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A completely revised version of the classic guidebook to Kyoto, with a foreword by Donald Richie.

Down the cobbled paths and behind the tranquil noren curtains of Kyoto, the old way of life goes on, nurtured in the restrained furnishings of the traditional inns and in the old shops where fine handmade items still add a touch of quality to life.

Since the first edition appeared in 1986, this lovingly written travelogue-cum-guidebook has become *de rigueur* for knowledgeable travelers seeking to find "the real Kyoto" behind the modern face of the city's constantly changing boulevards. *Old Kyoto* focuses on the family establishments that have been in business for at least a hundred years, and in some cases for over ten generations. Astonishingly, many of the old shops and inns of Kyoto can still be found on narrow backstreets, under the heavy, tiled rooftops of traditional machiya dwellings. Here, the adventurous traveler will uncover treasures: the way in which a hand-crafted calligraphy brush is bound, a miniature garden tended, a bamboo basket woven.

For critics and travelers alike, *Old Kyoto* has long been regarded the essential guidebook to Japan's most cherished city. This second edition of *Old Kyoto* is completely updated. Shops have been added, and maps, prices, directions, descriptions, and general information have all been thoroughly revised.

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