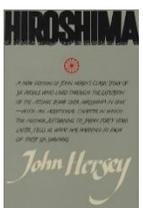
In 1871, five young girls were sent by the Japanese government to the United States. Their mission: learn Western ways and return to help nurture a new generation of enlightened men to lead Japan.



**[Everyday Life in Traditional Japan](#) by C. J. Dunn**

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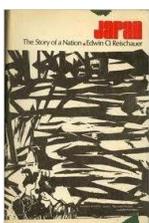
With detailed descriptions and over 100 illustrations, authentic samurai, farmers, craftsmen, merchants, courtiers, priests, entertainers and outcasts come to life in this magnificently illustrated portrait of a colorful society.



**[Hiroshima](#) by John Hersey**

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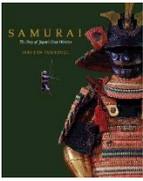
In this new enlarged edition of his classic account of the devastation wrought by the atomic bomb, Hersey recounts his return to Japan (forty years later) and his interviews with six people who were the focus of the earlier book.



**[Japan: The Story of a Nation](#) by Edwin O. Reischauer**

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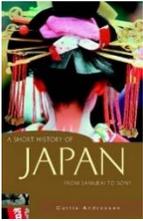
This text chronicles the evolution of premodern (early A.D. to 1850), modern (1850-1945), and postwar (1945-1989) Japanese civilization from imperial rule through the death of Emperor Hirohito. Professor Reischauer, a former U.S. ambassador to Japan, explores the roots and development of the military dictatorship that brought Japan into World War II, the dubious leadership of its emperor, and the effects of the postwar American occupation.



**[Samurai: The Story of Japan's Great Warriors](#)** by Stephen Turnbull

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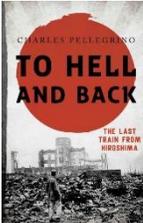
Tells the story of the courageous fighting men of early Japan, showing how they developed from the primitive fighters of the seventh century into an invincible military caste with a fearsome reputation.



**[A Short History of Japan](#)** by Curtis Andressen

- eBook on <https://www.hoopladigital.com/>\*

From the influence of China to the impact of feudalism, modernization and imperialism, from war and peace to the miracle economy and contemporary uncertainty, Curtis Andressen traces the threads of history, environment, and culture that run through the centuries to explain much about the Japan of today.



**[To Hell and Back: The Last Train from Hiroshima](#)** by Charles Pellegrino

- Nonfiction 940.54 PEL

Draws on the voices of atomic-bomb survivors and the science of forensic archaeology to describe the events and aftermath of two days in August 1945 when nuclear devices detonated over Japan changed life on Earth forever.



**[A Traveller's History of Japan](#)** by Richard Tames

- Nonfiction 952 TAM

Traces the history of the Japanese people from prehistoric times to the present.

**Documentaries:**



**[The World at War, Volumes 6, 7 \(The History Channel\)](#)**

- DVD 940.53 WOR v. 6, 7

An extraordinary collection of newsreel, propaganda, and home-movie footage drawn from the archives of 18 nations that present an unvarnished perspective of the war's pivotal events. Penetrating interviews with eyewitness participants - from Hitler's secretary to Alger Hiss to ordinary citizens who stood outside the battle lines - and spine-tingling, first-hand accounts to an already unforgettable experience.

Volume 6 - Genocide: 1941-1945 ; Nemesis: Germany February-May 1945 ; Japan:

1941-45 ; Pacific: February 1942-July 1945

Volume 7 - The bomb: February-September 1945 ; Reckoning: 1945...and after ; Remember

**Podcasts:**



**[Admiral Yi Sun-sin and the Turtle Ships](#)**

**[The Battle of Sekigahara](#)**

**[China and Japan After the Doolittle Raid](#)**

**[Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923](#)**

**[Okichi, the Tragic Geisha](#)**

**[The Orphan Tsunami](#)**

\*=requires GPL Evergreen Indiana card