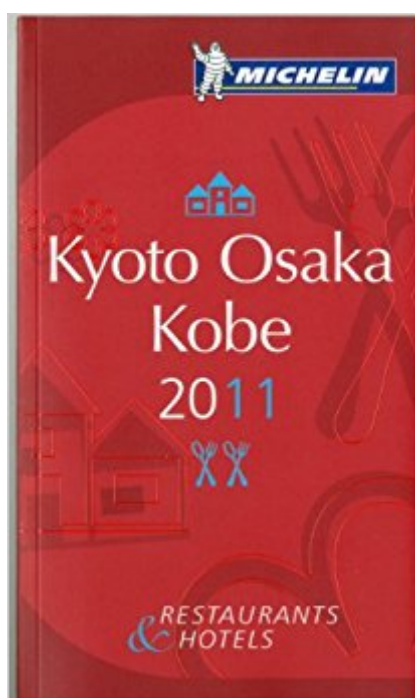


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I am a big fan of Michelin guides, both Red and Green (though I'm not wild about the new format in Greens). We have used many of them for European cities over the years and have rarely disagreed with their ratings, descriptions and recommendations. The Asia line, however, is very different and much inferior. This book feels much more like a book of ads than a Michelin guide. One restaurant per page, including at least one interior photo (and often a food photo). It uses many very specific terms for Japanese dishes and offers no explanations of what these dishes are. The restaurants themselves are very inaccessible to non-Japanese speakers (no English menus, etc.) and too many of them are ridiculously expensive. Perhaps this volume is popular among Japanese-speakers, but I am terribly disappointed. PS There is a 2012 edition of this book, which makes me think even less of it -- how could there possibly be a new edition so soon?

Michelin goes to Japan, but I was disappointed in its recommendations. Unless you are a food historian, this is not the best way to enjoy and learn about Kyoto cuisine. The book directs you to very rarefied and expensive, and traditional places, not where the "locals go". Much better recommendations were found in American guidebooks. But most of all Kyoto is a place to wander around in. There are literally thousands of restaurants, and you are best guided by your nose or by the crowds inside. Then you will find fabulous, delicious and memorable meals.

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