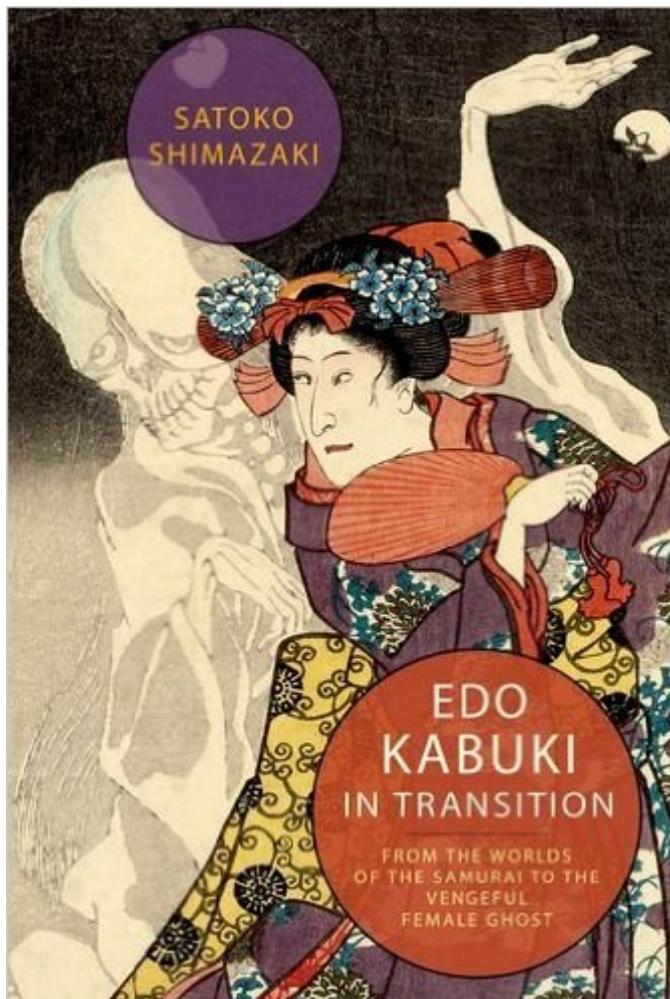


The book was found

# Edo Kabuki In Transition: From The Worlds Of The Samurai To The Vengeful Female Ghost



## Synopsis

Satoko Shimazaki revisits three centuries of kabuki theater, reframing it as a key player in the formation of an early modern urban identity in Edo Japan and exploring the process that resulted in its re-creation in Tokyo as a national theatrical tradition. Challenging the prevailing understanding of early modern kabuki as a subversive entertainment and a threat to shogunal authority, Shimazaki argues that kabuki instilled a sense of shared history in the inhabitants of Edo (present-day Tokyo) by invoking "worlds," or sekai, derived from earlier military tales, and overlaying them onto the present. She then analyzes the profound changes that took place in Edo kabuki toward the end of the early modern period, which witnessed the rise of a new type of character: the vengeful female ghost. Shimazaki's bold reinterpretation of the history of kabuki centers on the popular ghost play *Tokaido Yotsuya kaidan* (The Eastern Seaboard Highway Ghost Stories at Yotsuya, 1825) by Tsuruya Nanboku IV. Drawing not only on kabuki scripts but also on a wide range of other sources, from theatrical ephemera and popular fiction to medical and religious texts, she sheds light on the development of the ubiquitous trope of the vengeful female ghost and its illumination of new themes at a time when the samurai world was losing its relevance. She explores in detail the process by which nineteenth-century playwrights began dismantling the Edo tradition of "presenting the past" by abandoning their long-standing reliance on the sekai. She then reveals how, in the 1920s, a new generation of kabuki playwrights, critics, and scholars reinvented the form again, "textualizing" kabuki so that it could be pressed into service as a guarantor of national identity.

## Book Information

Hardcover: 392 pages

Publisher: Columbia University Press (April 26, 2016)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0231172265

ISBN-13: 978-0231172264

Product Dimensions: 6.1 x 1.4 x 9.1 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.4 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: Be the first to review this item

Best Sellers Rank: #1,020,950 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #116 in Books > Literature & Fiction > History & Criticism > Regional & Cultural > Asian > Japanese #690 in Books > Literature & Fiction > History & Criticism > Genres & Styles > Drama #723 in Books > Arts & Photography > Performing Arts > Theater > History & Criticism

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Edo Kabuki in Transition: From the Worlds of the Samurai to the Vengeful Female Ghost Nursing Today: Transition and Trends, 8e (Nursing Today: Transition & Trends (Zerwekh)) The Making of Urban Japan: Cities and Planning from Edo to the Twenty First Century (Nissan Institute/Routledge Japanese Studies) The Kabuki Theatre of Japan Samurai Awakening: (Samurai Awakening Book 1) Strong Female Protagonist Book One (Strong Female Protagonist Gn) The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn (The Samurai Mysteries) The Three Worlds of Jayne Ann Krentz: All Night Long, Lie By Moonlight, Ghost Hunter How I Became A Ghost - A Choctaw Trail of Tears Story (Book 1 in the How I Became A Ghost Series) True Ghost Stories and Hauntings: 10 Spine Chilling Accounts of True Ghost Stories and Hauntings, True Paranormal Reports and Haunted Houses Ghost Racers (Secret Wars: Battleworld: Ghost Racers) True Ghost Stories & Tales of Hauntings. Stories of Ghosts & Demons.: True Ghost Stories Bonhoeffer for a New Day: Theology in a Time of Transition Theological Transition in American Methodism 1790-1935 Managing Systems in Transition: A Pragmatic View of Reengineering Methods and Tools The Paleo Kids Cookbook: Transition Your Family to Delicious Grain- and Gluten-free Food for a Lifetime of Healthy Eating Animals in Spirit: Our faithful companions' transition to the afterlife The Sovereign Individual: Mastering the Transition to the Information Age Your First Year in Real Estate, 2nd Ed.: Making the Transition from Total Novice to Successful Professional Coral Reefs: An Ecosystem in Transition

[Dmca](#)