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**This illuminating study of Japan's storied tattoo tradition explores a visual language where meaning, mastery, and myth converge.**

Japanese tattoos are among the world's most powerful forms of body art—visually bold, spiritually resonant, and deeply rooted in cultural tradition. In this richly illustrated and deeply informed study, author and journalist Manami Okazaki offers rare access to the country's tattoo masters, exploring their philosophies, apprenticeships, and creative processes. Each design centers on mythological, religious, or folkloric figures that are embellished with seasonal motifs such as cherry blossoms, plus include dramatic backgrounds like waves that reflect balance, symbolism, and emotional depth. For many artists, the psychological and spiritual dimensions are as vital as the technique itself. Through interviews, new photography, and archival images, Okazaki traces the evolution of Japanese tattooing—from Edo-period society to contemporary underworld communities—while capturing its enduring connection to downtown Tokyo's fire brigades, festivals, and working-class pride. In addition to its cultural insight, the book is a superb visual reference, featuring high-quality images ideal for tattoo artists and collectors seeking to study and emulate the Japanese style. Drawing on close relationships with multigenerational tattoo families, Okazaki offers an unprecedented portrait of a private, resilient art form—perfect for anyone captivated by the aesthetic and symbolism of Japanese ink.

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