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Rackgaki (includes DVD): Japanese Graffiti



Synopsis

Dedicated to Japan's rackgaki (graffiti) scene, this book illustrates the work of major graffiti artists working in Japan today. It showcases the creativity that lies within this new and relatively unexplored form of contemporary Japanese art. Interviews with the artists, and the authors' own experiences in documenting the different aspects of this subculture, reveal an art-form at the cutting edge and often at odds with police and civic authorities. An accompanying DVD brings to life the imagery of the book and includes footage of graffiti being created. Set to a soundtrack by some of Japan's leading Trip-Hop artists, the viewer is fully immersed in the subculture that is Japanese graffiti.

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Customer Reviews

the book is great but the DVD is PAL format so unless you have a player that can play European DVDS you wont be watching it.

i go this book the day it came it and was very impressed...i had heard from a relative who lived in japan for about 5 years that japan didn't have much of a writing scene...this book/dvd proves otherwise...the dvd wont play on region 1 players but it worked on my laptop without any problems...this is great for anyone who appreciates the neglected art of the streets

this is a great book and the dvd is amazing. it could have been printed on better quality paper to make the work really pop. the cover is very well design and made though. just wish the paper inside

was better.

Not a bad book. Not a good one. It was sealed when I saw it in a store, and the cover is absolutely gorgeous. I don't know, the pages are nice and the dvd is okay, but I guess I expected more from a graffiti book. I love graffiti, but this is just a colorful collection of relatively ordinary (albeit elaborate) street graffiti. Lots of complicated tags and whatnot, but nothing I would label as unique or ingenious. Opened the book once or twice and never felt the desire to again. Good thing I got a good deal, it certainly wasn't what I was expecting under the plastic seal! Most of the work could easily have been done anywhere--not just in Japan.

thought it had great shots and i love the DVD, sweet sounds and great edits. the only thing its not a multi region DVD. I watched it on a little "Colby" dvd player which i entered a code so it plays everything. So if you have just a regular DVD player your out of luck, or maybe you should be able to watch it on your PC. Either way I loved it.

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