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“Thoughts from Japan”

Is a Travel Book Gem

“THOUGHTS FROM JAPAN” is a non-fiction travel memoir with 38 pages of color photos—a gem for trip-takers and armchair travelers alike.

Author Donna Copen McKinnis, a veteran journalist, special events consultant and intrepid traveler, began the book as a series of newsletters while living and working in Tokyo from 1989 to 1994. The author offers her observations and insights about Japan and other Asian countries, giving the reader a firsthand look at the people, culture and customs. She takes us sightseeing to Japan’s famous places and insider treasures, allowing glimpses into this mysterious, complex country through her adventures and personal relationships. Her travels also take us deeper into Asia and compare Japan to its Asian neighbors: Hong Kong, Singapore, Korea, Okinawa, Guam, Saipan, Bali, Java, Sulawesi, Malaysia, Thailand, China and Russia. Her candid account of living abroad includes the perks, pleasures and pitfalls, as well as the unexpected difficulties of returning home to a changed America.

Ms. Copen McKinnis has written two biographies and numerous freelance articles for

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magazines and newspapers. She has worked in print and broadcast media over 35 years. She recently founded Around The Globe Press, a publishing company specializing in travel. In 1978 she was awarded a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship and named to the “Who’s Who of American Women in Journalism” in 1973.

In 1972 she went to Europe and spent 15 months exploring the Continent on her own. “That trip changed my life and career,” she said. “When I came home, I wanted to combine my new interest in the arts with journalism, so I sought positions that combined writing with arts administration and special events planning.” Her dual career experience has included the 1984 Los Angeles Summer Olympics, 1986 Hands Across America, Spoleto Festival USA, Marlboro Music Festival, Affiliate Artist-in Residence Program, and Columbus, Ohio’s “Music in the Air” concert series.

The author has traveled 46 American states, Canada, Mexico, most of Europe and Asia and lived in London, Wales and Tokyo. She speaks French and Japanese and a smattering of several other languages. Currently, she lives in an adobe hacienda on a 3-acre preserved desert site in Tucson, Arizona with her husband, Steve, an electrical engineer.

““THOUGHTS FROM JAPAN”” can be mail ordered from Around The Globe Press, 11505 E. Calle Javelina, Tucson, AZ 85748, or from the publisher’s website: <http://aroundtheglobepress.com> . Retail cost is US \$25.95 plus \$3 postage/handling for the quality soft-cover book.

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