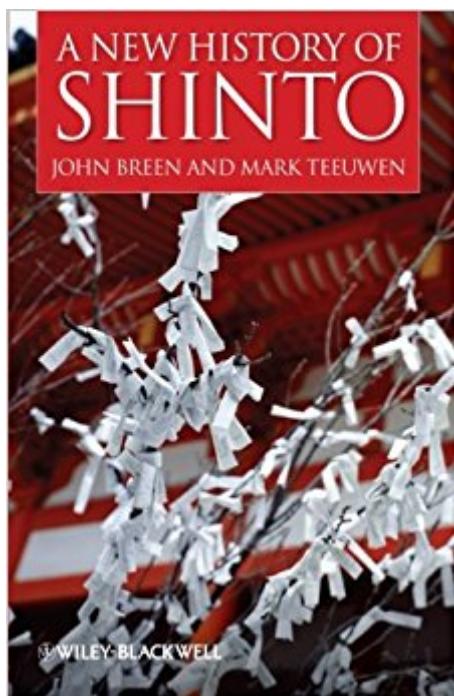


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This accessible guide to the development of Japanâ™s indigenous religion from ancient times to the present day offers an illuminating introduction to the myths, sites and rituals of kami worship, and their role in Shintoâ™s enduring religious identity. Offers a unique new approach to Shinto history that combines critical analysis with original research Examines key evolutionary moments in the long history of Shinto, including the Meiji Revolution of 1868, and provides the first critical historyÂ in English or Japanese of the Hie shrine, one of the most important in all Japan Traces the development of various shrines, myths, and rituals through history as uniquely diverse phenomena, exploring how and when they merged into the modern notion of Shinto that exists in Japan today Challenges the historic stereotype of Shinto as the unchanging, all-defining core of Japanese culture

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A clear, highly readable critique of modern Shinto's evolution through history. It illustrates how what we think of as Shinto has changed in response to the challenges posed by shifting power structures within Japanese culture.

It was complete

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transformations. This does not make Shinto somehow "inauthentic," as such changes are a part of every living religious tradition. Perhaps the most noteworthy aspect of this book is the balance it strikes between analyzing the various reinventions of this religion, and exploring centuries of tradition which define this thing we call "Shinto." While Shinto may be a presentist reinvention tradition, those traditions are tangible and have a rich history extending back over a thousand years.

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