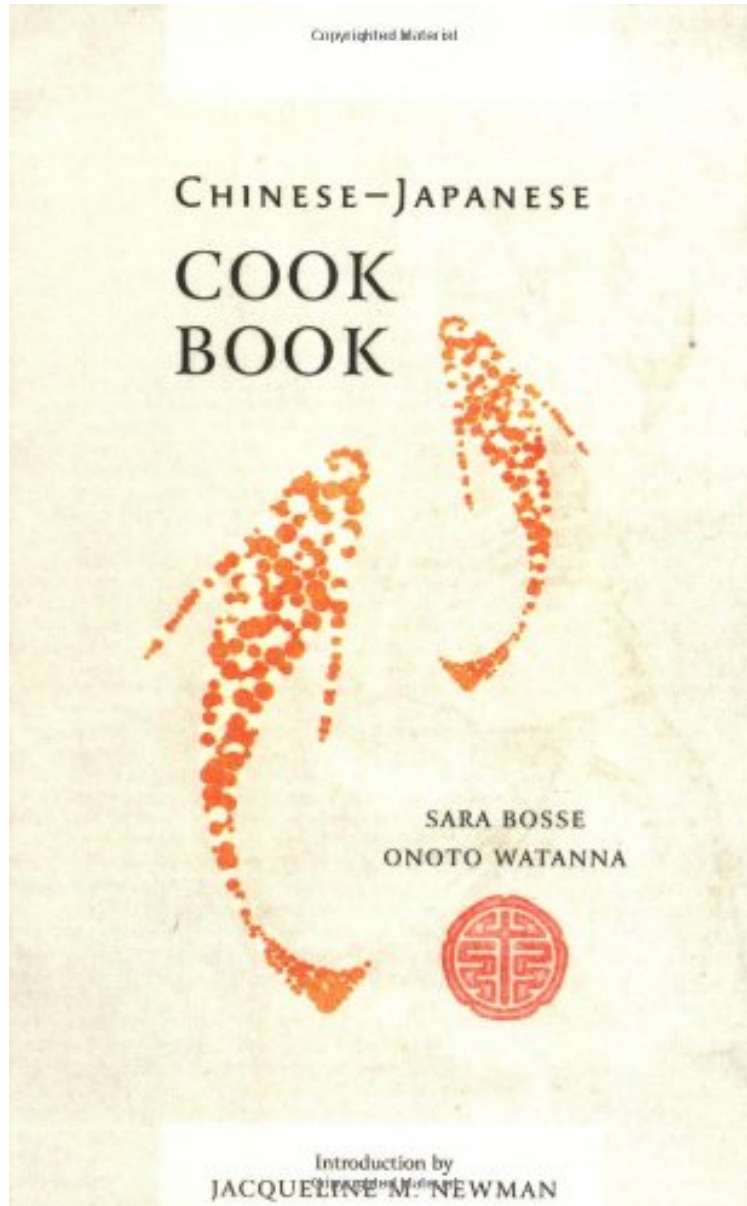


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About the Author Onoto Watanna was the pen name of Winnifred Eaton, a Canadian of mixed Chinese and Anglo-Saxon descent. Creating for herself the persona of a Japanese noblewoman, she wrote immensely popular romances that drew upon, yet also carefully undercut, the orientalist clichés of her time. Eve Oishi is assistant professor of Women's Studies at California State University in Long Beach.