

## FRIVOLOUS AMUSEMENTS OF VERY SERIOUS PEOPLE (REVIEW OF THE BOOKS ON LEISURE CULTURE IN JAPAN)

*This text is a comprehensive overview of several monographs published in the 1990-s-2020-s by outstanding Russian experts in Japanese studies: S. B. Markarian, E. V. Molodiakova, E. E. Voytishek, A. R. Sadokova, and D. A. Trynkina.*

*The authors gathered the materials for their books during their prolonged field work in Japan or borrowed them from a huge number of Japanese sources, both books and articles plus internet resources, dedicated to festivals, games, rituals, supernatural beliefs, demonology, and other related subjects.*

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