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"Zack's writing breathes new life into Japan's undead!"--**Matt Alt, co-author of "Yurei Attack! The Japanese Ghost Survival Guide"**

"Yurei -- ghosts, souls, spirits, or consciousness -- are not just a subset of Japanese monsters (yokai) and Zack Davisson's new book makes that clear. Informative, well written and nicely illustrated, Yurei: The Japanese Ghost explores the many aspects of Japanese religion and folk beliefs as they relate to life, death and everything in between."--**Ronald Morse, original translator of Legends of Tono (Tono Monogatari)**

"For decades I've been a fan of the Japanese ghost and horror tales retold by Lafcadio Hearn and Bernhardt J. Hurwood. And now, thanks to Zack Davisson, I finally understand the historical and cultural significance of Japan's y?rei."--**Douglas Draa, online editor Weird Tales Magazine**

"... a modern day Lafcadio Hearn is picking up this ghostly torch. Zack Davisson is the author, translator, and folklorist following in Hearn's footsteps."--**tofugu.com**

"The pages of "Yurei" seem to turn themselves -- whether with the assistance of a ghostly hand, I'd really rather not know." - **Mark Schilling, The Japan Times**

"This is a book of many layers. immensely enjoyable ... a lively journey through history, culture, and religion." - **Fortean Times**

About the Author

Zack Davisson is a translator, writer, and scholar of Japanese folklore and ghosts. He is the author of *YUREI: THE JAPANESE GHOST*, *THE GHOST OF OYUKI*, and *THE SECRET BIWA MUSIC THAT CAUSED THE YUREI TO LAMENT* from Chin Music Press. He contributed articles to *WEIRD TALES MAGAZINE*, *JAPANZINE*, and the comic book *WAYWARD* from Image comics. As a manga translator, he was nominated for the 2014 Japanese-US Friendship Commission Translation Prize, and is the translator of the Eisner Award winning and Harvey nominated Shigeru Mizuki's *SHOWA: A HISTORY OF JAPAN*. For *Drawn and Quarterly*, Davisson translates and curates the famous folklore comic *KITARO*. For Dark Horse, he translates Satoshi Kon's work, including *OPUS*, *SERAPHIM: 266613336 WINGS*, and *THE ART OF SATOSHI KON*. He was also a researcher and on-screen talent for National Geographic's TV special *OKINAWA: THE LOST GHOSTS OF JAPAN*, has appeared as a commentator on Chinese news network CCTV, and maintains the popular Japanese folklore website *HYAKUMONOGATARI.COM*. He currently resides in Seattle, Washington, with his wife, Miyuki, their dog Mochi, cats Bagheera and Sheer Khan, and several ghosts.

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