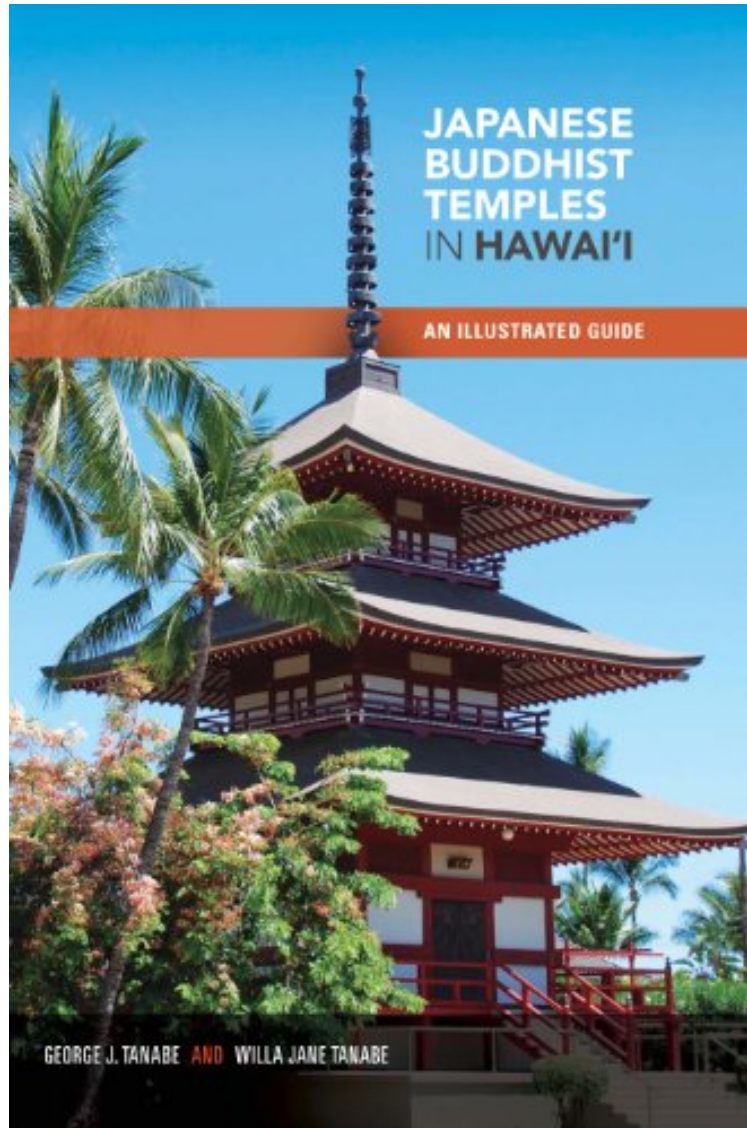


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. An integral book By M. Perry This is a beautiful guidebook to the Japanese Buddhist temples of Hawaii. Many of these temples are facing closure, so this is a timely and very informative guide, covering history of the religion in Hawaii overall as well as in regards to individual buildings. The quality of the book is high, there is good resolution and color, and the paper has an elegant texture. Much needed coverage for those interested in preserving these gems or seeing them before they disappear. I recommend the film

"Aloha Buddha" for those interested in a historical documentary on the subject. This book is great for a building-by-building guide. As a mainlander interested in religious architecture, I will use this as a guidebook when I next visit the islands in order to see some of these historical sites. Highly recommended. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Very nice book, comprehensive listing of Temples and some background. By Davey Jones Nicely illustrated, shows temples and information from many of the Buddhist sects in Hawaii. There is a good amount of history and information about the various sects and symbols, etc. Excellent reference and good reading. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very thorough review of Buddhist temples in Hawaii. By Hawaii boy I really enjoy this book and recommend it to anyone interested in the temples in Hawaii. During my recent trip to Japan a tour guide explained that a "temple" is Buddhist while a "shrine" is Shinto.

Upon entering a Japanese Buddhist temple in Hawai'i, most people—whether first-time visitors or lifelong members—are overwhelmed by the elaborate and complex display of golden ornaments, intricately carved altar tables and incense burners, and images of venerable masters and bodhisattvas. These objects, as well as the architectural elements of the temple itself, have meanings that are often hidden in ancient symbolisms. This book, written by two local authorities on Japanese art and religion, provides a thorough yet accessible overview of Buddhism in Hawai'i followed by a temple-by-temple guide to the remaining structures across the state. Introductory chapters cover the basic history, teachings, and practices of various denominations and the meanings of objects commonly found in temples. Taken together, they form a short primer on Buddhism in Japan and Hawai'i. The heart of the book is a narrative description of the ninety temples still extant in Hawai'i. Augmented by over 350 color photographs, each entry begins with historical background information and continues with descriptions of architecture, sanctuaries, statuary and ritual implements, columbariums, and grounds. Appended at the end is a chart listing each temple's denomination, membership number, and architectural type. While many Buddhist temples in Hawai'i are active social and religious centers, a good number are in serious decline. In addition to being an introduction to Buddhism and a guide book, Japanese Buddhist Temples of Hawai'i is an indispensable historical record of what exists today and what may be gone tomorrow. It will appeal to temple members, pilgrims, residents, and tourists interested in local cultural and historic sites, and historians of Buddhism in Hawai'i. 363 color illus.

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