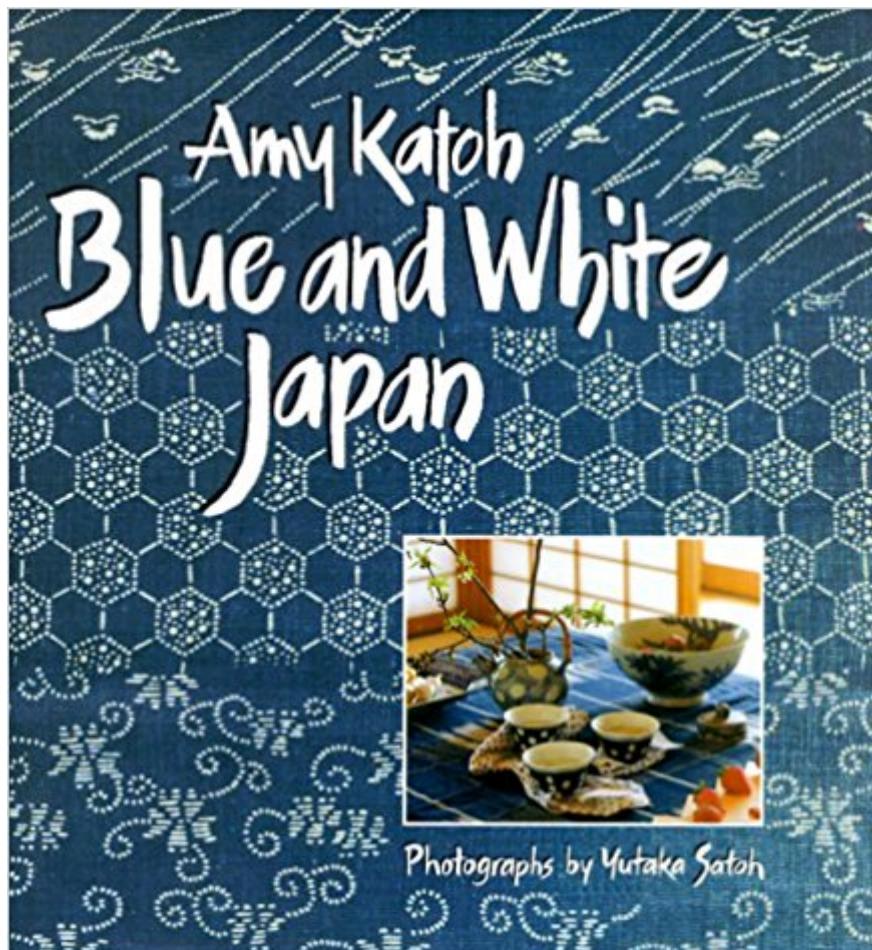


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# Blue And White Japan



## Synopsis

Featuring the distinctive style of Amy Sylvester Katoh and the stunning photos of Yutaka Satoh, the expression of blue and white in Japanese design takes myriad forms, from the ephemeral beauty of a wind-blown noren curtain to the geometric boldness of zabuton cushions. These various objects all convey the same lyrical message, inspiring us to rethink ways of collecting, creating, and living with Japanese blue and white.

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Indigo and white. What could be more harmonious in your home? The photos in this book prove it. This is an excellent indigo primer that shows examples of dyed textiles such as tsutsugaki, shibori, sashiko and katazome as well as kasuri weaving and sakiori, a way of recycling old textiles by tearing them in strips and weaving them into floor coverings and quilts.

Elements of long-revered tradition and superb artistry naturally merge in both the textile art and the ceramics of Japan. Katoh's attractive sourcebook presents material for individuals interested in forming a collection as well as for those who appreciate the refined aesthetic of Japanese style and design. Katoh features simple tenugui (hand towels) and sublime Imari (porcelain ware) as two examples of Japanese collectibles traditionally decorated in blue and white. She also highlights individual artists. A detailed source list offers flea market schedules and locations of antique shops, galleries, museums, and artisans. Alice Joyce

I really loved this book. It has wonderful photography and is an interesting read. I particularly like the fact that the author grew up in a western country, and now lives in Japan, because she shares her outlook from a Western eye, which is helpful to a Western reader who loves antiques and collectables, along with blue and white. I love the way the photos blend the simplicity of Japanese style along with a little Western taste in collecting things. It has a nice balance of not over doing the display of cherished things, while still enjoying them in the home. To me it had a very "Zen" feel of harmony and beauty, and had a feeling of "coming home" to things I love when I looked at this book. I felt inspired to rearrange my collections and cut clutter while still displaying favourite items in a complimentary way.

This is a fun book with great photography of many indigo pieces and pottery from Japan. I had been looking for a copy of this out-of-print book and am pleased to have it in my library.

Loved this book, just another in my collection of blue and white home dec books. The ideas are many and the photos are great!

I was happy to be able to obtain this book. I already had looked at someone else's copy, so knew what I was getting.

I live in Japan and purchased this book to see how people inter mix all the different blue and white dishes, materials and clothing. Great book to have for decorating your home. Can not wait to get to a few more Shrine Sales to pick up some more Blue and Whites.

I'm giving this 5 stars because as a visual artist I use this book more for the pictures than anything else. It's a bit dated, but the overall indigo and white theme is timeless. I'd considered giving it 4 stars because it isn't the in-depth sort of research book I often use, but I've suggested it to so many American quilters and designers over the years that dinging it a star seemed silly. If you want depth, there are other books out there. If you want inspiration, get this one. It isn't shallow, just very pretty.

I bought this copy for a friend since I love it so much. It's beautiful and inspiring if you are a fan of Japanese textiles and other crafts.

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