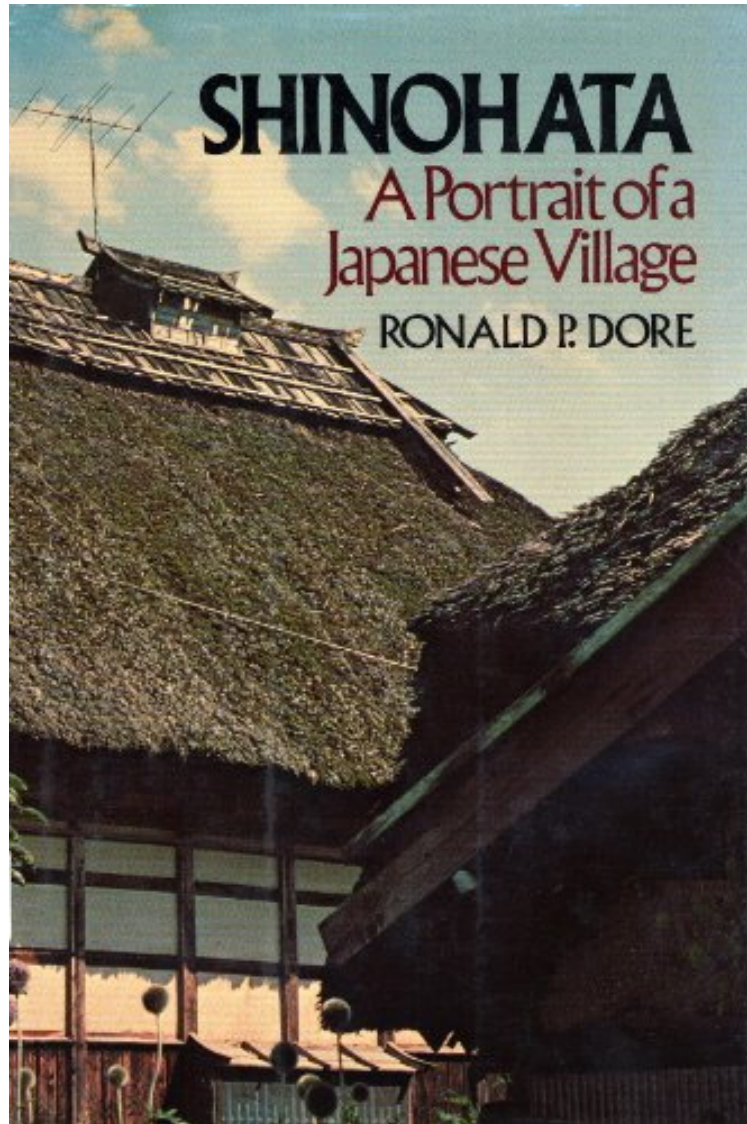


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Cheeky BritsVon Benjamin EspenHaving read two books on Japan by British authors, I am always pleased by dry sense of humor they bring to their work. The nonchalance with which Dore described the practice of "nightcrawling" by salacious youths had me chuckling to myself for hours.However, this was an excellent book for seeing rural japanese life as it was and is. Of particular interest was the obseravations the author made over twenty years as the country

began its rapid industrial growth after the second world war. There are enough tidbits (or as Dore would say, "titbits") here to keep me entranced for a long time. I might revisit this book again sometime.

Kurzbeschreibung Not many foreigners have the chance to live in a Japanese village, certainly not foreigners who are sufficiently at home to do so as unobtrusively and intimately as the author of this book. Ronald Dore went to Shinohata twenty years ago when he was studying the land reform which broke the power of Japan's landlords. He went back many times thereafter to stay with friends. Now he has distilled his memories, field notes, diaries, and some recent forays with a tape recorder into a book which brings to life the village and its people, and vividly portrays the stunning transformation of Japanese village life. Shinohata is a story of extraordinary change from the traditional values and relationships to typically modern pursuits and aspirations that accompanied the post-war prosperity. Ronald Dore's gift for combining a sympathetic, and often humorous, response to unique individuals with the sociologist's ability to discern and analyze patterns make this an unusual and fascinating book. Pressestimmen "An affectionately ironic portrait. . . . The subtle shifts in the relation of family members, of superiors and inferiors, of men and nature, are here captured with wisdom and gracefulness of language. . . . The most penetrating look at a Japanese village ever done in English." -- "Asia Magazine" Kurzbeschreibung Not many foreigners have the chance to live in a Japanese village, certainly not foreigners who are sufficiently at home to do so as unobtrusively and intimately as the author of this book. Ronald Dore went to Shinohata twenty years ago when he was studying the land reform which broke the power of Japan's landlords. He went back many times thereafter to stay with friends. Now he has distilled his memories, field notes, diaries, and some recent forays with a tape recorder into a book which brings to life the village and its people, and vividly portrays the stunning transformation of Japanese village life. Shinohata is a story of extraordinary change from the traditional values and relationships to typically modern pursuits and aspirations that accompanied the post-war prosperity. Ronald Dore's gift for combining a sympathetic, and often humorous, response to unique individuals with the sociologist's ability to discern and analyze patterns make this an unusual and fascinating book.