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This book, the third in the authors' bestselling *Attack!* series, after *Yokai Attack!* and *Ninja Attack!* gives detailed information on 39 of the creepiest yurei stalking Japan, along with detailed histories and defensive tactics should you have the misfortune to encounter one.

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Editorial Review

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Gr 8 Up-For anyone who's ever wondered how they would fare against a kappa, kitsune, or the dreaded kuchisake onna, these lively volumes are structured as handbooks for surviving encounters with Japan's legendary monsters, spirits, assassins, and spies. *Ninja Attack!* dispels stereotypes while filling in the real history of these infamous spies and assassins. *Yokai Attack!* catalogs demons and monsters, and *Yurei Attack!* focuses on gruesome ghost stories. Action-packed tales of vengeful spirits and shape-shifting badgers are accompanied by historical background, regional origins, and related trivia, while profiles of well-known ninja are interspersed with details of their daily lives, such as housing and food. Each book includes appendixes with recommended books, movies, and websites for further research. Gleefully gory manga-style illustrations in full color add to the creep-out factor of the texts, and eye-catching layouts with photographs and reproductions of woodblock prints make for a visually appealing reading experience. Japanese names and words are seamlessly integrated into the texts, with Japanese characters appearing alongside English translations and pronunciation guides. An engaging blend of information and entertainment, this trilogy is a fantastic reference for budding manga artists who want to incorporate Japanese legends into their own stories, or anyone who simply enjoys a good scare.-Allison Tran, Mission Viejo Library, CA(c) Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

Review

"Matt and Hiroko have once again created an intriguing and spirited telling of a piece of Japanese mythology and cult history. Following on the back of their wonderfully successful books *Yokai Attack* and *Ninja Attack*, *Yurei Attack* is a fantastic read and beautifully illustrated by Shinkichi. This book will become a must for anyone that loves the unusual and wonderfully bizarre aspects of Japanese ghost stories." —**Richard Taylor, founder, WETA Workshop**

"*Yurei Attack! The Japanese Ghost Survival Guide* is the latest book by husband-and-wife author duo Hiroko Yoda and Matt Alt. Following *Yokai Attack!* (about monsters), and *Ninja Attack!*, their latest effort is an informative compendium of yurei (or ghost) stories from Japanese history, for adults and children alike. With a chatty, readable style backed up by serious scholarship and brought to life by Shinkichi's grisly illustrations, *Yurei Attack!* is a window into this rich vein of Japanese culture." —**JapanBackPacker.com blog**

"Hunting ghosts is the perfect activity especially this Halloween season! If you do not have the courage to do it but you really want to try, *Yokai Attack!* is here to guide you in overcoming your fear of ghosts. So what are you waiting for, start your ghost hunting adventures!" —**Otaku Asia Magazine**

About the Author

Hiroko Yoda and **Matt Alt** are a couple who run a Tokyo-based translation company that specializes in producing the English versions of Japanese video games, comic books and literature. They are the co-authors of *Yokai Attack!* and *Ninja Attack!*, both originally published by Kodansha International and with new expanded editions from Tuttle Publishing.

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