



Daily Life in Wartime Japan, 1940-1945 (Modern War Studies (Hardcover))

By Samuel Hideo Yamashita

Download now

Read Online →

Daily Life in Wartime Japan, 1940-1945 (Modern War Studies (Hardcover))

By Samuel Hideo Yamashita

The population of wartime Japan (1940–1945) has remained a largely faceless enemy to most Americans thanks to the distortions of US wartime propaganda, popular culture, and news reports. At a time when this country’s wartime experiences are slowly and belatedly coming into focus, this remarkable book by Samuel Yamashita offers an intimate picture of what life was like for ordinary Japanese during the war. Drawing upon diaries and letters written by servicemen, kamikaze pilots, evacuated children, and teenagers and adults mobilized for war work in the big cities, provincial towns, and rural communities, Yamashita lets us hear for the first time the rich mix of voices speaking in every register during the course of the war.

Here is the housewife struggling to feed her family while supporting the war effort; the eager conscript from snow country enduring the harshest, most abusive training imaginable in order to learn how to fly; the Tokyo teenagers made to work in wartime factories; the children taken from cities to live in the countryside away from their families and with little food and no privacy; the Kyushu farmers pressured to grow ever more rice and wheat with fewer hands and less fertilizer; and the Kyoto octogenarian driven to thoughts of suicide by his inability to contribute to the war. How these ordinary Japanese coped with wartime hardships and dangers, and how their views changed over time as disillusionment, impatience, and sometimes despair set in, is the story that Yamashita’s book brings to the American reader. A history of life during war, *Daily Life in Wartime Japan, 1940–1945* is also a glimpse of a now-vanished world.

↓ [Download Daily Life in Wartime Japan, 1940-1945 \(Modern War ...pdf](#)

📄 [Read Online Daily Life in Wartime Japan, 1940-1945 \(Modern W ...pdf](#)

Daily Life in Wartime Japan, 1940-1945 (Modern War Studies (Hardcover))

By Samuel Hideo Yamashita

Daily Life in Wartime Japan, 1940-1945 (Modern War Studies (Hardcover)) By Samuel Hideo Yamashita

The population of wartime Japan (1940–1945) has remained a largely faceless enemy to most Americans thanks to the distortions of US wartime propaganda, popular culture, and news reports. At a time when this country's wartime experiences are slowly and belatedly coming into focus, this remarkable book by Samuel Yamashita offers an intimate picture of what life was like for ordinary Japanese during the war. Drawing upon diaries and letters written by servicemen, kamikaze pilots, evacuated children, and teenagers and adults mobilized for war work in the big cities, provincial towns, and rural communities, Yamashita lets us hear for the first time the rich mix of voices speaking in every register during the course of the war.

Here is the housewife struggling to feed her family while supporting the war effort; the eager conscript from snow country enduring the harshest, most abusive training imaginable in order to learn how to fly; the Tokyo teenagers made to work in wartime factories; the children taken from cities to live in the countryside away from their families and with little food and no privacy; the Kyushu farmers pressured to grow ever more rice and wheat with fewer hands and less fertilizer; and the Kyoto octogenarian driven to thoughts of suicide by his inability to contribute to the war. How these ordinary Japanese coped with wartime hardships and dangers, and how their views changed over time as disillusionment, impatience, and sometimes despair set in, is the story that Yamashita's book brings to the American reader. A history of life during war, *Daily Life in Wartime Japan, 1940–1945* is also a glimpse of a now-vanished world.

Daily Life in Wartime Japan, 1940-1945 (Modern War Studies (Hardcover)) By Samuel Hideo Yamashita **Bibliography**

- Sales Rank: #925860 in Books
- Brand: imusti
- Published on: 2016-01-15
- Released on: 2015-12-01
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 9.20" h x .80" w x 6.30" l, 1.15 pounds
- Binding: Hardcover
- 256 pages

 [Download Daily Life in Wartime Japan, 1940-1945 \(Modern War ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Daily Life in Wartime Japan, 1940-1945 \(Modern W ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online Daily Life in Wartime Japan, 1940-1945 (Modern War Studies (Hardcover)) By Samuel Hideo Yamashita

Editorial Review

Review

"Offers many insights into the wartime experiences of Japanese housewives and children, city dwellers and farmers, civilians and servicemen."—*Journal of Japanese Studies*

"This is a very important book, the best study in English of how Japanese people conducted themselves during the war. As a child living in Japan at that time, I experienced much of what Yamashita writes about. His empirical data as well as broad observations are impeccable. The book will make a major contribution not only to the study of the Second World War but also to twentieth-century world history."—**Akira Iriye**, author of *Pearl Harbor and the Coming of the Pacific War* and *Power and Culture: The Japanese-American War, 1941–1945*

"*Daily Life in Wartime Japan, 1940–1945* should be read by anyone who wishes to reflect on the state of militarized modernity and meanings of total war."—**Lisa Yoneyama**, author of *Hiroshima Traces: Time, Space, and the Dialectics of Memory*

"Sam Yamashita seamlessly weaves diverse diarists' accounts, from schoolchildren to kamikaze pilots, into simply the best account in English of everyday life on wartime Japan's home front."—**Edward Drea**, author of *Japan's Imperial Army: Its Rise and Fall, 1853–1945*

"A remarkable companion to his recent translations of Japanese wartime diaries, Sam Yamashita gives us a thoughtful and highly readable account of everyday life during the Asia-Pacific War. A wonderful addition to the social history of twentieth century Japan."—**Louise Young**, author of *Beyond the Metropolis: Second Cities and Modern Life in Interwar Japan*

"This is a vivid story of the Japanese people on the home front of concerted efforts, hard work, and endurance to win the war and eventual preparation for possible American invasion of the homeland. Especially heartbreaking is the tale of young children (third- through sixth-grade students) in the big cities, who were forced to evacuate in group to the countryside against their indulging parents. By fully exploring an unexploited aspect, mainly through the examination of diaries, Yamashita makes a significant contribution to the history of the Pacific War."—**Yasuhide Kawashima**, author of *The Tokyo Rose Case: Treason on Trial*

About the Author

Samuel Hideo Yamashita is Henry E. Sheffield Professor of History at Pomona College and author of *Leaves from an Autumn of Emergencies: Selections from the Wartime Diaries of Ordinary Japanese*.

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Jeffrey Spencer:

As people who live in the particular modest era should be up-date about what going on or data even

knowledge to make them keep up with the era which can be always change and move ahead. Some of you maybe can update themselves by studying books. It is a good choice to suit your needs but the problems coming to you actually is you don't know what one you should start with. This *Daily Life in Wartime Japan, 1940-1945 (Modern War Studies (Hardcover))* is our recommendation to make you keep up with the world. Why, because this book serves what you want and wish in this era.

Brandon Phelan:

Daily Life in Wartime Japan, 1940-1945 (Modern War Studies (Hardcover)) can be one of your starter books that are good idea. We all recommend that straight away because this guide has good vocabulary that can increase your knowledge in language, easy to understand, bit entertaining but nonetheless delivering the information. The author giving his/her effort to put every word into delight arrangement in writing *Daily Life in Wartime Japan, 1940-1945 (Modern War Studies (Hardcover))* however doesn't forget the main place, giving the reader the hottest and also based confirm resource details that maybe you can be certainly one of it. This great information could drawn you into brand new stage of crucial contemplating.

Christopher Pipkin:

This *Daily Life in Wartime Japan, 1940-1945 (Modern War Studies (Hardcover))* is fresh way for you who has attention to look for some information since it relief your hunger details. Getting deeper you in it getting knowledge more you know or perhaps you who still having small amount of digest in reading this *Daily Life in Wartime Japan, 1940-1945 (Modern War Studies (Hardcover))* can be the light food in your case because the information inside this specific book is easy to get by means of anyone. These books create itself in the form that is reachable by anyone, yep I mean in the e-book contact form. People who think that in publication form make them feel tired even dizzy this publication is the answer. So you cannot find any in reading a e-book especially this one. You can find actually looking for. It should be here for an individual. So , don't miss that! Just read this e-book kind for your better life as well as knowledge.

Deanna Marcantel:

As we know that book is vital thing to add our know-how for everything. By a e-book we can know everything we wish. A book is a pair of written, printed, illustrated or blank sheet. Every year has been exactly added. This book *Daily Life in Wartime Japan, 1940-1945 (Modern War Studies (Hardcover))* was filled about science. Spend your free time to add your knowledge about your scientific research competence. Some people has different feel when they reading a book. If you know how big benefit of a book, you can experience enjoy to read a guide. In the modern era like now, many ways to get book that you just wanted.

Download and Read Online *Daily Life in Wartime Japan, 1940-1945 (Modern War Studies (Hardcover))* By Samuel Hideo Yamashita

#2P05JQXYWFT

Read Daily Life in Wartime Japan, 1940-1945 (Modern War Studies (Hardcover)) By Samuel Hideo Yamashita for online ebook

Daily Life in Wartime Japan, 1940-1945 (Modern War Studies (Hardcover)) By Samuel Hideo Yamashita Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read Daily Life in Wartime Japan, 1940-1945 (Modern War Studies (Hardcover)) By Samuel Hideo Yamashita books to read online.

Online Daily Life in Wartime Japan, 1940-1945 (Modern War Studies (Hardcover)) By Samuel Hideo Yamashita ebook PDF download

Daily Life in Wartime Japan, 1940-1945 (Modern War Studies (Hardcover)) By Samuel Hideo Yamashita Doc

Daily Life in Wartime Japan, 1940-1945 (Modern War Studies (Hardcover)) By Samuel Hideo Yamashita Mobipocket

Daily Life in Wartime Japan, 1940-1945 (Modern War Studies (Hardcover)) By Samuel Hideo Yamashita EPub

2P05JQXYWFT: Daily Life in Wartime Japan, 1940-1945 (Modern War Studies (Hardcover)) By Samuel Hideo Yamashita