

The Temples Of Kyoto - Donald Richie

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The Temples of Kyoto takes you on a journey through these environs and presents twenty-one of these marvelous structures that are unique creations which, while quintessentially Japanese, somehow speak a universal language readily appreciated by people the world over. Donald Richie, called by Time magazine, "the dean of art critics in Japan," turns his attention to these twenty-one temples with scholarship and an eye for the dramatic. Drawing off such classic sources as The Tale of Genji and Essays in Idleness, he takes the reader on a tour through the ages, first with a comprehensive history of Japanese Buddhism, and then by highlighting key events in the development of these "celestial-seeming cities." From the Tendai warrior-priests of Enryaku-ji to the floating vision of paradise at Byodo-in, to the magical gardens of Tofuku-ji, the past springs into the present and the temples truly take on a life of their own in a thrilling narrative that weaves fact and legend into a guide as entertaining as it is informative. Brilliant photographs of the temples, taken by the award-winning photographer Alexandre Georges, complement the text and provide a visual overview of the subject matter. His keen eye captures on film the elements that make each temple noteworthy, including their interiors, and objets d'art, in a fresh and thought provoking manner. The result is this book: a testament and meditation on the power and elegance of these world-renowned structures that are both places of worship and examples of the finest art Japan has ever produced. Author: Richie, Donald Publisher: Tuttle Publishing Illustration: N Language: ENG Title: The Temples of Kyoto Pages: 00152 (Encrypted EPUB) On Sale: 2012-08-07 SKU-13/ISBN: 9780804820325 Category: Travel : Asia - Japan

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