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Tradition: From earliest  
times to 1600  
Princeton University

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Landscapes and Portraits, Appreciations of Japanese Culture

Kodansha

The lives and minds of three men come together in ways that are both commonplace and surprising

**The Pleasures of Japanese Literature**

Columbia University Press

At once an intimate account of the diarists' lives and a testimony to the greater struggles and advances of Japanese culture, this book illuminates the hidden and largely unknown worlds of imperial courts, Buddhist monasteries, country inns, and merchants' houses.

Dawn to the West

Columbia University Press

The Tokugawa family held the shogunate from 1603 to 1867, ruling Japan and keeping the island nation isolated from the rest of the world for more than 250 years. Donald Keene looks within the "walls" of isolation and meticulously chronicles the period's vast literary output, providing both lay readers and scholars with the definitive history of premodern Japanese literature. *World Within Walls* spans the age in which Japanese literature began to reach a popular audience--as opposed to the elite aristocratic readers to whom it had previously been confined. Keene comprehensively treats

each of the new, popular genres that arose, including haiku, Kabuki, and the witty, urbane prose of the newly ascendant merchant class.

**Japanese Literature**

Columbia University Press

“Few memoirs have the concision, modesty, and charm that mark this late-life work by . . . America’s most renowned scholar and interpreter of Japan.”—Foreword  
Reviews In this eloquent and wholly absorbing memoir, the renowned scholar Donald Keene shares more than half a century of his extraordinary adventures as a student of Japan. Keene begins with an account of his bittersweet childhood in New York; then he

describes his initial encounters with Asia and Europe and the way in which World War II complicated that experience. He captures the sights, scents, and sounds of Japan as they first enveloped him, and talks of the unique travels and well-known intellectuals who later shaped the contours of his academic career. Keene traces the movement of his passions with delicacy and subtlety, deftly weaving his love for Japan into a larger narrative about identity and home and the circumstances that led a Westerner to find solace in a country on the opposite side of the world. *Chronicles of My Life* is not only a fascinating tale of two cultures colliding, but also a thrilling account

of the emotions and experiences that connect us all, regardless of our individual origins. “Lovingly illustrated by the artist Akira Yamaguchi, the book limns a life inseparably linked to its dominant passion . . . The history is fascinating, and the literary life Keene has doggedly carved out of it, remarkable.”—Time, Asia Edition “Keene’s book soars, largely because of his intriguing, highly personal account of the literary milieu of Japan, particularly its drama, whether on stage or screen . . . [An] engaging and eloquent memoir.”—Times Literary Supplement *After Dark* Columbia University Press A short, sleek novel of encounters set in the witching hours of

Tokyo between midnight and dawn, and every bit as gripping as Haruki Murakami’s masterworks *The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle* and *Kafka on the Shore*. At its center are two sisters: Yuri, a fashion model sleeping her way into oblivion; and Mari, a young student soon led from solitary reading at an anonymous Denny’s into lives radically alien to her own: those of a jazz trombonist who claims they’ve met before; a burly female “love hotel” manager and her maidstaff; and a Chinese prostitute savagely brutalized by a businessman. These “night people” are haunted by secrets and needs that draw them together more powerfully than the differing circumstances

that might keep them apart, and it soon becomes clear that Yuri's slumber—mysteriously tied to the businessman plagued by the mark of his crime – will either restore or annihilate her. After Dark moves from mesmerizing drama to metaphysical speculation, interweaving time and space as well as memory and perspective into a seamless exploration of human agency – the interplay between self-expression and understanding, between the power of observation and the scope of compassion and love. Murakami's trademark humor, psychological insight, and grasp of spirit and morality are here distilled with an

extraordinary, harmonious mastery. "Eyes mark the shape of the city. Through the eyes of a high-flying night bird, we take in the scene from midair. In our broad sweep, the city looks like a single gigantic creature—or more, like a single collective entity created by many intertwining organisms. Countless arteries stretch to the ends of its elusive body, circulating a continuous supply of fresh blood cells, sending out new data and collecting the old, sending out new consumables and collecting the old, sending out new contradictions and collecting the old. To the rhythm of its pulsing, all parts of the body flicker and flare up and squirm.

Midnight is approaching, and while the peak of activity has indeed passed, the basal metabolism that maintains life continues undiminished, producing the basso continuo of the city's moan, a monotonous sound that neither rises nor falls but is pregnant with foreboding." —from *After Dark*  
*The Nō Plays of Japan*  
 Tokyo ; Palo Alto [Calif.] : Kodansha International Limited  
 Volume 1 addresses the development, through the eighteenth century, of Shinto, Buddhism, and Confucianism.  
*Sources of Japanese Tradition* Duke University Press  
 "Dawn to the West, a two-volume work covering the modern

period in Japanese literature, is part of a larger work, Donald Keene's multi-volume history of the whole of Japanese literature."- T.p. verso.

**Japan at the Dawn of the Modern Age**

Columbia University Press

Donald Keene's definitive history of modern Japanese literature is an achievement beyond the range and scope of any other western writer.

□□□□□□ Columbia University Press

A landmark collection of five periods of literature from the Land of the Rising Sun. The sweep of Japanese literature in all its great variety was made available to Western readers for the first time in this anthology. Every genre and style,

from the celebrated No plays to the poetry and novels of the seventeenth century, find a place in this book. An introduction by Donald Keene places the selections in their proper historical context, allowing the readers to enjoy the book both as literature and as a guide to the cultural history of Japan. Selections include “Man’yoshu” or “Collection of Ten Thousand Leaves” from the ancient period; “Kokinshu” or “Collection of Ancient and Modern Poetry,” “The Tosa Diary” of Ki No Tsurayuki, “Yugao” from “Tales of Genji” of Murasaki Shikibu, and “The Pillow Book” of Sei Shonagon from the Heian Period; “The Tale of the Heike” from the Kamakura Period; Plan of the No Stage, “Birds

of Sorrow” of Seami Motokiyo, and “Three Poets at Minase” from the Muromachi Period; and Sections from Basho, including “The Narrow Road of Oku,” “The Love Suicides at Sonezaki” by Chikamatsu Monzaemon, and Waka and haiku of the Tokugawa Period.

**Chronicles of My Life**

Henry Holt & Company  
Essays by Donald Keene, Anne Nishimura Morse, Frederic A. Sharf, Louise E. Virgin.  
*Emperor of Japan*  
Grove/Atlantic, Inc.  
The attack on Pearl Harbor, which precipitated the Greater East Asia War and its initial triumphs, aroused pride and a host of other emotions among the Japanese people. Yet the single year in which Japanese forces occupied

territory from Alaska to Indonesia was followed by three years of terrible defeat.

Nevertheless, until the shattering end of the war, many Japanese continued to believe in the invincibility of their country. But in the diaries of well-known writers including Nagai Kafu, Takami Jun, Yamada Futaru, and Hirabayashi Taiko and the scholar Watanabe Kazuo, varying doubts were vividly, though privately, expressed. Donald Keene, renowned scholar of Japan, selects from these diaries, some written by authors he knew well. Their revelations were sometimes poignant, sometimes shocking to Keene. Ito Sei's fervent patriotism and even claims of racial superiority stand in

stark contrast to the soft-spoken, kindly man Keene knew. Weaving archival materials with personal recollections and the intimate accounts themselves, Keene reproduces the passions aroused during the war and the sharply contrasting reactions in the year following Japan's surrender. Whether detailed or fragmentary, these entries communicate the reality of false victory and all-too-real defeat.

*Seeds in the Heart*  
North Light Books  
Modern Japanese Literature is Donald Keene's critically acclaimed companion volume to his landmark *Anthology of Japanese Literature*. Now considered the standard canon of



modern Japanese writing translated into English, *Modern Japanese Literature* includes concise introductions to the writers, as well as a historical introduction by Professor Keene. Includes: "Growing Up" by Ichiyo, a lyrical story of pre-adolescence in the 90s; Natsume's story of "Botchan," an ill-starred and ineffectual Huck Finn; Nagai's "The Sumida River"; Kokomitsu's Kafkaesque "Time"; Kawabata's "The Mole"; "Firefly Hunt"; a glimpse into Tanizaki's masterpiece "Thin Snow"; and the postwar work of such writers as Dazai and Mishima. *Some Japanese Portraits* New York : Holt, Rinehart, and Winston

This is the third book in a multivolume history of modern Japanese literature by the world's authoritative translator and scholar of Japanese culture and literature. The Columbia paperback edition, with Donald Keene's new preface, includes an introduction, an appendix, glossary, index, and a selected list of translations into English.

**World Within Walls**

Columbia University Press

Donald Keene, a noted authority in the field, offers a guide through the first 900 years of Japanese literature. This period not only defined the unique properties of Japanese prose and prosody, but also produced some of its greatest works.

**Dawn to the West**

Columbia University  
Press

Rather than resist the vast social and cultural changes sweeping Japan in the nineteenth century, the poet Masaoka Shiki (1867–1902) instead incorporated new Western influences into his country's native haiku and tanka verse. By reinvigorating these traditional forms, Shiki released them from outdated conventions and made them more responsive to newer trends in artistic expression. Altogether, his reforms made the haiku Japan's most influential modern cultural export. Using extensive readings of Shiki's own writings and accounts of the poet by his contemporaries and family, Donald Keene charts Shiki's

revolutionary (and often contradictory) experiments with haiku and tanka, a dynamic process that made the survival of these traditional genres possible in a globalizing world. Keene particularly highlights random incidents and encounters in his impressionistic portrait of this tragically young life, moments that elicited significant shifts and discoveries in Shiki's work. The push and pull of a profoundly changing society is vividly felt in Keene's narrative, which also includes sharp observations of other recognizable characters, such as the famous novelist and critic Natsume Soseki. In addition, Keene reflects on his own personal relationship

with Shiki's work, further developing the nuanced, deeply felt dimensions of its power.

**Japan at the Dawn of the Modern Age**

Columbia University Press

A collection of plays, essays, poetry, and reportage compiled by "the 20th-century's premier scholar of Japanese literature" (Slate). Modern Japanese Literature is Donald Keene's critically acclaimed companion volume to his landmark Anthology of Japanese Literature. Now considered the standard canon of modern Japanese writing translated into English, Modern Japanese Literature includes concise introductions to the writers, as well as a historical introduction

by Professor Keene. Includes: "Growing Up" by Higuchi Ichiyō, a lyrical story of pre-adolescence in the nineties; Natsume Sōseki's story of "Botchan," an ill-starred and ineffectual Huck Finn; Nagai Kafū's "The River Sumida;" Yokomitsu Riitchi's Kafkaesque "Time;" Kawabata Yasunari's "The Mole;" "The Firefly Hunt;" a glimpse into Tanizaki Junichirō's masterpiece "Thin Snow;" and the postwar work of such writers as Dazai Osamu and Mishima Yukio.

**Dawn to the West**

Vintage

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Japanese literature."-  
T.p. verso.

### **Modern Japanese**

**Literature** Columbia  
University Press

Sources of Japanese  
Tradition is a best-  
selling classic,  
unrivaled for its wide  
selection of source  
readings on history,  
society, politics,  
education, philosophy,  
and religion in the Land  
of the Rising Sun. In  
this long-awaited  
second edition, the  
editors have revised or  
retranslated most of  
the texts in the original  
1958 edition, and  
added a great many  
selections not included  
or translated before.  
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restructured volume 1  
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the early Japanese  
chronicles to the end of  
the sixteenth century.  
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medieval Shinto and on  
the tea ceremony, \*  
readings on state  
Buddhism and Chinese  
political thought  
influential in Japan, and  
\* sections on women's  
education, medieval  
innovations in the uses  
of history, and laws  
and precepts of the  
medieval warrior  
houses. Together, the  
selections shed light on  
the development of  
Japanese civilization in  
its own terms, without  
reference to Western  
parallels, and will  
continue to assist  
generations of  
students and lay  
readers in  
understanding  
Japanese culture.  
*The Winter Sun Shines*  
In Columbia University  
Press  
Karatani Kojin is one of  
Japan's leading critics.  
In his work as a  
theoretician, he has

described Modernity as have few others; he has re-evaluated the literature of the entire Meiji period and beyond. As one critic has said, Karatani's thought "has had a profound effect on the way we formulate the questions we ask about modern literature and culture ... [his] argument is

compelling, moving even, and in the end the reader comes away with a different understanding not only of modern Japanese literature but of modern Japan itself." Among the many authors discussed are Soseki Natsume, Doppo Kunikida, Katai Tayama, and Shoyo Tsubouchi.