

# Understanding Representations: Practitioners and Consumers in Japan



## Advertising in the Aging Society: Understanding Representations, Practitioners, and Consumers in Japan by Nick Nanton

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This book provides a comprehensive analysis of the various representations of Japan, Japanese people, and Japanese culture in the media, by both Japanese and non-Japanese practitioners and consumers. It examines how these representations have shaped perceptions of Japan and its people, both within Japan and abroad.

The book is divided into three parts. The first part provides an overview of the history of representations of Japan in the media. The second part examines the different types of representations of Japan, including those in film, television, literature, and music. The third part explores the impact of these representations on Japanese identity and culture.

## Part 1: History of Representations of Japan in the Media

The first part of the book provides an overview of the history of representations of Japan in the media. It begins with the early Western representations of Japan in the 16th and 17th centuries. These representations were often based on limited knowledge and were often inaccurate and stereotypical. However, they did have a significant impact on how Japan was perceived in the West.

In the 19th and early 20th centuries, Japan began to modernize and Westernize. This led to a change in how Japan was represented in the media. Japanese people were now seen as more modern and sophisticated, but they were also still often seen as exotic and mysterious.

After World War II, Japan experienced a period of rapid economic growth. This led to a further change in how Japan was represented in the media. Japan was now seen as a major economic power, and its culture was increasingly popular around the world.

## **Part 2: Types of Representations of Japan**

The second part of the book examines the different types of representations of Japan in the media. These representations include those in film, television, literature, and music.

### **\*\*Film\*\***

Film has been a major medium for the representation of Japan since the early 20th century. Some of the most famous films about Japan include Akira Kurosawa's *Seven Samurai* (1954), Yasujiro Ozu's *Tokyo Story* (1953), and Hayao Miyazaki's *Spirited Away* (2001). These films have all had a significant impact on how Japan is perceived in the world.

## **\*\*Television\*\***

Television has also been a major medium for the representation of Japan since the 1950s. Some of the most popular Japanese television shows include *Doraemon*, *Crayon Shin-chan*, and *Pokémon*. These shows have all been exported to other countries and have helped to spread Japanese culture around the world.

## **\*\*Literature\*\***

Japanese literature has also been a major source of representations of Japan. Some of the most famous Japanese novels include *The Tale of Genji* by Murasaki Shikibu (11th century), *Kokoro* by Natsume Soseki (1914), and *Snow Country* by Yasunari Kawabata (1948). These novels have all been translated into other languages and have helped to introduce Japanese culture to the world.

## **\*\*Music\*\***

Japanese music has also played a role in the representation of Japan. Some of the most famous Japanese musicians include the Beatles, Queen, and Lady Gaga. These musicians have all performed in Japan and have helped to spread Japanese culture around the world.

## **Part 3: Impact of Representations of Japan**

The third part of the book explores the impact of representations of Japan on Japanese identity and culture. These representations have had a significant impact on how Japanese people see themselves and how they are seen by others.

## **\*\*Positive Impacts\*\***

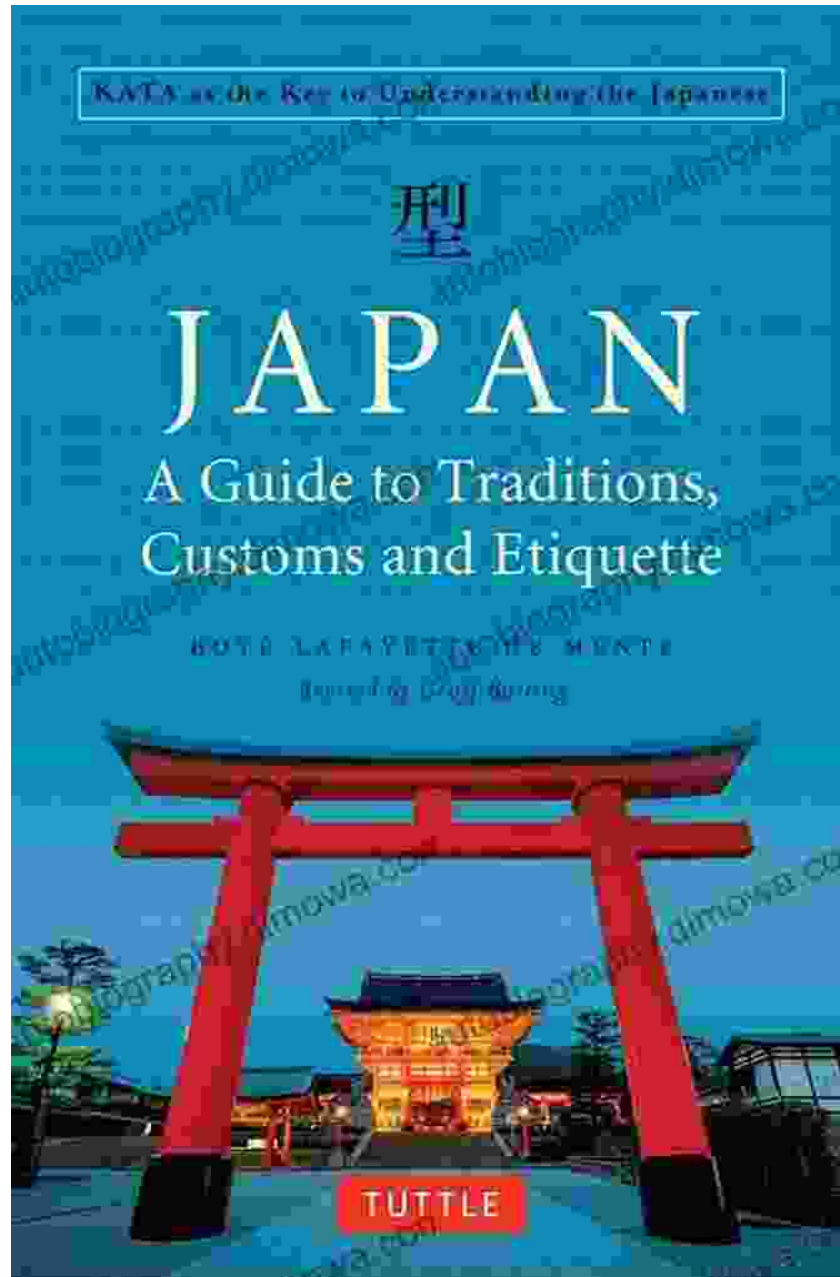
Representations of Japan can have a positive impact on Japanese identity and culture. These representations can help to promote Japanese culture and to create a positive image of Japan in the world. They can also help to boost Japanese pride and to strengthen Japanese national identity.

## **\*\*Negative Impacts\*\***

Representations of Japan can also have a negative impact on Japanese identity and culture. These representations can stereotype Japanese people and culture and can create a negative image of Japan in the world. They can also lead to discrimination against Japanese people and to the suppression of Japanese culture.

The book *Understanding Representations: Practitioners and Consumers in Japan* is a comprehensive analysis of the various representations of Japan, Japanese people, and Japanese culture in the media. It examines how these representations have shaped perceptions of Japan and its people, both within Japan and abroad. The book also explores the impact of these representations on Japanese identity and culture.

This book is a valuable resource for anyone interested in Japan, Japanese culture, or the media. It is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand how representations of Japan have shaped our world.



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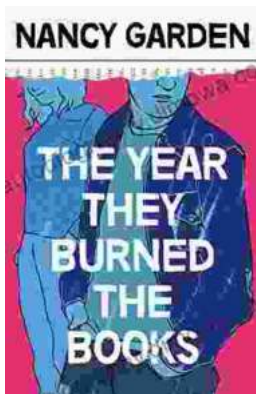
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