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ABOUT THIS BOOK

This is a book for beginner learners on the history of Japan from the Jomon Period to the end of the American occupation of Japan after the Second World War. It gives an overview of Japan's geography and administrative division, highlights the evolution of the political system of Japan from ancient times through medieval times to modern times, international relations between Japan and the outside world - the wars with Mongolia and significantly, the influence of China, Korea and the Western world in shaping the culture and history of Japan, Japanese internal political turmoil manifested in the form of violent struggles for power and dominance, Japanese socio-cultural practices from pre-historical times to modern times, and Japan's 20th Century militarism, expansionism, their defeat in the Second World War and the American occupation after the war.

"You must understand that there is more than one path to the top of the mountain."

– **Miyamoto Musashi** (1584–1645), Swordsman, Strategist, Philosopher, and Artist.