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Persistence of the "Geisha-Girl" Fantasy – "Gei at the Periphery Why is the "geisha-girl" image so persistent within American culture, and why does it continue to wield power as a symbol for such a wide variety of ideas?

Geisha Save Profile of geiko Kimiha from Miyagawacho , wearing a formal kimono tomesode and a Shimada-styled nihongami wig. Her obi is tied in the "taiko" drum style. All these are details which clearly distinguish her from a maiko an apprentice. Contrary to popular belief, geishas are not the Eastern equivalent of the prostitute; a misconception originating in the West due to interactions with oiran , whose traditional dress is similar to that of geisha. The most literal translation of geisha into English would be "artist", "performing artist", or "artisan". This term is used to refer to geisha from Western Japan, which includes Kyoto and Kanazawa. The white make-up and elaborate kimono and hair of a maiko is the popular image held of geisha. A woman entering the geisha community does not have to begin as a maiko, having the opportunity to begin her career as a full geisha. A woman above 21 is considered too old to be a maiko and becomes a full geisha upon her initiation into the geisha community. On average, Tokyo apprentices who typically begin at 18 are slightly older than their Kyoto counterparts who usually start at The early Shikomi in-training and Minarai learns by watching stages of geisha training lasted for years shikomi and months minarai respectively, which is significantly longer than in contemporary times. A girl is often a shikomi for up to a year while the modern minarai period is simply one month. Before they disappeared , the courtesans were the colourful "flowers" and the geisha the " willows " because of their subtlety, strength, and grace. Saburuko serving girls were mostly wandering girls whose families were displaced from struggles in the late s. Some of these saburuko girls sold sexual services, while others with a better education made a living by entertaining at high-class social gatherings. Traditional Japan embraced sexual delights it is not a Shinto taboo and men were not constrained to be faithful to their wives. For sexual enjoyment and romantic attachment, men did not go to their wives, but to courtesans. They performed erotic dances and skits, and this new art was dubbed kabuku, meaning "to be wild and outrageous". The dances were called "kabuki", and this was the beginning of kabuki theater. The highly accomplished courtesans of these districts entertained their clients by dancing, singing, and playing music. Some were renowned poets and calligraphers. Gradually, they all became specialized and the new profession, purely of entertainment, arose. It was near the turn of the eighteenth century that the first entertainers of the pleasure quarters, called geisha, appeared. The first geishas were men, entertaining customers waiting to see the most popular and gifted courtesans oiran. In the s, they were popular paid entertainers in the private homes of upper-class samurai,[11] though many had turned to prostitution by the early 18th century. Those who were no longer teenagers and could no longer style themselves odoriko[12] adopted other names – one being "geisha", after the male entertainers. The first woman known to have called herself geisha was a Fukagawa prostitute, in about By , being a geisha was considered a female occupation though there are still a handful of male geisha working today. Eventually, the gaudy Oiran began to fall out of fashion, becoming less popular than the chic " iki " and modern geisha. Some women would have sex with their male customers, whereas others would entertain strictly with their art forms. World War II brought a huge decline in the geisha arts because most women had to go to factories or elsewhere to contribute to post war reconstruction. The geisha name also lost some status during this time because prostitutes began referring to themselves as "geisha girls" to American military men. About a year later, they were allowed to reopen. The few women who returned to the geisha areas decided to reject Western influence and revert to traditional ways of entertainment and life. After Japan lost the war, geisha dispersed and the profession was in shambles. In modern Japan, girls are not sold into indentured service. But I existed in a world apart, a special realm whose mission and identity depended on preserving the time-honored traditions of the past. The Gokagai of Kyoto are its five geisha districts,[25] also known as hanamachi "flower towns". Gion Kobu , Pontocho and Kamishichiken have the highest status;[26] they are very expensive and are frequented by powerful

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businessmen and politicians [9] Gion Kobu is sometimes seen as having the very highest ranking. As reported by Dalby from her impressions in [27] Geiko from the other two hanamachi Gion Higashi and Miyagawa Cho have high prestige but are considered to be one rank lower. Some girls were bonded to geisha houses okiya as children. Daughters of geisha were often brought up as geisha themselves, usually as the successor atotori, meaning "heir" or "heiress" in this particular situation or daughter-role musume-bun to the okiya. A maiko is an apprentice and is therefore bonded under a contract to her okiya. The okiya supplies her with food, board, kimono, obi, and other tools of her trade. Her training is very expensive and her debt must be repaid to the okiya with the earnings she makes. This repayment may continue after the maiko becomes a full-fledged geisha and only when her debts are settled is she permitted to move out to live and work independently. This is a way in which she will gain insights of the job, and seek out potential clients. Although minarai attend ozashiki, they do not participate at an advanced level. Minarai can be hired for parties but are usually uninvited yet welcomed guests at parties that their onee-san attends. They only charge a third of the usual fee. Minarai generally work with a particular tea house Minarai-jaya learning from the okaa-san literally "mother", the proprietress of the house. From her, they would learn techniques such as conversation and gaming, which would not be taught to them in school. This stage lasts only about a month or so. After a short period the final stage of training begins, and the students are now called "maiko", rather than minarai. Maiko literally "dance girl" are apprentice geisha, and this stage can last for up to 5 years. Maiko learn from their senior maiko and geiko mentors. The onee-san, any maiko or geiko who is senior to a girl, teaches her maiko everything about working in the hanamachi. The onee-san will teach her proper ways of serving tea, playing shamisen, dancing, casual conversation and more. The first is the formal arts training. This takes place in special geisha schools which are found in every hanamachi. The second element is the entertainment training which the maiko learns at various tea houses and parties by observing her onee-san. The third is the social skill of navigating the complex social web of the hanamachi. This is done on the streets. Formal greetings, gifts, and visits are key parts of any social structure in Japan and for a maiko, they are crucial for her to build the support network she needs to survive as a geisha. Maiko are considered one of the great sights of Japanese tourism, and look very different from fully qualified geisha. They are at the peak of traditional Japanese femininity. She wears the same white makeup for her face on her nape, leaving two or sometimes three stripes of bare skin exposed. Her kimono is bright and colourful with an elaborately tied obi hanging down to her ankles. She takes very small steps and wears traditional wooden shoes called okobo which stand nearly ten centimeters high. The "Nihongami" hairstyle with "kanzashi" hair-ornamentation strips is most closely associated with maiko,[29] who spend hours each week at the hairdresser and sleep on holed-pillows to preserve the elaborate styling. Around the age of 20-21, the maiko is promoted to a full-fledged geisha in a ceremony called erikae turning of the collar. Geisha remain as such until they retire. Female dominance in geisha society The biggest industry in Japan is not shipbuilding, producing cultured pearls, or manufacturing transistor radios or cameras. Some prostitutes refer to themselves as "geisha", but they are not. A successful geisha can entertain her male customers with music, dance, and conversation. Geishas are not submissive and subservient, but in fact they are some of the most financially and emotionally successful and strongest women in Japan, and traditionally have been so. Geisha are single women, though they may have lovers or boyfriends whom they have personally picked, who support them financially. There is currently no western equivalent for a geisha—they are truly the most impeccable form of Japanese art. The ideal geisha showed her skill, while the ideal wife was modest. The ideal geisha seemed carefree, the ideal wife somber and responsible. Historically, geisha did sometimes marry their clients, but marriage necessitated retirement, as there were never married geisha. Geisha may gracefully flirt with their guests, but they will always remain in control of the hospitality. Over their years of apprenticeship they learn to adapt to different situations and personalities, mastering the art of the hostess. In the geisha society, women run everything. Without the impeccable business skills of the female tea house owners, the world of geisha would cease to exist. The tea house owners are entrepreneurs, whose service to the geisha is highly necessary for the society to run smoothly. Infrequently, men take contingent

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positions such as hair stylists,[35] dressers dressing a maiko requires considerable strength and accountants,[18] but men have a limited role in geisha society. The geisha system was founded, actually, to promote the independence and economic self-sufficiency of women. And that was its stated purpose, and it actually accomplished that quite admirably in Japanese society, where there were very few routes for women to achieve that sort of independence. Becoming a geisha was a way for women to support themselves without becoming a wife. Thus, some argue that geisha women live in a women-centered society. The only major role men play in geisha society is that of guest, though women sometimes take that role as well. Many experienced geisha are successful enough to choose to live independently. Before the twentieth century, geisha training began when a girl was around the age of six. Now, girls must go to school until they are 15 years old and have graduated from middle school and then make the personal decision to train to become a geisha. Young women who wish to become geisha now most often begin their training after high school or even college. Many more women begin their careers in adulthood. In the s, there were over 80, geisha in Japan,[45][46] but today, there are far fewer. Most common sightings are of tourists who pay a fee to be dressed up as a maiko.

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According to Dalby and the geisha she interviews, a geisha in the s earned privileges largely unknown to other women, including economic self-sufficiency, freedom, the possibility of high business achievement in the geisha world, and the excitement of meeting many influential people.

What follows is a list of books on Chinese architecture, gardens, furniture and furnishings, with supporting materials on like topics from Japan, Korea, Southeast and Central Asia. Newly acquired resources arrive frequently and other relevant titles currently in the library are being catalogued, so this list should not be considered complete. This list is current as of April 15, An annotated listing of the bibliography below is in process and will include book descriptions, language notes and topic significance. A thorough listing of relevant journal articles will also be included. Oxford University Press, Herbert Offen Research Collection. Within the four seas: The Commercial Press, Journal of a residence in China and the neighbouring countries from Narrative of a journey in the interior of China: Ch an shiseki no kenky Herbert Offen Research Collection. Adachi Kiroku, and Yang Lian. T y Bunko, Sh wa 8 []. Shang wu yin shu guan, Adachi Museum of Art. The Gardens of the Adachi Museum of Art. Adachi Museum of Art, Nihon kenchikushi Herbert Offen Research Collection. Toba kenchiku no kenkyu. Chijin Shokan, Showa 15 []. Art treasures of Seoul, with walking tours. Seoul International Tourist Pub. Seoul International Tourist, Through gates of Seoul: Aga Khan Award for Architecture Organization. Architecture As Symbol and Self-Identity: Aga Khan Award for Architecture, Conservation of ancient sites on the Silk Road: Getty Conservation Institute, Kashmir and its monumental glory. Ba xun wan shou sheng dian Herbert Offen Research Collection. Xue yuan chu ban she, Timezone 8 Limited, New year celebrations in central China in late imperial times. Chinese University Press, c Notes from a frontier. Kelly and Walsh, Akai Gokuhi Rokkaku hinagata []. Miyako rinsen meish zue K to[Tokyo]: Suharaya Zengor , [? Suharaya Mohe , Kansei 7: Ogawa Tazaemon, Kansei []. Akisato Rit , and Sanshitsu Matsunomoto. Takahashi Heisuke, Kansei 3 []. Akiyama Aisaburo ga [illustrator]. Pagodas in sunrise land. Sights of Old Capital Kyu to meish ki. Y su sha, Cosmology and Architecture in Premodern Islam. State University of New York, The search for a vanishing Beijing: Hong Kong University Press, The Temples of Lhasa Tibetan Buddhist architecture from the 7th to the 21st centuries. Pearls of the Orient: Asian treasures from the Wellcome Library. The Aga Khan Award for Architecture: Aga Khan Awards, Allom, Thomas, and G. The Chinese Empire Illustrated: London and New York: London Printing and Publishing Co, n. Mensen voorbij de Grote Muur: A collection of 19th century Chinese hardwood furniture. Zhongqing chu ban she, Ningchang Herbert Offen Research Collection. Kyoto no chashitsu Herbert Offen Research Collection. Nihon kokenchiku teiy []. K zand shoten, Kawahara Shoten, Sh wa Ichijoshobo, Sh wa 19 []. Taigad , Showa 19 []. In the land of the lamas: Marshall Brothers, An Huaiqi. Zhongguo Yuan Lin Shi dian Shanghai fa xing suo, Tong ji da xue chu ban she: Xin hua shu An Hwi-jun. A narrative of the British embassy to China in the years , , and Swords for Rogers and Berry Felt tents and pavilions: Art, life, and nature in Japan. Marshall Jones company, Zhongguo ling bi shi. Anhui mei shu chu ban Anhui mei shu chu ban she she, Anhui sheng bo wu guan. Wen wu chu ban Anhui sheng bo wu guan. Anhui sheng bo wu guan cang hua Anhui Province Museum. Wen wu chu ban she, Anhui Sheng di tu. Henan di tu chu ban she, Anhui sheng wen wu ju. Anhui Sheng chu tu yu qi jing cui zhi mei shu chu ban she gu fen you xian gong si, Guizhou ren min chu ban she, Presbyterian mission press, Samakhom Sathapanik Sayam, []. Chugoku teien Herbert Offen Research Collection. Shinsen Tategu sukashi hinagata: Traditions in Japanese design. Tokyo, Palo Alto, Calif.

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Accessed May 5 The Brahma Kumaris as Howell, J. Responding to Late tation in new religious movements: Ashgate New Critical Thinking 02janfeb. Doctor of Theol- ity into a contemporary Australian socio- ogy. Social and Religious Marburg University of Marburg. University of Western Sydney: Psychology and Spirituality Society. How Much Can a Yogi Bear? Psychology of Death in Fantasy and History. Yoga traditions, the Brahma Praeger: Kumaris and the pressures of lifestyle: Adaptations required to adjust to an Australian Puttick, E. Women in New Religions. Search of Community, Sexuality and Spiritual Power. An examination of the interaction between these two organisations suggests both possible synergies, and serious potential pitfalls in the interaction of multinational corporations and new religious movements. Blurring the boundaries between corporation and religion Louella Matsunaga I n her thought-provoking contribution to the Autumn edition of this newsletter, Wendy Smith suggests a number of parallels between multinational corporations MNCs and new religious movements NRMs. As I have argued elsewhere Matsunaga , in the case of Japanese MNCs and NRMs in particular these parallels are striking, despite the contrast in the social status within Japan of the two types of organisation MNCs are elite, highly respected organisations, while NRMs tend to be regarded with suspicion, particularly since the Aum poison gas incident of In addition to the common organisational characteristics noted by Smith, similarities can also be found in narratives of the lives of the founders of MNCs and NRMs Matsunaga Although it should be noted that this kind of explicit public linkage is highly unusual in Japan, this case is of interest as it gives an opportunity to explore the interaction between an NRM and an MNC in a context where both are seeking to expand their global reach. Put simply, the movement teaches that there is a world of reality in which human beings are perfect, children of God; and a phenomenal world of our perceptions. All problems come from the phenomenal world, which is an illusion. If we cultivate the right state of mind, and thus put ourselves in touch with the world of reality, these problems will disappear. At the same time, notions familiar from writings on Japanese society and ethics are also stressed: An adaptable philosophy The philosophy of Seicho-No-Ie has proved itself to be adaptable to the business context in Japan, as its elements have been harnessed to the promotion of a work ethic which emphasises effort and the importance of service to others through work. In the s its most wellknown member was Wada Kazuo, president of the Yaohan retail group, who became head of the Prosperity Association in By the s the Yaohan retail group had grown from a small, family-run greengrocers with a single store in Kanagawa prefecture to become a multinational chain of stores with branches in countries including China, the US and the UK. As the Yaohan business began to expand, and to open more branches within Japan in the s, the company began to offer induction training for new employees, in line with the general pattern for large Japanese companies. However the Yaohan programme was distinctive in its strong emphasis on spiritual training² based on the principles of Seicho-No-Ie. This led Taniguchi to contact the Wadas, and to suggest that their approach could cause a serious misunderstanding. Inextricably linked The response of the Wadas was surprising. They decided to formally extend the connection linking their family with Seicho-No-Ie to the entire Yaohan company, so that henceforward all Yaohan employees would also be members of Seicho-No-Ie. Employees who resisted, some on the grounds that they did not wish to become members of an NRM, were told that they could seek jobs elsewhere, and in the end the majority complied. Yaohan training programmes continued to have a strong SeichoNo-Ie content, and in the following year Yaohan held a six day induction course at a Seicho-No-Ie training centre, which included elements such as Seicho-No-Ie style meditation. It seems that Wada calculated that the strength of Seicho-No-Ie in Brazil would help Yaohan to establish itself by providing both a source of employees and of potential customers. In the early s Yaohan opened a total of four stores in Brazil, however the combination of the oil shock of and the high rate of inflation in Brazil meant

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that the venture ran into difficulties, and by Yaohan no longer had any stores in Brazil. In Hong Kong the picture appears more complex: May Wong suggests that the Chinese employees were receptive to the content of the training programme, partly because aspects of the teachings such as the emphasis on filial piety and gratitude to seniors resonated with their own cultural background. However, Heung Wah Wong points out that local Chinese staff were largely excluded from Seicho-No-Ie activities within the company, and argues that this exclusion from the symbolic heart of the company reflects the differential value placed on local Chinese staff who were seen as peripheral, compared to the Japanese managerial core. Drawing on my own research, in Yaohan Plaza in the UK, similarly, participation in Seicho-No-Ie events such as meditation or prayers was confined to the Japanese staff. Seicho-No-Ie based training was offered to managerial staff, who attended courses in Hong Kong an experience which met with a mixed response , but on the whole Seicho-No-Ie seemed to have little impact on the local staff. It was also noticeable that, at this distance from the headquarters of Yaohan and from the Wada family, even the Japanese employees of Yaohan UK showed little enthusiasm for Seicho-No-Ie activities, to the dismay of local Seicho-No-Ie groups, who had hoped that the opening of the UK store in would provide a boost to their organisation. It seems that both Yaohan and Seicho-No-Ie entertained hopes that they could cooperate in order to promote the Seicho-No-Ie philosophy, and in so doing to also help to create a distinctive corporate identity for Yaohan characterised by a strong work and service ethic. However, it does suggest that, however compelling the parallels and potential synergies between NRMs and MNCs may be, as the two types of organisation both seek to expand globally, the blurring of boundaries between them is experienced as problematic. Patchy commitment, active resistance 1 For a more detailed account see Matsunaga In practice, however, these hopes were not fulfilled. Although the incorporation of Yaohan employees as Seicho-No-Ie members was accomplished relatively easily, at least on a nominal level, in Japan; in other countries the introduction of practices seen as religious into a workplace, or training environment, conceived of as secular, met with resistance, in particular where these practices were seen as in conflict with pre-existing religious affiliations, as in Singapore. Furthermore, evidence from the UK suggests that many Japanese employees may have seen their membership of Seicho-No-Ie as a purely formal obligation, imposed by the Wada family. However it is unusual for such programmes to be based on the teachings of an NRM. Japanese New Religions in Global Perspective. Ceremony and Ritual in Japan: Religious Practices in an Industrialized Society. London and New York: In the UK case, for example, Yaohan management was willing to let its premises be used for Seicho-No-Ie meetings, but Yaohan employees and their families would rarely participate in local Seicho-No-Ie group organised events. In addition the store was very inconveniently located for local Seicho-No-Ie members, so meetings at the store tended to be poorly attended. American Anthropologist , For Harmony and Strength: Japanese white-collar organization in anthropological perspective. University of California Press Smith, W. Japanese Bosses, Chinese Workers: Power and Control in a Hong Kong megastore. Curzon Overall, although Seicho-No-Ie has a considerable worldwide presence, the expansion of the movement was not helped by its association with Yaohan, nor did Yaohan derive any substantial benefits in its expansion overseas from its association with Seicho-No-Ie. It is difficult to draw firm general conclusions from one rather unusual case, especially given Wong, M. This article briefly summarises the major findings of these two important studies. Subsequently, an instructor was dispatched from the headquarters in Osaka and its overseas propagation system gradually became well established. It was further intensified after Rev. Tokuchika Miki, the Second Patriarch, began to travel overseas after By the end of , there was a total of PL churches overseas: PL has developed its overseas presence in a way which is analogous to that of Japanese multinational enterprises, which spread their business, employing local people and establishing organisational hierarchies. This is because PL has been eager to proselytise among non-Japanese since the late s. The main reasons for this were 1 emphasis on miracle-based faith by oyasikiri the taking of an oath to God and on thanks-based belief towards the bliss of God; 2 the linking of sympathetic personal counselling with religious practices in everyday life; 3 active propagation in Portuguese; and 4 the adoption of a system that placed Brazilian instructors at the front line of

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propagation when preaching to Brazilians. The number of non-Japanese assistant instructors has also increased. The outdoor altar, where the spirits of the dead are enshrined, is located at the centre, and is surrounded by the Instruction Department office, training hall, gymnasium, graveyard and Botanical Research Institute. A golf course and a recreational park were also constructed on the property. Then the Festival was cancelled due to the traffic and security problems. Various international congresses and events have been held at the Holy Land. In principle, all regular rituals and events are held only in Portuguese, differing from other Japanese NRMs with overseas branches, such as Tenrikyo and Sukyo Mahikari. Six works by Tokuchika Miki have already been translated and published in Portuguese. When they were translated, a mention of baseball, for example, was replaced by soccer so that local people might feel more familiar. THEME Epidemicising multinational religions Multi-ethnic gathering of Seicho-No-Ie in Brazil. This process of indigenisation has been actively extended to ritual. Japanese sake rice wine, kelp and dried cuttlefish which used to be offered at major ceremonies, have been replaced by wine and cakes in keeping with Brazilian culture. Of these, two thirds of local instructors and 80 percent of practitioners were in Brazil. In there were points of propagation outside of Japan. This has resulted in an increase in the migration of rural populations to urban areas and the trend towards nuclear families. People have been in search of new, more suitable lifestyles and moral codes to meet with the experience of urbanisation and the nuclearisation of the family, PL adopted measures to deal with these changes in an era of rapid social change, and thus was able to extend its influence among non-Japanese Brazilians in a short time. It initially spread as a religion to heal diseases in the s. The number of women prevented him from being promoted to the level of instructor kmshi, the higher rank. Instructor-training seminars in Portuguese were finally organised from, and many non-Japanese instructors were produced. However, the organisation itself is in the hands of executive members who are Brazilians of Japanese descent. The founder, Masaharu Taniguchi takes a strong position regarding the oneness of all religions bankyo kiitsu. Some pointed out spiritual issues as the fourth problem. As mentioned earlier, PL tries to offer solutions to these problems by face-to-face counselling between instructors and their followers. In the case of Seicho-No-Ie, the examples of ancestor-worship and the memorial service for the aborted foetus have become the most effective solutions it can offer for the daily life problems of its followers. There were magazine subscribers in Brazil from, but the first branch was officially established there in or This journal played a major role in propagation among non-Japanese Brazilians. This figure, however, does not reflect the correct number of believers, because one believer could buy and distribute dozens or hundreds of booklets to non-members. There are about 60 disciplinary training centers and two training halls in Brazil, and branch offices in Mexico, Peru, Argentina and Colombia. Subsequently they spread among the non-Japanese host society, such as Brazil, which had no immunity to them due to the prevailing social conditions. The majority of such epidemic Japanese religions were NRMs. But that does not automatically mean that all religions become epidemic.

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Chapter 4 : Read Microsoft Word - Herbert Offen Bibliography WEBdoc

Memoirs of a Geisha is an American novel, and as such the attempt at West does East, especially on the complex and delicate subject of the geisha, is compelling, interesting, but also heavy-handed and ultimately ineffective (even more so in the case of the film).

Chiyo, with her sister Satsu, and her mother and father live in a shack by the sea on the coast of Japan. The shack leans, and has to be propped up to keep from total collapse. Her mother is sick and on the verge of death. Without a crystal ball or access to a series of timelines showing the variations created by changing key decisions at critical junctures how can we know? Satsu, who is fifteen, is promptly placed with a brothel. Not exactly what her father had in mind. Chiyo, who is nine, is deemed young enough to be trained to be a geisha. Those Blue Eyes are what set her apart. The Mother of her geisha house is equally startling in appearance. They were rimmed with the raw lip of her lids, in which a cloudy moisture was pooled, and all around them the skin was sagging. The colors of her face were all mixed up: And to make things more horrible, each of her lower teeth seemed to be anchored in a little pool of blood at the gums. She starts out her new life in trouble. She is quickly considered a threat to the lovely and vindictive Hatsumomo who is the only fully trained geisha working for the house. Chiyo is accused of stealing not true. She is accused of ruining an expensive kimono with ink true but under duress. She is caught trying to escape she broke her arm in the process so try and give the kid a break. Well, all of this ends up costing her two years working as a housemaid when she could have been training as a geisha. She receives an unexpected benefactress, a mortal enemy of Hatsumomo named Mameha decides to take Chiyo under her wing and insure that she has another opportunity to become a geisha. Chiyo, tired of scrubbing floors and being the do-this and do-that girl of the household realizes her best chance at some form of freedom is to elevate herself. The Movie based on this book was released in and directed by Rob Marshall. At age 15 her virginity or mizuage is put up for auction. It is hard not to think of this as a barbaric custom, but for a geisha, if a bidding war erupts, she can earn enough money to pay off all the debts that have accumulated for her training. Chiyo, now called Sayuri, is fortunate to have two prominent men wanting to harvest her flower. The winner is Dr. Crab who paid a record amount for the privilege. He even led with one shoulder when he walked, just like a crab moving along sideways. After the deed is done, the eel spit in the cave, Dr. Crab brought out a kit filled with bottles that would have made Dexter jealous. Each bottle has a blood sample, soaked in a cotton ball or a piece of towel of every geisha he has ever treated including the blood from his couplings for their virginity. He cuts a piece of blood soaked towel that was under Sayori and added it to the bottle with her name. The cultural obsession, every country seems to have one, with female virginity is simply pathological. Not strapped to a table by a serial killer type fear, but still there has to be that underlying hum as the man prepares to enter her. I wonder if men, especially those who avidly pursue the deflowering of maidens, are getting off on that fear? Sayori is on her way to a successful career. She is in love with a man called The Chairman and wishes that he will become her danna, a patron, who can afford to keep a geisha as a mistress. At that moment, beauty itself struck me as a kind of painful melancholy. One misstep, one bit of scandal, and many geishas found themselves ostracized by the community. They could very easily find themselves in a brothel. During WW2 the geisha community was disbanded, and the girls had to find work elsewhere. Despite all the hardships I know she was enduring, Arthur Golden chose not to dwell on them in great detail. I was surprised by this because authors usually want and need to press home those poignant moments, so that when the character emerges from the depths of despair the reader can have a heady emotional response to triumph over tragedy. I really did feel like I was sitting down for tea with Sayori, many years later, and she, as a way of entertaining me, was telling me her life story. Golden interviewed a retired geisha by the name of Mineko Iwasaki who later sued him for using too much of her life story to produce this book. I wonder if Iwasaki was still the perfect geisha, keeping her story uplifting, and glossing over the aspects that could make her company uncomfortable. I notice some reviewers take issue with Sayori. They

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feel she did not assert herself, and take control of her life. She does in the end, but she is patient, and waits for a moment when she can predict the outcome. I feel that she did what she needed to do to survive. Most of the time she enjoyed being a geisha. It takes a long time to learn not only the ways to entertain, but also all the rigid traditions that must be understood to be a successful geisha. As she gets older, and can clearly define the pitfalls of her actions, we see her manipulating the system in her favor. If you wish to see more of my most recent book and movie reviews, visit [http:](http://)

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Disney's myth-making has contributed significantly to maintaining unequal power relationships between Anglo-America and the rest of the world. extends animated fantasy to such products as stationery. which challenges perceived views of space and time.

Chopsticks were stuck in heads fair and dark. I was determined to investigate. Passing a bookstore I stopped dead in my tracks, caught by a gargantuan display of the New York Times bestseller *Memoirs of a Geisha*. After his book launched the craze, *Geisha*, by a U. Just what we need! More, please, on that lurid Western obsession, the geisha! That most Americans know so little about Asia was bad enough. That all they know of Asia seems to be this retrograde, sexist image was worse. So it seemed extremely weird that people were actually wanting to do the geisha thing. Was it trying to get all those sex secrets off us lusty Asian women, but without the nasty disempowerment that went along with it? Because for everyone who was bored with being themselves, it seemed like geisha was the new persona to try on. After all, *Memoirs* was so popular it would be released as a movie in But for all the buildup about the book being so exotic, what I found was surprisingly familiar. Her plain sister Satsu is not so lucky, and winds up as a prostitute. I would suffer through any training, bear up under any hardship, for a chance to attract the notice of a man like the Chairman again. After much adroit political maneuvering by Mameha, Sayuri finds herself in the midst of a bidding war over her virginity. After even more maneuvering, Sayuri manages to sleep with a man that both she and Nobu find disgusting in the hopes that Nobu would break off contact with her; but instead of being discovered by Nobu, as Sayuri had planned, the Chairman stumbles in. Just as Sayuri thinks all her hopes are dashed, she, the Chairman, and the readers are saved by a Hollywood ending and everyone lives happily ever after. A Japanese ending would have had the Chairman and Sayuri fall in love and be happy for three seconds. Then, agonized over the betrayal of Nobu, they would wander off to commit suicide together, and the cherry blossoms would fall upon their cold, dead, but indescribably beautiful faces. Is this why this book has been on the New York Times bestseller list for more than 50 weeks? Because we like our Western ideology and fairy tales all dolled up in ornately foreign frills? But to put in these geisha robes [makes it] new. In the words of one Amazon. We got rid of that centuries ago. The good women are looking for true love. As for the positive relationship between Mameha and Sayuri, it turns out that the Chairman had told Mameha to take the girl with the startling eyes under her wing. A relationship of mentoring and sisterhood is revealed as nothing but Pygmalion by proxy. All her actions are dedicated to being with him “ she finds no joy in honing her formidable dance skills, except as a vehicle to express her sorrow that the Chairman is not her patron, or danna. But this kind of all-for-your-man attitude is not really authentic, argues Case. The effacement serves the larger cultural resistance to perceiving women as active meaning-makers. It makes it easier to align Sayuri with passive womanhood, and the transfer of this American story to a Japanese setting provides a kind of fig leaf for that passivity. What makes it easy and pleasurable is that you are touring this world in a skin that is pretty much culturally your own. Women are buying those novels. *Memoirs* also offers women readers a chance to experiment with a different kind of sexual identity—that of the geisha who both performs and is the subject of her own erotic femininity. Iwasaki Mineko, the real-life geisha that Golden thanks most profusely in his acknowledgments, has since renounced her connection to the book. *Sexing Up the Geisha* Is it better or different when a Japanese American woman “ the great-granddaughter of a geisha, the author bio informs us “ tries on the identity of a geisha? I was certainly hoping so. Kiki Takahashi, the Japanese American narrator, tells the stories of her mother and grandmother—the mother who eloped with a man to America, only to be abused and abandoned, and the grandmother who suffered through her geisha training and earned great love. Kiki herself is haunted, quite literally, by the ghost of her beloved friend Philip. I may have spent most of my life in New Jersey, but the blood of a geisha courses through me yet. The second chapter begins with a racial epithet that a drunk white man had accosted her with at a party: Or so the saying goes, according

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to one man who never did find his way to my bed. But instead of providing insight into the matter, she just turns herself into another stereotype – the sexualized lotus blossom victim and the emasculating dragon-lady sexual temptress all in one. Kiki describes geisha in the same contradictory ways. What my grandmother was to her customers, so, too, am I to a significant number of American men, Eric among them: Instead of a character who grapples with whether degrading images can be reclaimed and made into a powerful identity, or challenges her own notions about her sexuality and ethnicity, we get a reactive Me So Horny stripshow that spans us for looking. Perhaps Kiki would have less of a hard time with the yellow fever thing if she would even consider dating a few men of color, or associate with people who look like her: They had been speaking in what sounded like Japanese. They covertly glance at me with tacit recognition and as usual, I turn away without acknowledging our kinship. Like my college roommates and my adult lovers, my childhood friends were white. At first it seemed odd that someone who was so focused on Asian geisha would be so reluctant to associate with other Asians. But on second thought, it only seemed logical. The image of geisha, as it is constructed in the West, has nothing to do with how real Asian people may imagine themselves. Caught in a magnetic push-pull movement with this stereotype, Kiki equates her identity as an Asian American woman with the relationship of the fantasy geisha to white men. She relates to herself and others like her only through the eyes of these men – as interchangeable objects of desire with no personalities or reality of their own outside of their relation to white men. She has become as much a fantasy to Kiki as a geisha is to white men. Anthropologist as Geisha Liza Dalby also imagined herself as a geisha, but to very different effect, in her book *Geisha*. Working as a geisha afforded her a way to understand and demystify the institution. A white woman from the United States, Dalby had lived in Japan as a teenager and gained fluency in the language, even studying the shamisen, a classical Japanese stringed instrument, from the age of sixteen. What followed was a half anthropological study, half personal narrative about her experience of becoming the first non-Japanese woman to train and work as a geisha. Dalby is straightforward with us right from the beginning about the kind of anthropology she is doing. I cannot pretend that I was the invisible observer, seeing but not seen, simply reporting what appeared before my eyes, and it would be disingenuous of me to say that my presence had no influence on the interactions I sought to record. Dalby does much to dispel simplistic ideas about geisha. Geisha are required to master at least one of the traditional Japanese arts – among them dancing or singing, or playing the shamisen. First appearing at parties of *yuujo* women of pleasure, or prostitutes and their customers in the *s*, the first geisha were male comedians and entertainers. Geisha attend parties and act as hosts, pouring drinks, engaging in ribald banter with men, and performing their chosen *gei*, or art. They appeal to all these different aspects. Especially fascinating is her examination of how the institution of geisha reflects on gender issues in Japan. She explores how both wives and geisha see their roles in Japan: For geisha, these interactions are at the center of their work; they have a good deal of control over their economic situations, which many wives do not, but they remain relegated to lives strictly outside of home and family interactions. According to Dalby and the geisha she interviews, a geisha in the *s* earned privileges largely unknown to other women, including economic self-sufficiency, freedom, the possibility of high business achievement in the geisha world, and the excitement of meeting many influential people. The one who gets the worst deal of all is the wife – A wife has to put up with everything foolish her husband does because, in the end, she has no power, no economic base, of her own. Men can have a wife, a mistress, and girlfriends on the side, yet can a woman do that? But now, record numbers of Japanese women are choosing not to get married, or to get married late in life – the average age of Japanese women who marry is 28, by some calculations. Japanese women are still woefully under-represented in the workforce, especially in senior or management positions, as they are in the United States; and life options still remain limited, despite the work of Japanese women to create more possibilities for themselves. Among the potential work hazards for geisha? But some points do seem to fall by the wayside. In her attempt to privilege the voices of geisha and understand their lives more from the inside, Dalby avoids taking a critical stance on not only how their work might be degrading but how the institution of geisha speaks to a larger system of male dominance and sexism in Japan. Why are there

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geisha at all? Discarding the Kimono All three books flirt, to varying degrees, with becoming geisha. Well, nothing, I suppose, except when you throw a real geisha out of her robe so you can get in it. Nothing, unless you parade around in a racist and sexist image too often projected onto Asian and Asian American women. It is just as telling that a Japanese American narrator, recounting her love-hate relationship with the geisha image, transforms herself into the very image that the public pays big bucks to see in books, TV, and smutty Internet porn sites – the sexually voracious, all-for-her-white-man Asian gal. Dalby is the only one who dares to complexify what a geisha is by truly putting on the kimono in order to better understand the words of the women who inhabit it every day. Even in her own country and context, the geisha is a far-from-feminist figure – more powerful than how we think of her here, but a product of the web of troubling male dominance, nonetheless. With the horny-ho flava and trodden-on subservience that we tack on here, you have an image that is far from liberating. And that this image is the mode of fantasy for women certainly says a lot about how limited our options are for picturing a powerful sexual identity – how we are taught not to claim our own sexuality, but to project and shoehorn sexual fantasy into an image that we can embrace, try on, and then discard as not our own. Luckily, some feminist critics are using the momentum of the geisha craze to critique these very systems that are so damaging. She is currently working as a fellow for The American Prospect. This essay first appeared in the November issue of Sojourner.

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Chapter 6 : Memoirs Of A Geisha by Arthur Golden

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Basic Rules for Writing by Hand Stroke direction. Horizontal strokes from left to right. From top to bottom b. From left to right c. Piercing vertical stroke last If the vertical middle stroke does not protrude, upper part, then middle stroke, then lower part g. Books to Span the East and West Most people are surprised to learn that the world s largest publisher of books on Asia had its beginnings in the tiny American state of Vermont. The company s founder, Charles E. Tuttle, belonged to a New England family steeped in publishing. And his first love was naturally books especially old and rare editions. Tuttle Publishing Company, which thrives today as one of the world s leading independent publishers. Though a westerner, Charles was hugely instrumental in bringing a knowledge of Japan and Asia to a world hungry for information about the East. By the time of his death in , Tuttle had published over 6, books on Asian culture, history and art a legacy honored by the Japanese emperor with the Order of the Sacred Treasure, the highest tribute Japan can bestow upon a non-japanese. With a backlist of, titles, Tuttle Publishing is more active today than at any time in its past inspired by Charles core mission to publish fine books to span the East and West and provide a greater understanding of each. No part of this publication may be reproduced or utilized in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying, recording, or by any information storage and retrieval system, without prior written permission from the publisher. The main part of the book now lists,4 kanji formerly, In addition, with its 9 tables, it presents a fresh, modern design. A feature of this handbook is its double usefulness as both a textbook and a reference work. It serves beginners as well as those who want to look up individual kanji via the three indexes. And the many tables provide a quick overview of all important aspects of the Japanese writing system. The information is so organized and presented the pronunciation of each character is spelled out in roman letters as to allow easy entry into the Japanese writing system for beginners and those who are learning on their own, providing the background anyone needs to know to become able to read Japanese without constantly looking up one kanji after another. All the information about the hiragana and katakana syllabaries and the kanji is based on the official orthography rules of the Japanese government. This work is divided into three parts:. Introductory chapters A general introduction to transliteration is followed by a presentation of the two sets of phonetic characters, the hiragana and the katakana called collectively the kana. Then comes a section devoted to punctuation. Next is a general introduction to the world of the ideographic characters, the kanji: The order of presentation is based on pedagogical principles, proceeding from simple, frequent kanji to those that are more complex and occur less often. Within this general framework, characters that are graphically similar are presented together in order to call attention to their similarities and differences in form, reading, and meaning. Each head-kanji is set in a modern, appealing font, and is accompanied by: Under each head-kanji are listed up to five important compounds with reading and meaning. These compounds are made up of earlier-listed characters having lower identification numbers 6 9 with only a few exceptions. So working through the kanji in the order they are presented in this book will make it easier for you to build up a vocabulary while reviewing what you have learned before. Each compound is labeled with the numbers of its constituent kanji, for quick review lookup. In all, the kanji list and compounds contain a basic Japanese vocabulary of over, words. Indexes Each of the,4 characters in the kanji list can be looked up via three indexes at the end of the book: Acknowledgments The revision of this book is owed primarily to Mr. Rainer and Seiko Weihs, who prepared and proofed all the data in their usual competent, patient, detailed way and produced the typographically complex work you hold in your hands. The quality of the data was considerably improved by the many additional suggestions of Mrs. Vera Rathje and Mrs. To all of them we express our heartfelt thanks. KiM 0 Game and tutorial program. KV 0 Web-based Japanese-English character dictionary. Contains about 6, head-kanji and 48, multi-kanji compound words. Kanji These ideographic characters, adopted from the Chinese language, are used for conceptual words

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mainly nouns, verbs, and adjectives and for Japanese and Chinese proper names.. Hiragana Written with hiragana are the inflectional endings of conceptual words as well as all words, mostly of grammatical function, that are not written in kanji. Katakana Katakana are used to write foreign names and other words of foreign origin, and to emphasize individual words. There has never been an independent, purely Japanese system of writing. Around the seventh century the attempt was first made to use Chinese characters to represent Japanese speech. In the ninth century the Japanese simplified the complex Chinese ideographs into what are now the two sets of kana hiragana and katakana. Each of these kana syllabaries encompasses all the syllables that occur Japanese, so it is quite possible to write exclusively in kana, just as it would be possible to write Japanese exclusively in romanization. In practice, however, this would hamper communication due to the large number of words that are pronounced alike but have different meanings; these homophones are distinguished from each other by being written with different kanji. Japanese today is written either in vertical columns proceeding from right to left or in horizontal lines which are read from left to right. The traditional vertical style is seen mostly in literary works. The horizontal European style, recommended by the government, is found more in scientific and technical literature. Newspapers use both styles: Handwritten Japanese may be written either vertically or horizontally. There, each kana, and each kanji from to , is presented twice in gray for tracing over, followed by empty spaces for free writing. Here the conventions governing the use of kanji and kana for different types of words aid the reader in determining where one word ends and the next begins. All the characters within a text are written in the same size; there is no distinction analogous to that between capital and lowercase letters. As with roman letters, there are a few differences between the printed and handwritten forms, which sometimes makes character recognition difficult for the beginner. In order to familiarize the student with these differences, each of the,4 kanji presented in the main section of this book and in the practice manuals appears in three ways: Within the printed forms of kanji, there are various typefaces, but the differences between them are usually insignificant. In handwriting with brush or pen , three styles are distinguished:. The standard style kaisho , which is taught as the norm in school and is practically identical to the printed form. All the handwritten characters in this volume are given in the standard style.. And let it be noted that there is also a Japanese shorthand intended for purely practical rather than artistic purposes. Since the s Japanese has been written less often by brush, pencil, and pen, and more often by keyboard. But even if your goal is simply to be able to read, and the need to eventually write Japanese by hand seems slight, writing practice is still worthwhile, because it familiarizes you with the characters, fixes them in your mind, and gets you to notice details that can help in recognizing characters and being able to look them up in a character dictionary. And perhaps writing practice will stimulate an interest in calligraphy, one of the oldest of the Japanese arts. So why haven t the Japanese adopted such an alphabet to replace a system of writing which even they find difficult? The answer lies in the large number of homophones, especially in the written language: Other rational as well as more emotional considerations, including a certain inertia, make it very unlikely that the Japanese writing system will undergo such a thorough overhaul. In 95 the Japanese government issued recommendations for the transliteration of Japanese into roman letters. Two tables on pages and 3 summarize the two recommended systems of romanization, which are both in use today and differ only slightly from each other:. The Hebon-shikii was developed by a commission of Japanese and foreign scholars in and was widely disseminated a year later through its use in a Japanese-English dictionary compiled by the American missionary and philologist James Curtis Hepburn in Japanese: In Hepburn romanization the consonant sounds are spelled as in English, and the vowel sounds as in Italian. The Hepburn system allows an English speaker to approximate the original Japanese pronunciation without the need to remember any unfamiliar pronunciation rules, and is therefore less likely to lead a non-japanese into mispronunciation. A good illustration of this is the name of Japan s sacred mountain, which is spelled Fuji in the Hepburn system but misleadingly as Huzi in the kunrei system. That is why the transliterations in this book are spelled with Hepburn ro- manization. The following transliteration rules are taken from the official recommendations. The examples as well as the remarks in parentheses have been added.. When needed to prevent mispronunciation,

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an apostrophe [] is inserted to separate the end-of-syllable sound n from a following vowel or y: Assimilated, or stretched, sounds soku-on are represented as in Italian by double consonants: In practice the simpler macron [] has become prevalent: The lengthening of i and in words of Chinese origin of e is indicated by appending an i: For the representation of certain sounds there are no binding rules. Short, sudden brokenoff vowels at the end of a word or syllable glottal stops, or soku-on are denoted in this book by adding an apostrophe: Proper names and the first word of every sentence are capitalized. The capitalization of substantives is optional: The only real problem in romanizing Japanese text, in which there are no spaces between words, is in deciding where one word ends and the next begins. Basically, it is recommended that independent units thought of as words should be written separately: Hon o sagashite iru n desu. Hyphens serve clarity by separating word units without running them together in a single word: For sake of legibility, compounds made up of four or more kanji should be partitioned into units of two or three kanji each: But we will refrain from any further discussion of proper romanization, which in any case is just a side-issue in a work whose aim is to get the learner as soon as possible to the passive and active mastery of the original Japanese text. The characters were used phonetically to represent similar-sounding Japanese syllables; the meanings of the characters were ignored. In this way one could represent the sound of any Japanese word. But since each Chinese character corresponded to only one syllable, in order to write a single multisyllabic Japanese word one had to write several kanji, which frequently consist of a large number of strokes. Toward the end of the Nara period 70 and during the Heian period 85 these symbols underwent a further simplification, in which esthetic considerations played a part, resulting in a stock of phonetic symbols which was extensive enough to represent all the sounds of the Japanese language. This was the decisive step in the formation of a purely phonetic system for representing syllables.

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World War II imported the image of the exotic geisha girl who catered to men's sexual fantasies (Root, , p.). Asian women have been portrayed in American popular culture in a variety of ways, such as China dolls, geishas, Polynesian dancers, and as characters in the movie "Miss Saigon," yet all of these images show the women as an.

London, England; May 20, Died: At the beginning of the series he is a flippant young man, but as the series progresses, Campion matures, marries Lady Amanda Fitton, and becomes a father. Thin, pale, well bred, well tailored, he is the kind of man whom no one clearly remembers. A considerate and honorable person, he is often referred to as a kind of uncle, in whom everyone confides. Although his full name is never disclosed, Allingham indicates that Campion is the younger son of a duke. Amanda is first introduced in *Sweet Danger* as a teenage girl with mechanical aptitude. When she reappears several years later, Campion and the cheerful, daring young woman first pretend to be engaged. As their relationship develops, they proceed to a legitimate engagement and finally to marriage. Amanda becomes an aircraft designer, and even after marriage she continues to rise in her firm, finally becoming a company director. A bona fide snob, Lugg tries unsuccessfully to keep Campion out of criminal investigations and up to the level of his ducal forebears. Her mild-mannered, seemingly foolish aristocrat, Albert Campion, can miss clues or become emotionally entangled with unavailable or unsuitable women. Yet, though his judgment may err, his instincts demonstrate the best qualities of his class. Although Allingham is noted for her careful craftsmanship, for her light-hearted comedy, for her psychological validity, *1 2 Masters of Mystery and Detective Fiction* and for such innovations as the gang leader with an inherited position and the inclusion of male homosexuals among her characters, she is most often remembered for her realistic, often-satirical depiction of English society and for the haunting vision of evil which dominates her later novels. By the time of her birth, the family lived in Essex, where every weekend they entertained a number of other journalists. At seven, Allingham published a story in the *Christian Globe*, a publication of which her grandfather was editor. That year she went away to the first of two boarding schools; she left the second, the *Perse School for Girls* in Cambridge, when she was fifteen. Finally, she enrolled in the *Regent Street Polytechnic* in London as a drama student, but her first novel, *Blackkerchief Dick: A Tale of Mersea Island*, an adventure story set in Essex, had already been accepted for publication, and when her friend Philip Pip Youngman Carter persuaded her that her talents were more suited to writing than to acting, she left school to work on another novel. In she married Youngman Carter, who had become a successful commercial artist. With the publication of her first mystery novel, *The White Cottage Mystery*, in , Allingham settled into her career. In *The Crime at Black Dudley*, she introduced Albert Campion, the amateur detective who was to appear in all of the mystery novels which followed. World War II soon broke out, however, and with Essex an obvious invasion target, Allingham became active in civil defense, while her husband joined the army. Her autobiographical book *The Oaken Heart* describes the fear and the resolution of Britons such as herself during the first months of the war. In , Allingham returned to her mysteries. Between , when she wrote the first Campion mystery, and her early death of cancer on June 30, , Allingham worked steadily, averaging almost a volume a year, primarily novels but also novellas and collections of short stories. Before his own death in , her husband completed *Cargo of Eagles* and wrote two additional Campion novels. Unable to perceive meaning in life, she decided to produce a kind of novel which did not demand underlying commitment from the writer or deep thought from the reader, a mystery story dedicated to amusement, written about a witty, bright group of upper-class people who passed their time with wordplay and pranks—and occasionally with murder. The fact that the opponent is a murderer is not particularly significant; he is an intellectual antagonist, not a representative of evil. Furthermore, most of the action itself is comic. In *Look to the Lady*, for example, a formidable country matron abandons her tweeds and pearls for the garb of a mystical priestess, presiding over the rites of the Gyrth Chalice. In her costume, she is hilarious, a target of satire; when she is found dead in the woods, she is of far less interest, and the solution of her murder is primarily an

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exercise of wit, rather than the pursuit of justice. Her prose is less mannered and more elegant, her plots less dependent on action and more dependent on complex characterization, her situations and her settings chosen less for their comic potentiality and more for their satiric possibilities. *Death of a Ghost* is the first book in which Allingham examines her society, the first of several in which the world of her characters is an integral part of the plot. Before the murder takes place in *Death of a Ghost*, Allingham must create the world of art, complete with poseurs and hangers-on, just as later she will write of the world of publishing in *Flowers for the Judge*, that of the theater in *Dancers in Mourning*, and finally that of high fashion in *The Fashion in Shrouds*. Just as Allingham becomes more serious, so does Albert Campion, who abandons even the pretext of idiocy, becoming simply a self-effacing person whose modesty attracts confidences and whose kindness produces trust. In *Sweet Danger* he had met the seventeen-year-old mechanical genius Amanda Fitton. If she is good, anyone who threatens her must be evil. Thus, through love Campion becomes committed, and through the change in Campion his creator reflects the change in her own attitude. With the rise of Adolf Hitler, it had become obvious that laughter alone was not a sufficient purpose for life. In that thriller, the forces of evil are dark, not laughable, and the traitorous megalomaniac who is willing to destroy Great Britain in order to seize power over it is too vicious, too threatening, to evoke satire. Like his country, Albert Campion must stand alone against the odds; with symbolic appropriateness, he has just awakened into bewilderment, aware only that civilization is doomed unless he can defeat its enemies before time runs out. Although for the time being evil had been outwitted and outgunned, Allingham comments that she could never again ignore its existence. The theme of her later novels is the conflict between good and evil. Such works as *The Tiger in the Smoke* and *Hide My Eyes* are not based on the usual whodunit formula; early in those books, the criminal is identified, and the problem is not who he is but how he can be caught and punished. From his first appearance, Campion has worn a mask. In the early, lighthearted comic works, his mask of mindlessness concealed his powers of deduction; in the satirical novels, his mask of detachment enabled him to observe without being observed; in the later works, as a trusted agent of his government, Campion must carefully conceal what he knows behind whatever mask is necessary in the conflict with evil. Clearly the change in Campion was more than mere maturation. The first words of the novel are uttered by a policeman: Although the Turk Street Mile has been replaced by a huge housing project, the history of that street will threaten the happiness and the life of Timothy Kinnit. Kinnit, who has recently become engaged, wishes to know his real origins. He was a child of the war, a man who had appeared as a baby among a group of evacuees from Turk Street and was casually adopted by the kindly Eustace Kinnit. As the novel progresses, past history becomes part of the present. It is in the new apartment house on the site of old Turk Street that a brutal act takes place, the killing of a decent old woman. Yet evil is not confined to Turk Street. During the war, it had followed the evacuees to the Kinnit house in Suffolk, where an East End girl callously abandoned the baby she had picked up in order that she might be evacuated from London, a baby whose papers she later used to obtain money under false pretenses. The highly respectable Kinnit family has also not been immune from evil. Margery Allingham 5 In the nineteenth century, a governess in the Kinnit family supposedly committed a famous murder and later killed herself. For one hundred years, the family has kept the secret which is exposed in *The China Governess*: At the end of the book, another murderess is unmasked, ironically another governess who is masquerading as a wealthy Kinnit relative and who is finally discovered when she attempts to murder Basil Toberman, a socially acceptable young man who has spitefully plotted to destroy Timothy Kinnit. Thus a typical Allingham plot emphasizes the pervasiveness of evil, which reaches from the past into the present and which is not limited to the criminal classes or to the slums of London but instead reaches into town houses and country estates, pervading every level of society. Later, an intruder who emerges from the slums is described in terms which suggest his similarly evil nature: He appeared deeply and evenly dirty, his entire surface covered with that dull iridescence which old black cloth lying about in city gutters alone appears to achieve. When it draws in the mysterious past and penetrates the upper levels of society, however, Luke welcomes the aid of Albert Campion, who can move easily among people like the Kinnits. In the scene in which Campion is introduced,

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Allingham establishes his usefulness. Quietly, casually, Campion draws Toberman into an unintentional revelation of character. Because Margery Allingham builds her scenes carefully, realistically describing each setting and gradually probing every major character, the novels of her maturity proceed at a leisurely pace, which may annoy readers of *Masters of Mystery and Detective Fiction* who prefer the action of other mysteries. Margery Allingham is not a superficial writer. Instead, because of her descriptive skill, her satiric gifts, her psychological insight, and her profound dominant theme, she is a memorable one. Principal mystery and detective fiction series: *Someone Innocent*, ; *No Love Lost*, Other major works novels: *Dido and Aeneas*, ; *Water in a Sieve*, *The Oaken Heart*, *Winks and Maureen Corrigan*. *More Women of Mystery*, edited by Jane S. *Deadlier Than the Male: Ink in Her Blood*: UMI Research Press, Margery Allingham 7 Pike, B. *A Study of the Novels of Margery Allingham. From Agatha Christie to Ruth Rendell. From the Detective Story to the Crime Novel*: London, England; June 28, *Died*: When he began to write spy novels, the genre was largely disreputable. Most of its practitioners were defenders of the British social and political establishment and right wing in political philosophy. Their heroes were usually supermen graced with incredible physical powers and a passionate devotion to the British Empire, and their villains were often satanic in their conspiracies to achieve world mastery. In addition, because he was a craftsman, writing slowly and revising frequently, he succeeded in making the espionage genre a legitimate artistic medium. A year later, he set himself up as a theatrical press agent, but in , he returned to advertising, working with a large London firm. Throughout this period, he was attempting to find himself as a writer. In , he teamed up with a comedian, with whom he wrote songs and per8 Eric Ambler 9 formed in suburban London theaters. In , he attempted to write a novel about his father. Later, he wrote unsuccessful one-act plays. Finally, in , he published his first novel of intrigue, *The Dark Frontier*, quit his job, and went to Paris, where he could live cheaply and devote all of his time to writing. By the end of the war, he was a lieutenant colonel and had been awarded an American Bronze Star. His wartime experience led to a highly successful career as a screenwriter. He later spent eleven years in Hollywood before moving to Switzerland in . Meanwhile, he resumed novel writing with *Judgment on Deltchev* , the first of his postwar novels. In , he was named an Officer of the Order of the British Empire. As he was seeking to establish himself as a writer of popular fiction, his only course was the espionage thriller; its popularity in Great Britain was the result of public interest in the secret events of World War I and apprehension about Bolshevism.

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Introduction The key measure of influence was the question of whether the author had written a landmark work in some category of mystery. For example, Edgar Allan Poe () is credited with having invented the amateur detective tale—and, in fact, the mystery story itself as it is now known.

It combines the best of modern and traditional language-learning techniques and is used in schools, summer schools and universities across the world. They do not tell the teacher what to do but describe the practice of experienced users of the Course and offer suggestions for tactics to adopt, including advice on matters such as lesson planning, year-plans and potential examination papers. This volume of notes has been thoroughly updated to match the revised edition of the Course. Subject to statutory exception and to the provisions of relevant collective licensing agreements, no reproduction of any part may take place without the written permission of Cambridge University Press. Includes bibliographical references and index. Greek language — Study and teaching. Greek language — Grammar. Reading ISBN Paperback Cambridge University Press has no responsibility for the persistence or accuracy of URLs for external or third-party internet websites referred to in this publication, and does not guarantee that any content on such websites is, or will remain, accurate or appropriate. James Neville had used Reading Greek RG from its earliest trial versions, and subsequently as Associate Lecturer for Open University Greek courses, in a wide variety of teaching conditions. The notes on the illustrations in the Text of RG pp. This index, now revised and updated, appears in its proper place, the Grammar and Exercise volume of the second edition of RG. My heartfelt thanks to them both. Iveta Adams did miracles copy-editing a complicated text. All errors of commission are to be laid at my door. Project publications to date are: Reading Greek RG Cambridge University Press, 2nd edition — an intensive introductory course in Ancient Greek for mature beginners, to be completed in about one year, which covers all the basics of classical Attic Greek, Herodotus and Homer. There are two units: An Independent Study Guide to Reading Greek Cambridge University Press, 2nd edition contains notes on the text of RG, translates all of the Greek, answers the exercises in the GE volume, and contains other help and advice about how to get the best out of the course. If each student cannot have a copy, several should be available for use in the library. Both texts have vocabulary glossings on the facing page and are intended to help the intensive beginner to read widely in Ancient Greek. This is a useful learning aid in its own right but also makes WoH and IR accessible to anyone whatever introductory course he or she has completed: A Reader Cambridge University Press, contains a representative selection with vocabulary and grammatical help. A Greek Anthology Cambridge University Press, contains selections from fourteen authors, both prose and verse, each with its own introduction and special vocabulary giving some linguistic help. There is a general vocabulary at the end. The Notes end with an appendix of verbs, nouns and adjectives for Sections 1–7 by section, to help teachers who wish to construct their own exercises, pp. Methodological guidelines Two general guidelines are important: Of course, if students have enquiring minds, they may want to know more about the grammar of the text they are reading. For example, the Course sets to be learnt only the nominative and accusative of nouns to start with. Genitive plurals come in Section 2, genitive singulars in Section 8 and datives in Section 9. Lesson plans A procedure for starting the Course might be as follows: Lesson 1 could cover Text 1a in class; home preparation would be to learn the learning vocabulary of 1a and prepare ahead 1b–c; Lesson 2 could cover translation of 1b and c, and push on into d: During translation, the grammar of 1a–g should be pointed out and reinforced, and when the text has been translated in this way and the vocabulary learnt, turn to the grammar section for 1a–g and go through it in detail with the students, ensuring that it is understood by asking questions or drilling with simple practice exercises. The grammar must then be learnt by heart. Finally, the teacher should set, or assign, the Test Exercise at the end of each grammar section for translation at sight unseen. This is a useful general pattern for daily lesson plans and can be used with most sections. For year-plans, see pp. Basic format of instruction The methodology and general lesson plan suggested should not,

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of course, be rigidly followed, but 1 rapid reading of the Text, 2 regular vocabulary drills or quizzes, and 3 appropriate exercises in the grammar are a good format for progressing through the Course. Accordingly, limitations of instructional time may force the teacher to cut back the amount of Text which students are to cover: But a respectable target for a class doing one year of Greek and no more would be Section 14 Neaira. Mainly for university teachers It may be useful to make some general remarks about the use of RG which could, mutatis mutandis, be extended to any reading course. RG was written on the following principles: But a reading skill requires more than that. The feeling for sentence structure, capacity to anticipate what will come next, sensitivity to word order and so on are skills that must also be learnt if quick progress is to be made towards comprehending unadapted texts. Hence the long reading passages of RG, which not only illustrate the new grammar but also provide practice in reading continuous texts. That would be an absurd conclusion to draw. But that does not mean you do not at some stage have to learn it. Of course you do. In other words, a Greek text designed for translation into English can be far more linguistically complex at an early stage – and therefore far more interesting – than one designed for translating English into Greek. But the fact that one can stay ahead of the strict details of the grammar when translating Greek into English does not absolve you from learning the rules of that grammar when the time comes. And if an enquiring student asks about the forms, there is no reason not to explain them, pointing out that they will be set for learning later on. That is why RG teaches Greek through a continuous text adapted from original sources, with constant reference to explanatory cultural and historical material in WoA. Even one year of RG will have given them a thorough grounding in the language, its structures and thoughtpatterns, while at the same time offering them a comprehensive view of what the ancient Greek world was all about through the language however adapted of those who actually thought and communicated in it. Mainly for teachers of Years 11 and 12 – 12th graders The considerations which face university and college teachers, sketched above, tend also to face school teachers, only usually more acutely. In the United Kingdom, this is especially the case if students begin Greek in Years 11 – In the United States, this is especially the case if senior high-school students are studying Greek in addition to other languages and subjects in which they will take as many as four to six different College Board Achievement examinations. Under such conditions, secondary-level students and teachers in both the UK and the USA need all the help they can get. One way in which RG can be used in Years 11 – 12 or senior high school given the staff and curricular space is in the General Classical Studies course for a term, semester or even a full year. The linguistic pace of the course can be slowed right down and heavy emphasis placed on culture, history and word-derivation WoA comes into its own here. With a modest linguistic goal in view e. Sections 4 or 5 , the teacher can work wonders. The same goes for Adult Continuing Education classes. These classes are enormously stimulating and revivifying. Adults who feel they have missed something of great value in the past and now wish to acquire it are an object lesson in determination, application and inquisitiveness. Here are some suggestions on how to encourage reading aloud and writing. On choosing between dynamic and melodic accents, see below, pp. Always read aloud, or have read aloud preferably by the student about to do the translating , the Greek that is to be translated. These papers should be checked by the teacher for accuracy. It is astonishing what kinds of problem are revealed, and how easily they are cleared up, by this simple, though time-consuming, device. Everything lying outside that listing is glossed in the running vocabulary and can be ignored until the time comes for it to be taught fully. The Reference Grammar at the back of GE gives the full picture, and should be consulted if required. It is used generously in RG and gives immediately the key to case, gender and number of any noun irrespective of type to which it is attached. This gives much help to the student when learning noun-types. Modern technology makes this very easy to do. Vocabularies Constantly check that students are learning at every point the vocabularies set to be learnt in GE. Reading of Section 1a – j involving the whole reading team Reading of Section 2a – d Reading of Section 3a – e CD 2 Tracks 29 – 32 Tracks 33 – 6 Tracks 37 – 9 Tracks 40 – 2 Tracks 43 – 5 Tracks 46 – 9 Tracks 50 – 1 Tracks 52 – 4 Tracks 55 – 7 Reading of Section 4a – d Reading of Section 9a – h Reading of Section 10a – c Reading of Section 14a, b, e Reading of Section 15a – c Reading of Section 16a,

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b, c, g Reading of Section 18aâ€”b Reading of Section 19a, e, f Reading of Section 20dâ€”f Choosing between the accents Before the teacher can read the Greek aloud, he or she must choose between the melodic accent, used before ad , and the dynamic accent, used later and still in modern Greek. Teacher and students alike may hear the difference between the two accents by listening to track 8 of the CD. Despite this mnemonic disadvantage, many students prefer to practise dynamic accents since they are also used in English and therefore come more easily. Using both accents together is not recommended, since, as Allen states in his recorded talk, English-speaking readers tend to stress the syllable they intone. The position of stressed, as opposed to intoned, syllables in classical Greek prose is unknown; in verse, stressed syllables are marked by poetic beat, or ictus. Throughout this Course we encourage the student to learn through reading in preparation for learning through drills and memorizing. Intelligent, inquisitive reading encourages students to deduce the forms or rules for themselves and to learn to apply them by analogy, while the teacher acts as guide or mid-wife. This is an ideal, admittedly, but one that is of enormous value to any student. If they can work out the rule themselves, they are much more likely to absorb it. In a sense, these notes are counterproductive: Many other and better thoughts may occur to you as you use the Course. But if possible, get individual students to prepare this beforehand and be responsible for reporting to the class on cue from the teacher. Two or three copies of WoA in the library are a minimum requirement for this. Tell a well-known Greek myth, e. For suggestions on pronunciation and writing, see p. Preliminary material Use the map and the pictures on p. For example, the map is useful for talking about the grain trade: The map can also be used to talk about ancient ships, sea-routes and the universal practice of sailors staying in sight of land as much as possible the lack of the compass is worth noting, as is the notoriously unpredictable weather in the Aegean. Make sure the Greek names on the map can be written correctly in English. The picture of the Acropolis gives the opportunity of talking about Athens and the port of Peiraieus, and how the Acropolis and the Parthenon can still be seen by the traveller arriving at the port by sea Pausanias reported that in his day one could see the spear on the famous statue of Athene Promakhos glinting in the sun. Ask students to read aloud the whole of Section 1a in Greek and give much help see pp. Nouns similarly articles, adjectives s.

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It [the past] is always constructed through memory, fantasy, narrative and myth. Cultural identities are the points of identification, unstable points of identification or suture, which are made, within the discourses of history and culture.

Geisha also differ from others in the arts in that they know their patrons personally and they perform in both private and public stage contexts. Geisha originated during the mid-eighteenth century first men and then women within the thriving urban theater and pleasure districts of Edo present-day Tokyo and Kyoto, where a wide body of musical repertoire was also developing. The first geisha were, in fact, men. The American anthropologist Liza Dalby conducted field research for fourteen months on geisha culture and society, and published *Geisha* based on her doctoral dissertation *Criehfield Music, Identity and Meaning* lived within an actual geisha community. However, although Dalby studied the shamisen and provided an overview of music, several questions regarding music remained unanswered, particularly with the contemporary situation in mind. Exactly how dedicated are geisha to musical study? How do their artistic abilities compare with professional stage musicians, and how are they viewed by professional performers and by their teachers? What makes up the musical repertoire of the contemporary geisha, and are there genres or pieces unique to geisha communities? How are geisha taught music, and do their teachers address the musical needs of these unique performers? Do geisha themselves instruct or compose music, and under what circumstances is this done? What is the process for creating the musical component for banquet performances done each evening, and how are these skills acquired by or transmitted to younger geisha? And, while some of the genres of music that geisha perform, such as *kouta* or *nagauta*, have been researched in some depth, the above socio-artistic questions have not been adequately addressed within ethnomusicological research even within the research of these genres. With regards to people who hand down Edo-period music, we should not omit the existence of geisha as arts professionals. Today, *kokyoku* and *zokkyoku* types of pieces are done by these performers within the amusement districts, most of which fall within the domain of women. Art, if it does exist, is seen only to make the object the woman interesting and desirable, rather than a choice or way of life. These images have been a part of American culture for at least a century and have served as inspiration for countless novels and films internationally. Actual geisha have little in common with these depictions, but this disparity in representation is understandable given the simple fact that very few people, Japanese or non-Japanese, have ever met or spoken with geisha. Thus, geisha are women who are officially registered as geisha, *geiko*, or *geigi* through a central *kumiai* office affiliated with each separate *hanamachi* geisha district. Attempting to identify such geisha, particularly outside of Tokyo and Kyoto, was not an easy task. Demographic records are not maintained at a comprehensive national level, and geisha are decreasing in number. Since all geisha in this performance are true geisha accomplished musicians and dancers it is limited to those geisha communities that the traditional arts community feels possess a high artistic level. This performance therefore served as an excellent resource for pinpointing contemporary geisha communities, and I concentrated my field research on those that were allowed to take part in this performance. I too have presented this research in a variety of academic formats and have found that audiences still have difficulty embracing an alternative view of geisha as anything but objects or courtesans. I have found repeatedly that information emphasizing the importance of art for geisha is acknowledged as a mere footnote, if at all, and efforts made to clarify these issues tend to offer little resistance to the determination to condemn the institution of geisha past and present, and by extension, the general position of women in Japanese society. Moreover, since American ideas and institutions often take little time to cross the Pacific, I found that Japanese perceptions of geisha have been shaped by these American ideas over time. Music, Identity and Meaning to present their world to the public in order to respond to the constructed images created outside of Japan. The Geisha Myths What is a geisha? To Western eyes, a Geisha is only a hostess in a tea house. But to the knowing Japanese, a Geisha is much more. Taught to please any man and all men she is delicate, or she is strong. Wise in the ways of the world

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when her man demands, or shy and silent. In addition, with the definition the gei of geisha has been shifted from performing arts to social arts, a misunderstanding of gei in which music and dance are completely absent although many geisha possess great social skills as well. A few years ago, one of my more enterprising friends shipped a Japanese Geisha from Japan to his wife in the States. Even his wife liked the Geisha. The Geisha cooked and graciously served exciting Japanese food. When the Geisha went home, the wife carried on in true Geisha fashion. She continued cooking and serving Japanese dishes to the delight of her family and friends. You, too, can be a Geisha in your own home. So grab your kimono, light the hibachi and be the first instant Geisha on your street. Golden got the organization of the geisha house wrong, and misunderstands the painted smile of the traditional noh dancer. The book is all about sex. He wrote that book on the theme of women selling their bodies. It was not that way at all. The long development of these images in the United States probably originated in experiences with actual geisha. It is likely, therefore, that the foreign visitors witnessed authentic banquets featuring geisha as performers, although it is highly unlikely that they understood the meaning of these performances, as necessary to this was at least a minimal comprehension of Japanese aesthetics. Italian opera composer Puccini visited the Japanese embassy in Rome to learn about Japanese music. The wife of the Japanese ambassador, a former geisha, performed [the nagauta piece] Echigo Jishi for him to hear. Puccini was overwhelmed with the piece and transcribed it upon hearing it. I asked the question of why writers had the propensity to write sorrowful stories about geisha, to both the owner of an old established restaurant and a senior employee working for a publishing company. Once in a while, they might have been invited to ozashiki as a guest of someone else. Shinbashi continues to be exceptional in this regard to the present day. Not like the usual piece, bouncing in and out of bed if the price is right. Yoko is gentle, beautiful, religious, decent, and good. The Japanese geisha has everything to make a man happy! One such example is American Geisha, a sort of personal travel journal depicting the experiences of an American woman living in Japan with her husband, an American serviceman Taylor. Like many foreign visitors to the geisha world, the function of the music in this setting is not understood nor is the music itself enjoyed or even appreciated. The musical merriment consisted mostly of a whining kind of singing to the accompaniment of a whining kind of stringed instrument. Taylor, 72 After this initial meeting, Taylor is on a train when her hired translator points out a geisha seated nearby. So famous everyone in Japan but me know face. You only see in Western clothes, glasses. Remember too, please, not so much beauty make great Geisha as dance, sing, play samisen, act on stage, talk number one history, politics. Though costumes were gorgeous and the scenery chocolate-boxy, not an inch of leg was to be seen nor even the vaguest outline of a bosom. Only the usherettes and vendors of sweets and souvenir programmes seemed real women. Music, Identity and Meaning for a mythical past when all women were passive and docile. Generally speaking, American women are not against promiscuity in males because of any moral consideration. They are against it because it lessens their control over men and because it hurts their pride. As a result of the combined efforts of women in the United States to prevent their menfolk from behaving naturally, most American men lost much of their capacity for sex long before they are supposed to. In fact, some medical authorities believe that American men die from three to ten years earlier than they should because they have been deprived of the opportunity to get rid of all the male hormones their bodies manufacture. In fact, mistress-keeping is an ancient and honorable custom in many countries of the world today. Mistress-keeping in Japan is closely tied in with the venerable institution of the geisha. Seidman and the Geisha: Japanese Cookery for Americans Larson The Geisha Diary, a novel Noyle The lament for the days when supposedly even American women were utterly subservient and conciliatory continues well into the present. If a geisha is a girl or woman trained as an entertainer to serve as a hired companion to men, then a geisha nurse is one who flirts with or displays physical or verbal affection or submissiveness toward a male, usually a doctor. Elizabeth, one of the women physicians we interviewed, said she also had a geisha receptionist. Why did you use it? Music, Identity and Meaning however, were less than thrilled at these caricatures and distortions made at their expense. They furnish Madonna with her latest incarnation. La Feria Moreover, in Tokyo during the spring of , I saw European chocolates called Geisha

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Chocolates sold in dainty boxes portraying a kneeling Japanese woman holding a fan with a Japanese flag in its center. Why has art been minimized, and why does it remain peripheral in geisha discourse? Ethnomusicologist Kimi Coaldrake notes this tendency as well: According to such stereotypes, the life of Japanese women in the licensed quarters was one of unmitigated horror and exploitation. Introduction 13 the West. Indeed, portrayals of both the harem and the geisha world have been similarly problematic in that few have been inside or have witnessed either one. What is most crucial about what I am calling feminist orientalism is that it is directed not toward the understanding or even the reform of the harem itself but toward transformation of Western society—“even while preserving basic institutions and ideologies of the West. Zonana , If the many writers who have utilized geisha as their subject had been truly interested in these women, then art should have been included since geisha dedicate a great amount of time, energy, and finances to art. This will be covered in detail in Chapter 5. Furthermore, the characterization of geisha as helpless barter for men with numerous women, as well as condemnation for such assumed polygamy is central to any geisha tale as well. These are the excessive sexuality of the harem, embodied partly in polygamy but also in luxury, indolence, and the trade of women; and the enforced confinement, undereducation, and inactivity of women in the harem that reduces them to animals or children. The emphasis is again my addition: Eroticism, desire, and condemnation combine to form the lens through 14 The Gei of Geisha: Like the geisha performers whose collective image became a symbol of sexually available East Asian women, the Almah underwent a transformation in representation to one of sexual availability and little else. Beginning with and looking out from the lens of the traditional arts and its community allows the possibility for a very different understanding of geisha than looking in at geisha as an object for enjoyment servant, hostess, entertainer, erotic companion, and so forth. For example, the makeup worn by geisha dancers is interpreted in a personal Orientalist fantasy in the following passage by a National Geographic Journalist. Her face [the geisha], smoothed to eggshell whiteness, becomes a blank screen onto which desires and fantasies may be projected. She is beautiful but anonymous. All traces of her uniqueness have been erased. Her eyes and mouth are highlighted and emboldened, beacons to the opposite sex. Whatever layers of meaning this makeup has acquired over time either in Japan or in North America , it has a foundation and a function within the arts. The developments of geisha and these theater genres are closely linked, and therefore I begin with these genres.