



Japanese Schoolgirl Confidential: How Teenage Girls Made a Nation Cool

By Brian Ashcraft

Tuttle Publishing. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 208 pages. Dimensions: 7.3in. x 5.1in. x 0.6in. The schoolgirl is the main driver of Japans Gross National Cool, and Brian Ashcrafts book is the best source for those hoping to understand why. Chris Baker, WIRED Magazine Japanese Schoolgirl Confidential takes you beyond the realm of everyday girls to the world of the iconic Japanese schoolgirl craze that is sweeping the globe. For years, Japanese schoolgirls have appeared in hugely-popular anime and manga series such as Dragon Ball, Sailor Moon, The Melancholy of Haruhi Suzumiya, and Blood: The Last Vampire. These girls are literally showing up everywhere in movies, magazines, video games, advertising, and music. WIRED Magazine has kept an eye on the trends emerging from these stylish teens, following kick-ass schoolgirl characters in videogames like Street Fighter and assassin schoolgirls in movies like Quentin Tarantinos Kill Bill. By talking to Japanese women, including former and current J-Pop idols, well-known actresses, models, writers, and artists along with famous Japanese film directors, historians and marketers authors Brian Ashcraft and Shoko Ueda (who have both contributed to WIREDs Japanese Schoolgirl Watch columns) reveal the true story behind Japans schoolgirl obsessions. Youll learn the origins of the schoolgirls unusual attire, and...



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