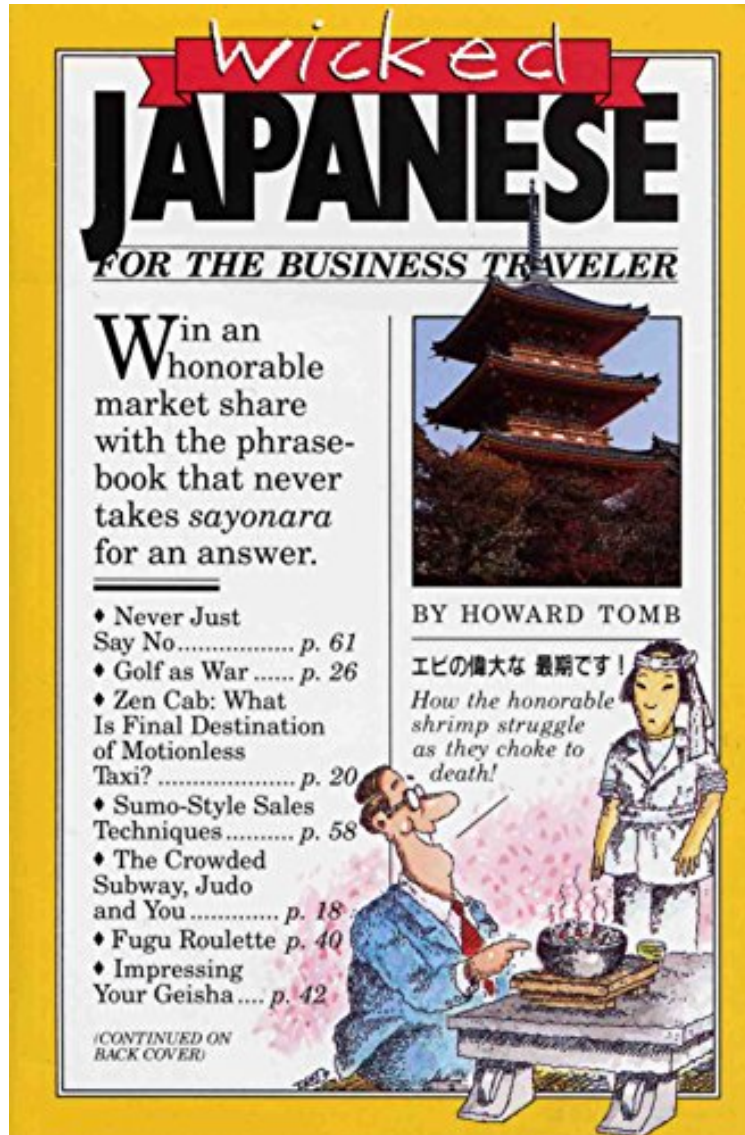


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Howard Tomb : Wicked Japanese For The Business Traveler before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Wicked Japanese For The Business Traveler:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A very fun gag gift for a select audience!By J.D.A fun tongue-in-cheek gag gift for anyone who travels to Japan often or speaks Japanese as a second language. Some of it could even be practical when traveling -- but I'll hope you never use most of these phrases!0 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Worthless jiberjaber. Don't know of any situations I would ...By Stuart L.Worthless jiberjaber. Don't

know of any situations I would use these saying in Japan. Lived there 10 years and speak the language well. 8 of 9 people found the following review helpful. This is humor - not to be taken seriously. By o0mingmak As the previous reviewer indicated, this book is not a serious study of the Japanese language, and yes, it is full of stereotypes. But Howard Tomb's take on Japanese society is often hilarious! The book is especially funny for those foreigners who have lived or stayed in Japan for an extended period of time, although that is not a prerequisite to understand the humor. Tomb divides the book into different situations with explanations and a number of phrases for each. The phrases start out innocently enough, but get progressively outlandish and funny. For example, in the section for "Life in a Japanese Firm" you will note phrases with Japanese translations like: "I will always agree with my superiors, even when they are totally wrong" or "My dream is to be a tiny cog in a huge and honorable machine." I had a friend who actually tried to use these phrases in Japanese while working for a Japanese company, but no-one understood the sarcasm (everyone took his statements seriously!). In short, the book is often hilarious in English, but not necessarily so in Japanese. Wicked Japanese is definitely worth the [money] for the laughs that it generates, but be careful if you actually decide to use it.

From the sneakily successful travel series with over 1,000,000 copies in print, here is the pocket-sized guide that combines verbal self-defense with cultural insight. Specifically focused on getting in, getting around, and getting the deal done, Wicked Japanese prepares the gaijin (that's you) for a world so alien that just wearing the wrong necktie can spell certain death to the bargain you flew 18 hours to seal. Impress your host with your politeness--and recite the correct apology for grazing a stranger with your sleeve: *Buchoho de makoto ni moshiwake gozaimasen* ("Sorry to have injured you with my stupid clumsiness"). And if planning to work for a Japanese company, show that you're a team player: *Yumei na daigaisha no hitotsu no hagurama ni naitai* ("I wish to be a tiny cog in a huge and honorable machine"). 93,000 copies in print.

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