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Von Saburo Ienaga : Pacific War, 1931-1945 (Pantheon Asia Library) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Pacific War, 1931-1945 (Pantheon Asia Library):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The first book for anyone to begin understanding JapanVon Ein KundeI lived in Japan for three years, my initial reaction to the Japanese telling me that they were different to everybody esle was to simply say "you are human, like everybody else on this planet". While that was true, I came to realise that the Japanese are indeed different and that conformity - "the

nail that sticks out will get hammered flat" is deeply embedded. While books such as Nicholas Bornoff's Pink Samurai ISBN 0-586-20576-4 and a study of Shintoism, Amaterasu reveal layers. Saburu Ienaga as professor Emeritus at Tokyo University, attempted to write a true version of events for school text books. However, the true version is still not taught in Japan to this day as it would dishonour those who misguidedly fought bravely in the name of a puppet emperor ruled by an evil military government. What surprised me about the book was not the widely known consummate brutality of the Japanese soldiers (who lived in constant fear of death, if compliance, belief and conformity were not 100%), but how the Americans and the other allies behaved after Japan surrendered. This is the untold story, as far as the West is concerned and will most likely remain so, as it is not pretty. Anyone going to, or doing business with Japan, must read this book, as it reveals much of why Japanese society is as it is today.

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