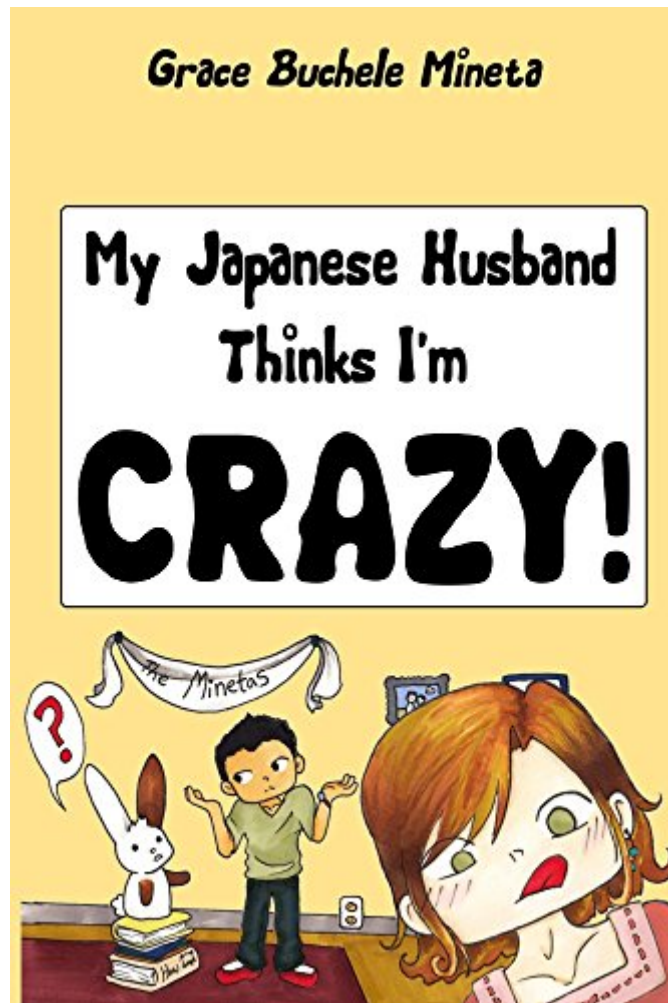


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# My Japanese Husband Thinks I'm Crazy (the Comic Book) (Texan & Tokyo Book 1)



## Synopsis

• My Japanese Husband Thinks I'm Crazy: The Comic Book • is the autobiographical misadventures of a native Texan freelancer and her Japanese • salaryman • husband: in comic book form. From earthquakes and crowded trains, to hilarious cultural faux pas, this comic explores the joys of living and working abroad, intercultural marriages, and trying to make a decent pot roast on Thanksgiving.

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## Customer Reviews

I follow Grace's blog and I was really excited to read her first book, which did not disappoint!Tons of stories and insights about Japanese life & culture from a foreigner's perspective, told in a sweet, candid way in the form of comic strips, as well as essays and vocab lists. This is great to pick up if you're starting to learn Japanese, planning to travel there, or you're just interested in Japanese culture.Young female expats in Asia are a sorely underrepresented group, so I was especially excited to see this. Check out Grace's blog for more!

Nfu nfu nfu nfu nfu!! surprised myself one evening by discovering Grace's blog and wandering through ALL of the comics in one go. Our circumstances are so different: she's married, I'm forever single. She came to Japan to be with someone, I came to Japan to work. She knew (some) Japanese before she went, I knew nothing. She was from Texas, I was from Washington (they're quite different!). She'd never been distant from her family, I'd been living far from mine for years. (We both love anime/manga, though, and what more do you really need?) All of that said, I was surprised by just how many of the feelings that she'd written about were the same as what I'd experienced living in Japan, both good and bad. We had a lot more in common than I'd thought at first glance. A lot lot. Somewhere along the way, too, Grace and Ryosuke went from strangers in a sort-of-similar-ish situation to people that I was genuinely and excitedly interested in. I am absolutely sure that I'll read this book over and over again until it falls apart. Grace, keep writing comics forever! You have a big fan here!

I love the book! And you can tell how good it is, just by noticing that it is already "out of stock"! :) I discovered Grace's blog a couple of weeks ago and reading some of her posts, I made my mind in an instant to buy the book, which arrived one month earlier than predicted, as a first pleasant surprise. The second pleasant surprise was the format of the book, the beautiful colored cover, the heart warming Forward Ryosuke wrote (Grace's husband), the moving honesty of the Introduction Grace wrote and the cute drawings!!! The third pleasant surprised was Marvin :) as I can totally see how you could end up talking with cute bunnies in Japan after a while! :) At the first impression of just holding the book and flipping through the pages, I did not know what to expect, as portraying inter-cultural relationship is tricky enough irrespective of the setting, but starting to read the stories I found myself smiling and even bursting laughing at Ryosuke's cooking "chicken boobs" or at Grace's amazing art of cooking real food aka instant ramen! It is not the ever boring cultural comparison of cultures (American vs Japanese), it is the story of the joy and the wonder of discovering melon soda, the story of getting used with the earth shakes and with the "open onsen communication", the story of getting frustrated with the ever changing rules of splitting your garbage into burnable and non-burnable or with hearing "He is pretty sexy for an Asian...". If you think that you will enjoy the "just another book about Japan", think again and buy a copy! You will discover a book about feelings, about daily fails and weekly achievements, about being married with your better half, about being in love. And that is a book worth reading!!!

Grace Buchele Mineta's "My Japanese Husband Thinks I'm Crazy" is an autobiographical comic

book that gives us glimpses of her life in Japan with her husband through aptly-tied comic vignettes that are often adjacent to short informational pieces about Japan. Whether you read her blog, *Texan in Tokyo*, or not (and you should!) the same poignancy and humor that she delivers there is present in this work. In her comics, Grace exudes qualities that are vital to living abroad â€” respect, a good sense of humor, and no judgement. It is an easy read, but it made me reflect on my life in Japan. I look forward to whatever work Grace releases in the future!

I absolutely enjoyed this book and was pleasantly surprised that the author also included some wonderful written articles about her life in Japan to go with her comics. Much of it I have found to be very educational for the day that I find myself traveling there with my husband! It's intimate, honest and hilarious. I love this book and I do hope Mrs. Mineta will continue this series and produce more volumes in the future! I'm a fan thanks to her KS campaign and I enjoy visiting her site. Thank you for a great read!

Reading this comic has taught me so much - I had some of my unspoken questions relating to Western culture and the like answered, and, at the same time, I got to see what I take as normal in my daily (mostly) Asian life through Grace's eyes (most enlightening!). All in, it was a fantastic ride and I hope she publishes another book because I wanna go on that ride again!

I have been following Grace and her husband Ryosuke's blog for some time now, and I really enjoy reading about their adventures as an international couple. Living in Japan myself, I can really relate to a lot of the things she talks about. She gave me a PDF version of her book to review and I was happy to do so! The comic book depicts her life as a freelancer and wife of a Japanese salary man. The couple is quirky and loves to travel and share their experiences being married to someone of a different culture. Grace reminds me of me when I first came to Japan. She has an interest in everything and tries to understand and explain as much of the culture as she can. I have been living here for so long that I sometimes forget how different Japan is and just how strange life here can be. Her comics are cute and show off her personality. I love the fact that she is very open and optimistic, and I love her attitude on life. Ryosuke has a very caring and silly personality, so the two make for a funny combo. A lot of the comics are ones she has put on her blog, but there are some that she included exclusively in the book. She also adds some narrative about her life in Japan and about intercultural relationships. The book has a whimsical feel but is also good at giving some real perspective on living in another country and on relationships. I definitely would recommend the book

to those who love Japan and want to learn more about it, and to anyone in an interracial relationship. Sometimes it's really nice to relate to someone in a similar situation, and the Minetas do a great job of showing both the good and the difficult. I hope to see more of her work in maybe a volume 2! She has gained lots of popularity so I see bright things for her future.

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