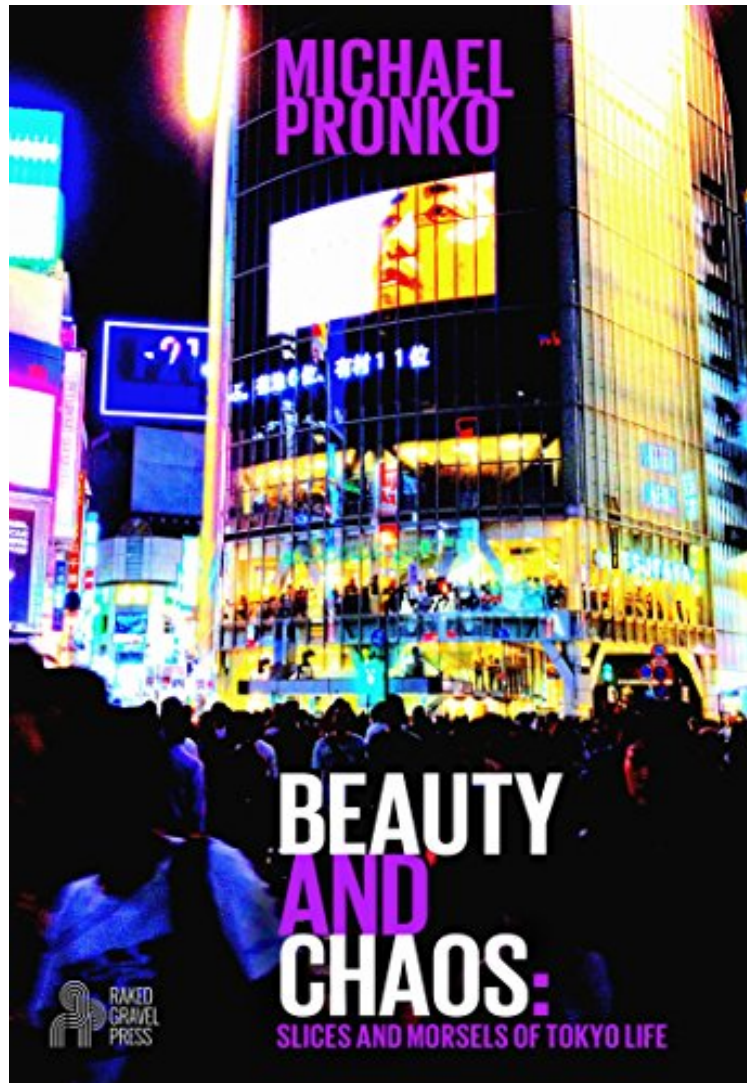


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Tokyo vignettes from a man that rightly, regardless of his origin, can be called insiderVon Helpful AdviceVisiting Tokyo is an experience that is hard to forget, something that, no matter how experienced world traveler you are, is not

comparable with anything else anywhere in the world. Michael Pronko has lived and wrote in and about Tokyo for fifteen years. Working as a professor at Meiji Gakuin University and teaching American literature, culture, film, music, and art, Pronko is a man that rightly, regardless of his origin, can be called insider. As he nicely wrote -fielding questions from his students about Jackson Pollock or Kurt Vonnegut and then wandering through Shinjuku's neon mayhem always puts ideas for writing into his head, while teaching also keeps him searching for the heart of life in the world's biggest city. The essays Pronko published in his book *Beauty and Chaos: Slices and Morsels of Tokyo Life* were originally published in *Newsweek Japan* in Japanese and then they were collected in a single book almost ten years ago. Two additional collections that were also made in Japanese followed *The Other Side of English - An Anti-Grammar Manifesto* and *Tokyo's Mystery Deepens*, both soon available in English, as well. With *Beauty and Chaos* the author managed to perfectly convey the spirit of this extraordinary Japanese city in a series of interesting, humorous and yet extremely educational essays. Or as Pronko says 'writing about Tokyo is like catching fish with a hollow gourd.' Speaking about the subjects of his essays, the most of them made in several pages are different, some of them even unexpected with its topics. As a man raised somewhere else, Pronko manages to observe things not as noticeable to locals, but also overlooked by people that visit Tokyo. The author succeeds to take reader to the places one will not hear about in tourism ads, providing a different view of this unordinary megalopolis. Therefore, if you plan to visit Tokyo for the first time or know someone else that soon will travel to the Far East, I recommend to surprise yourself or that person with the great book gift - except that coming home will be with a bit different memories, Tokyo will be experienced in much deeper and more personal way. I was given a copy of this book by the author for the purpose of unbiased review, while all the presented information is based on my impressions. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Great Read before travelling to Japan Von Sophie Cayeux Enjoyable. Interesting to read before or after a travel to Japan. The book will definitely enhance ones experience of Tokyo. I am a lover of Japan so this is why I picked this book to read. It is a series of short essays. What I find good about the book is that it doesnt have to be read all at one time. One can pick up a topic of interest at random and enjoy the authors essay about it. The prose is faultless, clear and easy to read. It offers a personal view but the author has a great insight into the life of that city and the behaviour of its inhabitants. It has opened my eyes to some aspects of that amazing city that I didnt know. The next time I visit Japan, I will certainly observe what Ive read about and not noticed before and this will definitely enhance the pleasure I derive from my trip. *THE ISLAND GIRL (THE MAURITIUS MIGRANTS SERIES Book 2) (English Edition)*

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