



Living in Japan

By Alex Kerr and Kathy Arlyn Sokol
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The Japanese consciously embrace their environment and the amazing homes in this book invite the outside in, creating a symmetry between life and nature. From sliding paper doors to internal bamboo water features, the designs don't impose; rather they create a sanctuary for calm and reflection. Each house is accompanied by a short description of its history and design – and the photography is just beautiful. I could spend hours looking at this book and imagining birds singing, leaves rustling and water trickling from fountains.

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