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"The Life of a Geisha" illustrates the fascinating world of Japan's powerful and seductive geishas, a fading yet beautiful world that has captured the imaginations of millions of readers of Arthur Golden's *Memoirs of a Geisha*. This striking book contains full-color woodblock prints made during Japan's famous Edo Period, historic and contemporary photographs of geisha life, and images of the "floating world" Japan's mysterious artistic subculture. The accompanying text includes evocative Japanese poems and haikus. All celebrate the beauty and creativity of the geisha, who with her exquisitely detailed costume, elaborate make-up and hairstyle, and artfully ritualized behavior, chastely beguiles and entertains Japan's most powerful men.

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Sandra says

kind of boring

Petra X says

This is a beautiful, large-format book of photographs of geishas going about their business whether its strolling on the streets window shopping or going through the elaboyoung women going through all the elaborate make-up and dress procedures that turn them into the doll-like beings that so fascinate us.

Shan Walker says

The Good Earth by Pearl S. Buck is still my favorite on the Asian culture.

Annie says

Thanks Amy for the great going away gift! I was lucky enough to read it in the hotel after seeing REAL meikos at the Gion Festival in Kyoto. So interesting!

Kathy says

Very enlightening look on what it takes to become a top Geisha.

Jan says

Probably better in a coffeetable-book format, than on the Nook. I was looking for more verbiage, less picture.

Kimberly Poe says

I picked up this book between a couple of other favorite reads, thinking I would try something new out and expecting it to be somewhat of a slower read. Boy, was I wrong! This book hooked me from the beginning and I couldn't stop flipping the pages until I reached the end.

Patricia says

This book gives us a lot of information about the history of Geisha, customs and Japanese culture. There are great photos and old prints to enjoy.

Rachel Kopel says

Just got this yesterday at a booksale. I enjoyed it, beautiful graphics, interesting information. I have decided that I now know all I really want to know about Geishas.

Angie Fehl says

I found this to be a quick, easy and very informative read if you are looking for an introductory book regarding the history of geishas. It was interesting to learn that geishas were originally only men, the profession not becoming largely (and later, fully) female-based until the 1800s. I loved all the illustrations included in this book!
