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## Welcome back!!

You're back, you've managed to unpack and you're asking yourself "What do I have to do to get an onigiri around here?!" Or maybe "Has anyone else landed back in this country as well?" "Did I dream all of that or did I really spend a year (or three) in Japan?!"

You're not alone. JETAA VIC-TAS (JET Alumni Association Victoria & Tasmania) is an association open to everyone who has returned from the JET programme. In fact, you don't even have to be an ex-JET to come along. We meet regularly, most months for our 'diners club' evenings where we sample a variety of restaurants, often Japanese. We'd love to see you at one of these gatherings or at various other events.

We publish a quarterly newsletter including but by no means limited to what's on in Melbourne's Japanese community, what JETAA are doing internationally, about our local events and profiles of ex-JETs. We also feature articles on Japanese restaurants, clubs, retreats, bathhouses, karaoke bars and various bits of information from Japan.

This 'welcome back pack' is one of our ongoing projects. We've compiled, with great help from the Consulate-General of Japan, various useful information about returning home, Japanese restaurants and grocery stores in Melbourne, where to get or watch Japanese videos and films, continuing with Japanese study, keeping in contact with Japan and Japanese culture. The listed establishments are not recommendations, but rather a resource we hope you find helpful upon your return.

Below is a quick introduction to your 2005-06 JET Alumni Association committee:

President:	Glen Clark	Newsletter:	Andrew Cerini
Web Master:	Chris Paragreen	Social Coordinator:	Jane Crulci
Treasurer:	Melissa Pippen	Secretary:	Jennifer Swanton
Committee:	Jan Powell & Shayne Conway	Tasmania Liaison:	Sarah Parsons

If you have any ideas for our group, contributions for the newsletter or would like to attend our meetings, please contact Glen Clark at: [gurenkuraku@hotmail.com](mailto:gurenkuraku@hotmail.com)

Another important group to remember for your survival back in Australia is the JICC (Japan Information and Cultural Centre). They have plenty of Japanese resources, organize film evenings, exhibitions and lectures and are a treasure chest of information. Contact them on: 03-9639-3277 or stop in anytime. The office is part of the Consulate-General of Japan on level 45, Melbourne Central Tower, 360 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne. Good luck and please feel free to contact us if we can be of any help to you!

**Please make sure your details are up to date with Ruth at the Consulate-General of Japan so that you receive all the e-mail updates and newsletters. You can contact Ruth (JET coordinator) via [melbourne@japan.org.au](mailto:melbourne@japan.org.au) or by phoning 03-9639-3277.**

# Continuing your links with Japan

If you are looking to continue your involvement with Japan now that you are back in Australia, here are some options:

## **Become an active member of JETAA!**

We are always working on projects such as this information package, a pre-departure package for new JET participants, improving our web site, arranging careers evenings, building up the newsletter and planning new social events. Write about your experiences, share your best teaching ideas, or provide information about where you lived in Japan. Got interesting ideas for getting us all together? Come to one of our meetings and have your say or volunteer for a committee position!

## **Help out at a JET evening orientation**

No doubt you remember attending a JET orientation/induction evening at the Consulate-General of Japan before you departed. If you would like to help out at one of the annual orientations as a past JET, contact the JICC on 03-9639-3277 and ask to speak with the JET coordinator. You may also be interested registering your name as a former JET and willing to answer questions from people considering working in Japan as a JET.

## **Volunteer as a homestay family**

This is a great way to repay the kindness that people in Japan showed you. There are a number of schools and non-profit organizations such as Lions and Rotary that are often 'on the look out' for families willing to host visitors from Japan. The Australia – Japan Society also coordinates homestays each year.

## **Get involved / join the Australia-Japan Society**

The Australia-Japan Society (AJS) of Victoria promotes relations between the two countries and the common interests of their people through numerous functions, exchange sponsorship and cooperation with other organizations.

If you are interested in providing conversation practice to Japanese people living in Melbourne, you might want to attend the regular AJS '**Shaberookai**' meetings. The group meets over snacks to exchange a bit of English for a bit of Japanese on a very informal basis. Just turn up on either the first or third Thursday of the month to Ross House, 247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne.

Members of the AJS '**Kanpai Club**' get together on a social basis every couple of months, develop professional networks, practise a bit of Japanese, and just have fun. Specifically designed to assist in the development of a network for young business people with a common interest in Japanese social, business and cultural activities, the club is always seeking new members for the organizing committee with fresh new ideas and concepts for events. Some activities in the past have included a wine and cheese night and a sushi-making night.

The Australia-Japan Society, based at the Monash University Japanese Studies Centre (Clayton), is always in need of volunteer help in many areas. You can find more information on what the Australia-Japan Society gets up to at [www.ajsvictoria.org.au](http://www.ajsvictoria.org.au)

## Japanese Radio Programs

3ZZZ - 92.3 FM is a Fitzroy based community radio station, which has a weekly programme broadcast in Japanese on Sundays 12–1pm. Most of the work is done by volunteers, so at times there can be a need for people to help out with news stories, music etc. Contact the Program Coordinator (Tomohiro Matsuoka) on 9415 1928 if you would like to know more about being involved. The programme is also available for listening via streaming over the net at:

[www.melbournenet.com.au/3zzz](http://www.melbournenet.com.au/3zzz)

Another program to listen to is:

SBS 93.1 FM Japanese Programme, Tuesdays 10-11pm

[www.sbs.com.au/radio](http://www.sbs.com.au/radio)

Besides the activities listed above, there are numerous Japanese martial arts, Japanese goods stores, bath houses, cultural clubs and societies that you can visit or become involved in. The Japan Information and Cultural Centre have provided a very useful list of Japanese cultural links for you which is available either from the consulate or on the JETAA website.



# Japanese language study options

Given that you may have spent many hours learning Japanese while living in Japan, you may be interested in continuing your dedicated study regime. Here are some study options for those interested in continuing their study of the language. The text book options were kindly provided by the Japan Information and Cultural Centre (located in the Consulate-General of Japan). All of the following resources are suitable for people who have at least intermediate writing/ reading, speaking and listening skills.

## Textbooks and dictionaries

### *Grammar and usage*

- *A Dictionary of Intermediate Japanese Grammar*, Siichi Makino et al., Japan Times
- *A Dictionary of Basic Japanese Grammar*, Siichi Makino et al., Japan Times
- *A Dictionary of Japanese and English Idiomatic Equivalents*, Charles Corwin ed., Kodansha International
- *Giongo Gitaigo – Practical Guide to Mimetic Expressions through Pictures* by Akutsu Satoru, ALC Press

### *Reading*

- *Nihongo Through Newspaper Articles*, Osamu Mizutani et al., Japan Times
- *Advance Readings in Japanese*, Kakikura Yuko et al., ALC

### *Writing*

- *Writing Letters in Japanese*, Kikuo Tatematsu, Japan Times

### *Proficiency test*

- *The Preparatory Course for the Japanese Language Proficiency Test*, Setsuko Matsumoto et al., Unicom
- *Practice Questions for the Japanese Language Proficiency Test*, Takashi Matsumoto et al., ALC Press
- *The Japanese Language Proficiency Test 1<sup>st</sup> Grade*, Sotakusha
- *Jitsuryoku Up! The Preparatory Course for the Japanese Proficiency Test*, Unicorn.

### *Business Japanese*

- *We Mean Business - Japanese for Business People*, by Yoneda Kyusuke, Fuji Kazuko, Shigeno Mie, Ikeda Hiroko: 3A Corporation
- *Talking Business in Japanese - Business Japanese Forum*: The Japan Times
- *A Guide to Essential Business Japanese - 825 Situations*, Toyosaku Morino: Bonjinsha

### *JETRO*

The JETRO Business Japanese Proficiency Test is run by the Japan External Trade Organization and is quickly gaining popularity over the Japanese Language Proficiency Test in terms of practicality and recognition. It is held once a year, usually in June. There are three levels of difficulty which test listening and reading comprehension, all with an emphasis on "business" Japanese. Those who pass the highest level of the test are qualified to take the JOCT (Jetro Oral Communication Test). For more information, check out the JETRO website on <http://www.jetro.org.au/>

The **Japan Information and Cultural Centre (JICC)** also stock some 200 Japanese language study texts. These are available for limited borrowing for teachers. The office also has a terrific range of novels in Japanese, most of which can be borrowed free of charge.

### **Internet resources**

- Japan Times: [www.japantimes.co.jp](http://www.japantimes.co.jp)
- Inter FM (English/ Japanese radio station): [www.interfm.co.jp](http://www.interfm.co.jp)
- Japanese language useful resources: [www.daiwa-foundation.org.au/language.html](http://www.daiwa-foundation.org.au/language.html)
- Japanese Proficiency Test: [www.aic.co.jp/nihongo/jpnjets1.html](http://www.aic.co.jp/nihongo/jpnjets1.html)
- Japanese learning: [www.rikai.com](http://www.rikai.com)

### **Bookshops**

There are several good bookshops in Melbourne, that stock Japan-related books:

*Japan Book Plaza (amazing range of Japanese study aids, as well as a big range of books on Japan, Japanese arts, travel etc.)*

155 Toorak Road,  
South Yarra, 3141.  
Ph. (03) 9578 1672

*Honya*

228 Flinders Street,  
Melbourne, 3000.  
Ph. (03) 9662 4485

*Foreign Language Bookstore*

259 Collins Street,  
Melbourne, 3000.  
Ph. (03) 9654 2883

*Intext Book Company*

825 Glenferrie Road,  
Hawthorn, 3122.  
Ph. (03) 9819 4500

*Technical Bookshop*

295 Swanston Street,  
Melbourne, 3000.  
Ph. (03) 9663 3951

### **Newspapers**

*Dengon Net - Japanese Classifieds*

Level 4, 258 Lt. Bourke Street, Melbourne, 3000.  
Ph (03) 9663 8893 / 9639 7032

*Nichigo Press*

P.O.Box A2612,  
South Sydney, NSW 1235  
Ph. (02) 9283 2877

*Melbourne Voice – Monthly Japanese Newspaper (VIC/TAS/SA)*  
GPO Box 1309  
Melbourne VIC 3001  
Ph: 9654 5696

*Yukari – Monthly Melbourne Newsletter*  
38 Illawarra Road,  
Hawthorn, 3122. Ph. (03) 9818 2879

### **Japanese classes**

There are a number of community-based organizations, which offer Japanese language classes/ tuition for people of all levels of learning. Contact the Japan Information and Cultural Centre (JICC) for a listing of some of these organizations.

### **Japanese Films, TV and Videos**

Catch the NHK news on SBS-TV early weekday mornings (from approximately 5.30am) and watch the SBS programme guide for regular Japanese movies. The JICC shows Japanese films from time to time in its Melbourne Central office at the Consulate-General of Japan and has films/videos/DVDs available for borrowing. Please contact JICC Melbourne on 03-9639-3277 if you would like a catalogue or to find out about screening schedules. Films and videos are also available from the Japan Cultural Centre, Sydney.

ACMI Access Collection  
222 Park Street  
South Melbourne 3205  
Ph: (03) 9929 7040  
Fax: (03) 9929 7027

*The Japan Cultural Centre (The Japan Foundation)*  
Level 12, 201 Miller Street  
North Sydney, NSW 2060  
Ph: (02) 9954 0111 Fax: (02) 9954 0777  
Web: [www.jpfc.org.au](http://www.jpfc.org.au)

### **Others**

There are a number of places in Melbourne, which have a good range of Japanese 'soapies' for hire. All of the four grocery stores listed in the Japanese Food Guide carry Japanese videos.

Bi-lingual texts (i.e. one page in English and the other in Japanese) are available in some of the foreign language bookshops. The 'Sazae-san' series (the famous long-running comic strip) is good for conversational Japanese and difficult Kanji are annotated with *furigana*.

For MANGA fans especially, the Japanese Studies Centre at Monash University Clayton is a great resource. Apart from lots of MANGA, the 'Manga Library and Café' also has various books in Japanese, videos from the Monash Anime and Comics Club collection for borrowing by members and Japanese snacks/drinks on sale!

# A Japan Related Job

Not sure where to start? Here some hints on looking for Japan related work...

The bottom line is that looking for a job after JET is just the same as looking for work pre-JET. The JET skills and experiences are the icing on the cake to the qualifications and skills JETs already have. There is a lot of competition out there for people who have some language skills / knowledge of Japan so using your other skills as well is good. Registering with an employment agency just costs a bit of time and the printing of a resume. There are a few relocation companies that help orientate business people about how to do a tour of duty in Japan and some TAFE/CAE institutes may require language teachers or people to run travel courses on Japan.

There are a few Japanese publications/newspapers with classified sections and these are available from the Consulate-General of Japan at Melbourne Central Tower. They include *Dengon Net*, *Melbourne Voice* and *Nichigo Press*. They are relevant for all states as they advertise everywhere. The pin-up board at Japanese grocery stores may also advertise positions for bi-lingual people.

People might also want to try Japanese restaurants, duty free stores, travel companies, schools (regular and private language schools), Department of Education, Catholic Education Office, Private Schools Board, their local council to see if they have a Japanese sister city relationship that they maybe able to get involved with – (perhaps initially on a voluntary basis) just to get work initially and use their Japanese. There are a few on-line recruiting places and many recruitment offices listed in the phone book and in the Melbourne City Weekly (small magazine which comes out each week - usually Thursday – the jobs advertised are more clerical support etc.. and not necessarily specific to Japanese experience).

Look through the Japanese groups and companies that are listed throughout this document for job ideas. Contact groups and see if they can help or if you can volunteer for them. Below are some other Japanese companies, which don't necessarily hire people for their Japanese skills, but may be a good place to start.

## *Staff Services Australia (Recruitment agency)*

Level 11, 230 Collins Street  
Melbourne, VIC 3000  
Ph: 03 9663 0000  
e-mail: [ssame@magna.com.au](mailto:ssame@magna.com.au)

## *Nihon Brain Centre*

Level 21, 500 Collins Street  
Melbourne, VIC 3000  
Ph: 03 9649 7087

## *Nichigo Support Services*

Level 2, 365 Lonsdale Street  
Melbourne, VIC 3000  
Ph: 9642 1022  
e-mail: [nichigo@nss.com.au](mailto:nichigo@nss.com.au)

## *EII of Australia*

Level 5, 277 Flinders Lane  
Melbourne, VIC 3000  
Ph: 03 9654 9210  
e-mail: [eii@ains.net.au](mailto:eii@ains.net.au)

*Kumon Institute of Education*  
40 Albert Road  
South Melbourne  
VIC 3205  
Ph: 03 9696 1566

*Japan Seminar House*  
4 / 437 St.Kilda Road  
Melbourne, VIC 3004  
Ph: 03 9867 5747

*Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi (Australia)*  
Level 18 / 600 Bourke Street  
Melbourne, VIC 3000  
Ph: 03 9602 8999  
Fax: 03 9670 7098

*Yakult Australia*  
10 Monterey Road  
Dandenong, VIC 3175  
Ph: 03 9793 2045  
e-mail: [info@yakult.com.au](mailto:info@yakult.com.au)

*Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry*  
4th Floor / 136 Exhibition Street  
Melbourne, VIC 3000  
Ph: 03 9650 3666/7  
Fax: 03 9650 1245

*Japanese Translation & Typesetting Services*  
44 Dundas Place  
Albert Park, VIC 3206  
Ph: 03 9699 7148  
Fax: 03 9696 1580

*Melbourne Homestay Centre*  
118 Queen Street  
Melbourne, VIC 3000  
Ph: 03 9602 3070

*Australia-Asia Education & Migration Centre*  
Level 7 / 388 Lonsdale Street  
Melbourne, VIC 3000  
Ph: 03 9670 2118,  
fax: 03 9670 3019  
e-mail: [melb@aaemc.com.au](mailto:melb@aaemc.com.au)

# Dining Out / Japanese Food Guide



## GENERAL

Name	Address	Phone	Comments
Ajisen Ramen	130 Bourke St, City	9662 1100	For lovers of <i>ramen</i> , this chain specialises in Kyushyu style.
Akari 177	177 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy	9419 3786	A good variety of meals and helpings are a good size. If eating before 7pm there are some budget meal sets.
Akita	Courtney Street (cnr Blackwood St.) North Melbourne	9326 5766	Popular with expats. Bookings recommended.
Aya	1193 High Street, Armadale	9822 9571	<a href="http://www.ayarestaurant.com.au">www.ayarestaurant.com.au</a> Cooking lessons available
Chiba	19 Hall Street, Moonee Ponds	9326 0248	Good banquets available BYO
Chocolate Buddha	Federation Square, City	9654 5688	Features organic dishes like <i>ramen</i> , <i>donburi</i> and more.
Daruma House	557 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds	9372 7761	Entrées especially good
Don Don	321 Swanston Street, City	9662 3377	Double fast, generous <i>bento</i> boxes, soups and salads at good prices.
Eis Japanese Resturant	188 Bridport St, Albert Park	9645 7448	A classy restaurant with great service and impeccable meals.
Don Tac	526 City Road, South Melbourne	9696 6794	Good variety of <i>obento</i>
Hanabishi	187 King Street, City	9670 1167	One of Melbourne's premier Japanese restaurants. 'One hat' – The Age Good Food Guide 2006.
Hako Japanese Resturant	Shop 7, Flinders lane (enter Degraeves St), City	9650 0207	Great best-value Japanese food, small space, has good <i>bento</i> boxes for lunch and dinner is scrumptious!
Hibari	479 Malvern Road, South Yarra	9827 0155	
Iku Yakitori	139 Sydney Road, Brunswick	8310 4848	Cute little bar serving <i>izakaya</i> style food
Izakaya Chuji	165 Lonsdale Street, City	9663 8118	Lively <i>izakaya</i> with varied menu... <i>yakiniku</i> available upstairs
J Café	167 Exhibition St., City	9650 9877	Sells <i>manju</i> and other Japanese style desserts. BYO
J's Surf & Turf Dine In & Takeaway	133 Were Street, Brighton	9592 6500	Good take-away
Kaki	265 High Street, Northcote	9482 3951	
Kanpai	569 Chapel Street, South Yarra	9827 4379	
Kazen Japanese Café	201 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy	9417 3270	Friendly Japanese staff, good food

Kenzan	Collins Place, 45 Collins Street, City	9654 8933	Premier Japanese restaurant in Melbourne. Popular with expats and renowned for its <i>sushi</i>
Koko's	8 Whiteman St, Southbank, Crown Towers	9292 6886	<a href="http://www.koko.citysearch.com.au">www.koko.citysearch.com.au</a> Slightly expensive, but amazing!
Kuni's	56 Little Bourke Street, City	9663 7243	Modern Japanese cuisine in a modern setting
Kyoto	280 St. Kilda Road, St. Kilda	9534 8108	<a href="http://www.kyoto.citysearch.com.au">www.kyoto.citysearch.com.au</a> Japanese videos for hire
Mikasa	64 Burwood Road, Hawthorn	9818 0062	
Mikoshi	151-155 Fitzroy Street, St. Kilda	9534 9559	<a href="http://www.mikoshi.citysearch.com.au">www.mikoshi.citysearch.com.au</a>
Misuzu's	7 Victoria Avenue, Albert Park	9699 9022	Downstairs café, upstairs restaurant. Really great set meals!
Mizu	133 Commercial Road, South Yarra	9827 1144	Trendy venue with indoor and courtyard seating
Matsuya	146 Station St, Fairfield	9482 6088	Busy, low prices, fast service, generous <i>sushi</i> and <i>udon</i> .
Miyoshi	85 Swan St, Richmond	9428 8672	Cheap, cheerful & delicious... authentic Japanese homestyle cooking. (Closed Sat evenings)
Momotaro Ramen	392 Bridge Road, Richmond	9421 1661	Specializes in noodle dishes. Large portions!
Murasaki	24 Russell Street, City	9654 5437	<a href="http://www.murasaki.citysearch.com.au">www.murasaki.citysearch.com.au</a>
Nagasaki	120 Lygon Street, Carlton	9662 2943	'One hat' – The Age Good Food Guide 2006.
Ocha	156 Pakington Street, Kew	9853 6002	Whilst the cuisine may not be traditional Japanese, this is another popular place for expats. BYO
Peko Peko	199 Smith St, Fitzroy	9415 9609	Downtown Tokyo meets <i>manga</i> , with a tasty standard of food and a good variety.
Shiranui	247 Springvale Rd, Glen Waverley	9886 7755	'One hat' – The Age Good Food Guide 2006.
Shoya	25 Market Lane, City	9650 0848	Great <i>karaoke</i> rooms, amazing food.
Teppanyaki Inn	182 Collins Street, City	9650 9431	Classy setup. Delicious <i>teppanyaki</i> sets from around \$38p/p
Toki	88 Grattan Street, Carlton	9347 9748	Great teriyaki chicken
Tokyo Garden	Level 1, 360 Latrobe Street, City	9328 3909	Karaoke available
Tokyo Teppanyaki	536 Chapel Street, South Yarra	9826 2375	Lots of food throwing and knife juggling in true <i>teppanyaki</i> tradition
Tomoshihi	5 Armstrong Street, Middle Park	9699 1810	
Torimatsu	179 King Street, City	9670 9683	<a href="http://www.melbournenet.com.au/torimatsu">www.melbournenet.com.au/torimatsu</a> All you can eat <i>yakiniku</i> @ \$26 (men) and \$24 (women) after 6pm. <i>Karaoke</i> available.

Ume Nomiya	197 Gertrude St, Fitzroy	9415 6101	\$8 cocktails on Tues and Thurs, 6-10pm
Wabi Sabi Salon	94 Smith St, Fitzroy	94176119	A small, homey style Japanese eatery, has great garden for outdoor dining.
Yamato	28 Corrs Lane, City	9663 1706	Very popular (and small), reasonably-priced restaurant. Always full so book ahead.
Yen Sushi Noodle	12 Centre Place, City	9663 0778	Small, hidden and serves <i>udon</i> , <i>nori</i> rolls or seaweed stuffed <i>inari</i> .
Yokohama Teppanyaki	Century City Walk, Shop 3, Springvale Road, Glen Waverly	9560 1117	Good lunch sets and moderately priced dinners in a laid back atmosphere
Yoyogi Japanese Café	211-213 Swanston Street, City	9663 7266	Hectic Japanese style café with cheap lunch and dinner sets
Yu-u	137 Flinders Lane, City	9639 7073	One of Melbourne's best-kept secrets. Simply furnished, stylish <i>izakaya</i> with a great ambience. Good value lunch sets.



## SUSHI

Name	Address	Phone	Comments
Gigi Sushi Bar	237 Swanston Street, City	9639 2233	
Rin Sushi Bar	250 Flinders Lane, City	9663 6133	
Robot Sushi and Bar	12 Bligh Place, City	9620 3646	<a href="http://www.robotsushi.com">www.robotsushi.com</a> Cosy bar with anime/pop culture theme. Wide range of Japanese alcohol and snacks.
Shira Nui	247 Springvale Rd, Glen Waverly	9886 7755	A fantastic sushi restaurant, quite pricey, but lunchtime is cheaper.
Sushi Gotcha	147 Lonsdale Street, City	9650 5858	
Sushi Masa	10 Bourke Street, City	9662 1322	
Sushi Ten	Shop 14-15 Port Phillip Arcade, 228 Flinders St, City	9639 6296	
Tokyo Train	222 Bay St, Port Melbourne	9646 5280	A train loco moves around the bar delivering fresh pairs of sushi to you.
Yuki Tei	Shop 11, 1A Grange Road, Toorak	9826 3271	



## SUPERMARKETS/GROCERY STORES

Name	Address	Phone	Comments
Fujimart	322 Toorak Road, South Yarra	9826 5839	Often has several discount days per month.
Great Eastern Food	185-187 Russell Street, City	9663 3716	A range of Japanese groceries along with goods from all over Asia.
O Mu Ro	9 Church Street, Brighton	9591 0633	Takeaway and Japanese grocery.
Suzuran	1025 Burke Road, Hawthorn	9882 2349	<i>Sushi</i> and Japanese groceries
Tokyo Deli	418 Glenhuntly Road, Elsternwick	9523 6200	Japanese videos available for hire.



# Japanese Books and Videos/Films

We've put together a listing of our favourite Japan-related books and films to help inspire you...

## Books

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
Across the nightingale floor (trilogy)	<i>Lian Hearn</i>
Audrey Hepburn's Neck	<i>Alan Brown</i>
Behind the Lines	<i>Ben Hill</i>
Cloud of Sparrows	<i>Takashi Matsuoka</i>
Coin Locker Babies	<i>Ryu Murakami</i>
Dance Dance	<i>Haruki Murakami</i>
Dave Barry Does Japan	<i>Dave Barry</i>
Evening Clouds	<i>Junzo Shono</i>
Geisha	<i>Liza Dalby</i>
Genji Monogatari (The Tales of Genji)	<i>Murasaki Shikibu</i>
Hokaido Highway Blues:Hitchhiking Japan	<i>Will Ferguson</i>
I am a cat	<i>Natsume Soseki</i>
Kitchen	<i>Bannana Yoshimoto</i>
Kokoro	<i>Natsume Soseki</i>
Learning to Bow	<i>Bruce Feiler</i>
Legless in Ginza	<i>Robin Gerster</i>
Lost Japan	<i>Alex Kerr</i>
Memoirs of a Geisha	<i>Arthur Golden</i>
Norwegian Wood	<i>Haruki Murakami</i>
Sazae San	<i>Machiko Hasegawa</i>
Shogun	<i>James Clavell</i>
The Chrysanthemum and the Sword	<i>Ruth Benedict</i>
The Comfort Women	<i>George Hicks</i>
The Decay of the Angel	<i>Mishima</i>
The Railway Man	<i>Eric Lomax</i>
The Sailor Who Fell From Grace to the Sea	<i>Mishima</i>
The Tale of Murasaki	<i>Liza Dalby</i>

## Personal Growth Books

Rich Dad, Poor Dad	<i>Robert Kiyoshi</i>
The Alchemist	<i>Paulo Coelho</i>
The Pilgrimage	<i>Paulo Coelho</i>
The Way of the Peaceful Warrior	<i>Dan Millman</i>

## Movies / Videos (random order)

Kamikaze Taxi	Novojiman	Azumi
Hanabi/ Kikujiro/ Brother	GT	Lost in Translation
Tampopo	A Beautiful Life	The Last Samurai
Seven Samurai	Water Boys	Nobody Knows
Yojimbo	Akira	Perfect Blue
Ursa de Sala	A Taxing Woman	Final Fantasy
Shall We Dance	Twilight Samurai	Zatoichi
Princess Mononoke	Shiko Funjatta (sumo)	Ping Pong
Spirited Away	Pokemon	