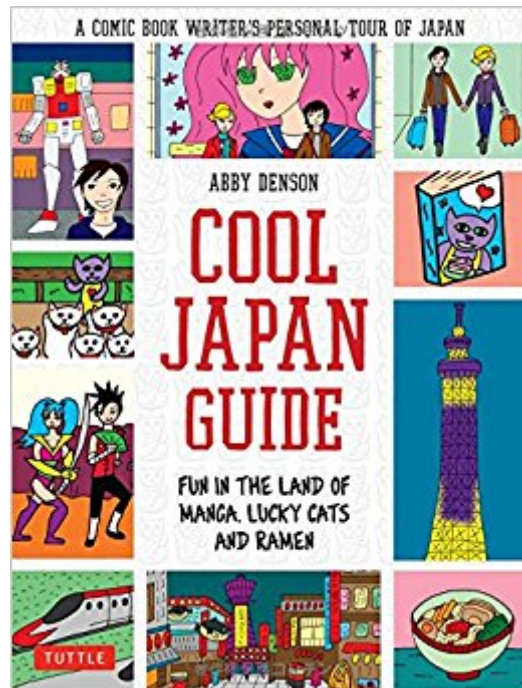




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# Cool Japan Guide: Fun In The Land Of Manga, Lucky Cats And Ramen



## Synopsis

Traveling to Japan has never been so much fun! Visit the land of anime, manga, cosplay, hot springs and sushi! This graphic Japan travel guide is the first of its kind exploring Japanese culture from a cartoonist's perspective. Cool Japan Guide takes you on a fun tour from the high-energy urban streets of Tokyo to the peaceful Zen gardens and Shinto shrines of Kyoto and introduces you to the exciting world of Japanese food from bento to sushi and everything in between. The otaku (geek) culture of Japan, including a manga market in Tokyo where artists display and sell their original artwork. The complete Japanese shopping experience, from combini (not your run-of-the-mill convenience stores!) to depato (department stores with everything). The world's biggest manga, anime and cosplay festivals. Lots of other exciting places to go and things to do like zen gardens, traditional Japanese arts, and a ride on a Japanese bullet train. Whether you're ready to hop a plane and travel to Japan tomorrow, or interested in Japanese culture, this fun and colorful travelogue by noted comic book artist and food blogger Abby Denson, husband Matt, friend Yuuko, and sidekick, Kitty Sweet Tooth, will present Japan in a unique and fascinating way.

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 5 Up What could be a more fitting format for a travel guide on modern Japan than a comic book? Relying on delightful cartoon illustrations, this creative, nicely designed title details travel preparations, the homestay experience, food, shopping, and festivals. Readers will get a strong sense of all that the country has to offer: manga, anime, onsens (or hot springs), karaoke bars, and much more. Some images are accompanied by lengthy, enlightening captions. Kitty

Sweet Tooth, a cheery feline who sports a lime green dress festooned with a red heart, introduces a pronunciation guide for common words. Useful websites, handy apps, emergency information, and a list of recommended places to visit can be found at the back of the book, along with a basic map. VERDICT Those fascinated by Japan will enjoy this amusing and educational romp. —•Robyn Gioia, Antilles Middle School, Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico

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"In her quirky graphic novel Cool Japan Guide, comic book writer Abby Denson takes us on a 'personal tour of Japan' and teaches us the finer points of local etiquette. Traveling isn't just about seeing the sights and eating your way around town. For cartoonist Abby Denson, a trip to Japan meant an education in cultural customs, which she illustrated to charming effect in her new guidebook." —•Conde Nast Traveler

"Comic book artist and food blogger Denson (Dolltopia) fills this hip and handy travel guide with her expertise as a frequent visitor to Japan and her bright and vibrant illustrations." —•Publishers Weekly

"Abby Denson's Cool Japan Guide: Fun in the Land of Manga, Lucky Cats and Ramen offers great insider-tips on some of the best foods and attractions in a kicky comic book style." —•Travel Channel

"Perfect travel guide with a comic book flair that is sure to appeal to travelers who plan to visit Japan. Also a great guide that shows Japanese culture in a fun light." —•YABooksCentral.com

"Abby's book is the perfect combination of fun and information —•Abby gets you on your way in her clear, easygoing comic style. Arigatou Gozaimasu Abby-san!" —•Rodney Alan Greenblat, Pop Artist and Author

"Each chapter opens with a with a well-conceived list of Japanese vocabulary words and the back matter offers a directory of suggested sightseeing locations as well as web-based travel resources. A useful title for teens daydreaming about traveling to Japan" —•Booklist

"It's a quirky book, with cultural explanations and travel tips, mostly of the novice but also for the more seasoned visitor, all done in stunning manga style." —•Australian Broadcasting Corporation

It feels that this was written for manga fans who haven't had a lot of experience traveling. There's some information that is incredibly basic, but the writer has a deep understanding of Japan. There were several small tips that were incredibly helpful on our journey.

Easy to read, lots of choices and real references. I knew about half the information already, but it

was presented in an easy to read format by someone you can tell has been there and wants to go back, It's not Fyodor's. And I didn't want it to be - I wanted a visitor's opinion to let me start planning a future trip without being railroaded by my booking agent. For already big fans of Japan (not just Manga, etc) this won't give you a lot of new info. But to a person who hasn't obsessed about all things Nipponese, it's a very good start.

I bought plane tickets to Tokyo without knowing anything about the city. I had 2 things on my agenda, but outside of that I really had no idea what I was getting into or how I would spend my days. I used the Cool Japan Guide to plan a very full trip. The suggestions of places to visit are spot on, the tips for how to get around are perfect. My experience in Japan was much better with the Cool Japan Guide than it would have been without it. I wish I could give this book 6 stars!!

Some good tips in here, especially on using the train. However a lot of the travel tips will go over younger kids heads and it didn't really hold the attention of my older kid (13). Cute pictures though.

What a cute little guide! My boyfriend and I are planning a trip to Japan this summer and this book was a very helpful place to start. The illustrations are adorable, and there are dozens of useful tips for traveling in Japan, and well as suggestions for where to go, what to eat, what to do, etc. We will definitely be taking this book along on our trip!

My sister is Japan addict & manga fan. She is planning a trip next year so I got this for her birthday & she was ecstatic!

My kids loved this book as we prepared for a trip to Tokyo. They actually learned a lot about customs and what to expect. Once at the actual attractions featured in the book, the kids were able to tell us what to do and what not to do based on what they read in the book. I highly recommend this book to anyone, especially those traveling with reading aged kids, traveling to Japan.

Loved this book. Bought it as a gift for someone traveling to Japan. Was well received.

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