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years of Japanese language sumo research and coverage The result is a handy up to date and authoritative guide to sumo that provides everything one needs to understand appreciate and enjoy this fascinating sport [Murder on the Cliff](#) Stefanie Matteson,2016-06-07 Legendary actress Charlotte Graham investigates a geisha s death at an elegant seaside resort in this chilling cozy mystery that weaves together history politics and murder When Commodore Matthew Calbraith Perry unlocked the door to Japan American consul Townsend Harris fell in love with the legendary geisha Okichi It was to be a doomed romance that ended with the scorned young woman hurling herself into the sea More than a century later the citizens of Newport Rhode Island celebrate Perry s journey by inviting Okichi s last surviving descendant Okichi mago to visit their glittering resort A famous geisha herself Okichi mago s voyage to Newport is a great diplomatic affair and it will end in tragedy In a chilling echo of her ancestor s death Okichi mago falls from one of Newport s famous cliffs But Hollywood icon Charlotte Graham can t believe that the refined beauty would take her own life so she sets out to find the killer Mystery lovers with an interest in the history of Japan or old Hollywood will adore Murder on the Cliff When the rich and famous tangle with murder there s no sleuth more suitable to working the case than the glamorous Charlotte Graham Murder on the Cliff is the 3rd book in the Charlotte Graham Mysteries but you may enjoy reading the series in any order *Tokyo Museum Guide* Tom Flannigan, Ellen Flannigan,2012-07-17 This Japan travel companion is a complete guide to over 195 fascinating museums in Tokyo Yokohama and Chiba Tokyo affords no better or cheaper day trip than a visit to one of its many fascinating museums Now for the first time in English is a complete guide to all the museums large and small general and specific in the Tokyo and Yokohama areas Tokyo has everything for the expert and the casual observer alike Superb exhibits include the collection of Oriental antiquities at the Tokyo National Museum and an old Tokyo neighborhood recreated in the Fukagawa Edo Museum Whatever your interests from poetry to parasites Tokyo has a museum for you The authors Thomas and Ellen Flannigan who personally visited all the museums give excellent advice on what to see and what to avoid *The Opening of Japan, 1853-1855* William McOmie,2021-11-15 Sub titled A comparative study of the American British Dutch and Russian naval expeditions to compel the Tokugawa shogunate to conclude treaties and open ports to their ships this highly informed and widely researched study provides for the first time a more complete picture of the competition and cooperation distrust and open hostility of the four protagonists involved in this joint Western enterprise In 1852 the news of the US government s plan to send a large naval expedition to Japan to demand the opening of its ports to American ships excited public interest and elicited differing responses among the European powers For Russia Japan was a neighbouring empire to whose ports it had itself long sought access now its jealousy aroused and its own strategic interests seemingly under threat Russia could not permit the United States to possibly exclude it from Japanese ports In the wake of the Opium war the Dutch king had urged the shogun to peacefully open its ports to the other Western powers now the king and his ministers feared that the US expedition would take an overly aggressive approach that might involve the Netherlands in a war with Japan Having

previously opened Chinese ports to the West Britain was occupied there and willing to take a wait and see attitude temporarily conceding a leading role to the United States in Japan France had also previously made approaches to Japan and in case of a successful outcome would not lag far behind in sending its own warships to make arrangements with Japan Thus the stage was set for the race between America and Russia to open Closed Japan and the surrounding seas while the Netherlands worked quietly behind the scenes and Britain and France waited in the wings This volume documents in detail the plans and outcomes of each of the four powers negotiations with Japan lists the clauses of the resulting treaties and offers a comparative analysis of their merits and demerits at the same time it provides a fascinating commentary on the way business was done by the Japanese with each country and its representatives

Seeing Stars Dennis J. Frost, 2020-03-17 In *Seeing Stars* Dennis J Frost traces the emergence and evolution of sports celebrity in Japan from the seventeenth through the twenty first centuries Frost explores how various constituencies have repeatedly molded and deployed representations of individual athletes revealing that sports stars are socially constructed phenomena the products of both particular historical moments and broader discourses of celebrity Drawing from media coverage biographies literary works athletes memoirs bureaucratic memoranda interviews and films Frost argues that the largely unquestioned mass of information about sports stars not only reflects but also shapes society and body culture He examines the lives and times of star athletes including sumo grand champion Hitachiyama female Olympic medalist Hitomi Kinue legendary pitcher Sawamura Eiji and world champion boxer Gushiken Yoko demonstrating how representations of such sports stars mediated Japan s emergence into the putatively universal realm of sports unsettled orthodox notions of gender facilitated wartime mobilization of physically fit men and women and masked lingering inequalities in postwar Japanese society As the first critical examination of the history of sports celebrity outside a Euro American context this book also sheds new light on the transnational forces at play in the production and impact of celebrity images and dispels misconceptions that sports stars in the non West are mere imitations of their Western counterparts

Area Bibliography of Japan Ria Koopmans-de Bruijn, 1998 Provides a general overview of literature relating to Japan and covers a broad range of subject matter from art feminism and linguistics to corporate culture history and medicine Includes books published since 1980 that are related to the geographical area of Japan and to Japanese culture within that area

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Proceedings ,1987 **Indigenous, Traditional, and Folk Sports** Mariann Vaczi, Alan Bairner, 2023-10-06 This is the

first book to focus on indigenous traditional and folk sports and sporting cultures It examines the significance of sporting cultures that have survived the emergence and diffusion of western sports and have carved out a unique position not only in spite of modernity but also in response to it Presenting case studies from around the world including from Europe Asia Africa and the Americas this book draws on multidisciplinary work from sociology anthropology history cultural studies and political science exploring key themes in the social sciences including nationalism identity decolonisation and gender From Turkish oil wrestling kabaddi in South Asia Iroquois lacrosse to wushu and sumo in East Asia and various European traditional sports these sporting practices continue to capture the indigenous imagination on the margins of the western hegemonic sport complex Situated in the fissures between the local the national and the global between the archaic and the modern and between ritual and record they inhabit a liminal space of transformation as they assume new cultural and political meanings offering important perspectives on the complexities and contradictions of modernity The volume s decolonial perspective lies in its promotion of indigenous and subaltern worldviews through their traditional movement cultures on the margins of the western hegemonic sport complex This is a fascinating reading for anybody with an interest in sport nationalism Indigenous studies heritage and folklore studies anthropology social and cultural history or globalisation Yellowface Minstrelsy

Joseph D. Won,1996 *Black Belt* ,1985-04 The oldest and most respected martial arts title in the industry this popular monthly magazine addresses the needs of martial artists of all levels by providing them with information about every style of self defense in the world including techniques and strategies In addition Black Belt produces and markets over 75 martial arts oriented books and videos including many about the works of Bruce Lee the best known marital arts figure in the world

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