Read about Japan!

**History, Culture**
Modern Japan 952.04 Duu
Samurai
- by Stephen Turnbull
  952.02 Tur (2003)

The Japanese Mind
- by Robert C. Christopher
  952.04 Chr (1983)

The Making of Modern Japan
- by Marius B. Jansen
  952.025 Jan (2000)

Death in Life: Survivors of Hiroshima
- by Robert Jay Lifton
  952.19 (1967)
Shockwave: Hiroshima 940.5425wal

**Economy, Politics**
Japan in the 21st Century
- by Pradyumna P. Karan
  952.05 Kar (2005) with map

Japan Remodeled
- by Steven K. Vogel

Constructing Civil Society in Japan
- by Koichi Hasegawa
  363.705 Has (2004)

Japan’s Financial Crisis
- by Jennifer A. Amyx
  332.1 Amy (2004)

**Art, Literature**
The Tales of the Heike 895.6 tal
Faces of Japan (photography)
- by Bob Davis
  915.2 Dav (1978) 915.2 Dav

Noh theater 792.7028 vol (2010)
Kabuki theatre 792 Sco (1955)
Manga: comics 741.5 gra

**Religion**
The Temple of the Golden Pavilion
- a novel by Yukio Mishima that has to do with a Buddhist temple
Christianity 275.2 Rei

**Music**
Sakura: Japanese melodies for flute and harp (CD - world saku japa)

Koto Music of Japan (CD - world zumi koto)

**Travel**
Tokyo 915.21 Mar

Lost Japan
- by Alex Kerr 952.04 Ker (1996)

**Gardening**
Create your own Japanese garden
712.60952 ogu (2007)

**Domestic Life**
Tea Ceremony 394.12 Tan
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Romance Fiction

Matsuoka, Takashi
• Autumn Bridge (2004) (historical)

Schaeffer, Susan Fromberg
• The Snow Fox (2004) (historical)

Walbert, Kate
• The Gardens of Kyoto (2001) (World War II)

Tsukiyama, Gail
• The Street of a Thousand Blossoms (2007) (also in LP and audio book) (follows lives of 2 brothers during mid-20th century)

Thriller

Hayder, Mo
• The Devil of Nanking (2004) (also in audio book format) (deals with 1930’s Nanking massacre)

Benson, Raymond
• The Man with the Red Tattoo (2002) (espionage)

Smith, Martin Cruz
• December 6 (2002) (also in LP) (set just prior to World War II)

Mystery Fiction

Browne, Marshall
• Rendezvous at Kamakura Inn (2005) Mys Fic

Kirino, Natsuo
• Out (2003) Mys Fic (contemporary)

Lee, Don

Massey, Sujata
• Girl in a Box (2006) Mys Fic (espionage)

Miyabe, Miyuki
• The Devil’s Whisper (2007) Mys Fic

Nonami, Asa
• Detective Takako Otomichi series

Peace, David
• Tokyo Year Zero (2007) (also in audio book format)

Rowland, Laura Joh
• Sano Ichiro shogun historical mystery series

Yoshida, Shuichi
• Villain (2010) (noir fiction)

For Young Adults

Yumoto, Kazumi
• The Letters (2003) S YA Fic

Otomo, Katsuhiro
• Akira (2009) Graphic novel

Cyberpunk Science Fiction

Summer Wars (2009)
Here’s a DVD with a teenage protagonist. Story has elements of science fiction. DVD fea sum

Cha no aji (The Taste of Tea) (2003)
Looking for a comedy on DVD? Here’s a story about generational conflict.
**Historical Fiction**

Abe, Kobo
- The Woman in the Dunes (1964) S Fic (rural life)

Bock, Dennis
- The Ash Garden (2001) (atomic bomb victims)

Hunter, Stephen
- Bob Lee Swagger series (samurai)

Hearn, Lian
- Tales of the Otori series (lots of adventure)

Knight, Michael
- The Typist (2010) (post World War II family drama)

Dalkey, Kara
- Genpei (2001) (set in 12th century, introduces many elements of fantasy)

Schuyler, Nina
- The Painting (2004) (Victorian era)

Mitchell, David
- The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet (2010) (recreates the lost world of the late 18th century - cross appeal for mystery readers) (also in LP and ebook)

**Contemporary Fiction**

Mishima, Yukio
- We have volumes 2, 3, and 4 of the “Sea of Fertility” series.

Murakami, Haruki
- After the Quake (2007) (ebook)
- After Dark (2007) (also on CD)
- Blind Willow, Sleeping Woman: 24 stories (2006) (also on CD)
- There is also a biography on this author in the adult biography section.

Murakami, Ryu
- Audition (2010) (suspense)

Oe, Kenzaburo
- The Changeling (2010) (friendship, suicide - would appeal to readers who like a literary style)

Sherwood, Barrie
- Escape from Amsterdam (2008) (a look at Japan’s underworld)

Mitchell, David
- Number9dream (2001) (a look at Japan’s underworld)

**Movies listed by director**

Akira Kurosawa:
- Yojimbo (The Bodyguard) a samurai film VHS
- Seven Samurai (double video set) VHS

Kiyoshi Kurosawa
- Tokyo Sonata DVD

Hiroshi Inagaki
- Musashi Miyamoto (part of Samurai trilogy) VHS

Juzo Itami
- Tampopo (parody of American western and Japanese samurai films) VHS

Kihachi Okamoto
- Sword of Doom (samurai film) VHS

Yojiro Takita
- Departures DVD

**Documentaries:**

Faces of Japan series 915.2 FacBe

Japan: the island empire 915.59 jap VHS