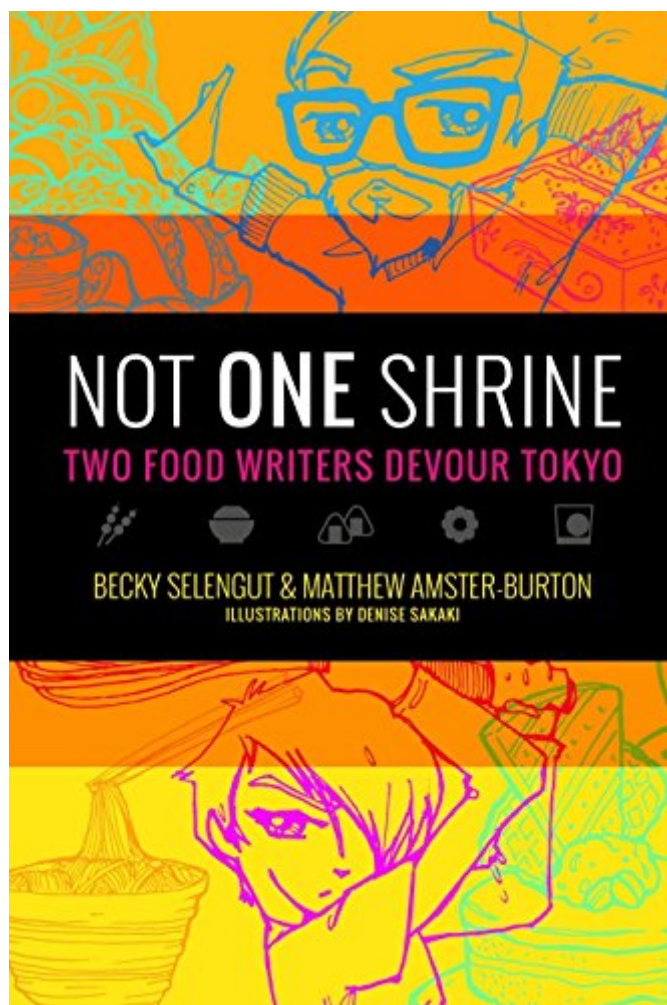


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# Not One Shrine: Two Food Writers Devour Tokyo



## Synopsis

A bite-sized (100+ page) Tokyo food adventure, perfect for your carry-on luggage. One November, two friends left their families at home and set out on an epic food crawl that found them ogling robots, eating just-dispatched eel, drinking whisky chilled with hand-carved ice balls, consuming fish sperm on purpose, and getting kicked out of public baths. An all-new illustrated book from Seattle food writers Matthew Amster-Burton (Pretty Good Number One) and Becky Selengut (Good Fish, Shroom), with manga-inspired illustrations by Denise Sakaki.

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## Customer Reviews

I just took my fourth trip to Tokyo in March, and the feelings Matthew describes having (as he is on the train to the airport at the end of the trip) mirror mine almost exactly. It's hard to leave a place like Tokyo and even a little harder to understand how it gets in your heart and won't leave. Because I love Tokyo the way I do, I also want to introduce close friends and family to the excitement it offers. I felt like expectations were high as Becky experienced the city for herself. You'll have to read it to see what she thought! An earlier reviewer mentioned the humor-it won't jive with everyone, no. But

this is a light-hearted, fun, quick trip through the food highlights of Tokyo, not a serious study of Japanese culture. I'm currently studying Shinto, so the shrines are hugely interesting to me, but they are ubiquitous and will always be there. The food is an ever-changing, yet also never-changing landscape that has to be experienced to be believed. This is what this book does do well, takes you on the journey too.

Love this book. I am not sure how I would classify it Humor, Travel or both!!! I love how the two authors banter back and forth throughout the book. Throwing the words like a ball to one another. It is not a typical travel book, in fact it reads a bit more like several short stories of a trip through Tokyo food scene! It is a light hearted quick read and totally worth the sit down! The illustrations were fantastic and I would have actually liked to have seen just a few more.

These guys are funny and accurate. I have visited Kyoto and Okayama, lived in several towns on Okinawa, each more obscure than the last and everything they say about Tokyo translates to all the cities and towns I have known. Japan is infectious, the book does a wonderful job of describing why. If you go take the time to visit a temple just to check out the exquisite carpentry.

Whether you love food, travel or just plain old humor, this is a fun read. We would have expected nothing less from Becky, and enjoyed "meeting" Matthew as well. They play well off each other and keep things moving in an entertaining way that made us sorry to see it end. We're looking forward to the next collaboration between these two! Kudos from Judy and Mike!

A fun, quick read that made me insanely hungry. The constant 7th grade level sexual humor got old after the third joke, but I get it. I think you had to be there however, and I wish I was!

Enjoyed it so much that I read it in a day. Provided a fun snapshot of Tokyo.

Hilarious! I need to plan my trip to Japan soon.

Fun read! And informative, which is totally secondary

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