

VOLUNTEER PICK

DRAINSPOTTING

BOOK BY REMO CAMEROTA

Drainspotting by Remo Camerota showcases one of Japan's seemingly unusual, often overlooked or even invisible, line of urban art – the city-sanctioned manhole covers that feature imagery of the city, from landmarks and festivals to mascots and popular produce from the region. According to Camerota, nearly 95% of the 1,780 municipalities in Japan have their own customized manhole cover design. From over 6000 manhole covers in Japan, the book features over 100

photographs of some of the best from each region. The book illustrates how each city in Japan brightens its urban areas in a distinctive and aesthetically pleasing way that's both innovative and unobtrusive. The next time you visit Japan after reading this book, you will find yourself, not only looking up to see famous landmarks, but also looking down and discovering each region's unique culture identity in the "humble" manhole cover.

— Ruth, Volunteer
November, 2020

ABOUT AUTHOR

Remo Camoreta is a multi-award winning Director, Artist & Photographer with a background in film, photography, illustration, painting, animation, sound and interactive multimedia design. He is the archetypal modern day artiste who embraces the latest multi-media platforms and expresses them in a compelling visual style. .

— from whitewallstudios.net



I became a drainspotter purely by chance. While photographing 'Graffiti Japan' I would encounter these wonderful pieces from town to town, and I often side-tracked from the graffiti to photograph these works of art, collecting them one by one, which turned out to be like a treasure hunt and an obsession wanting to collect them all."



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