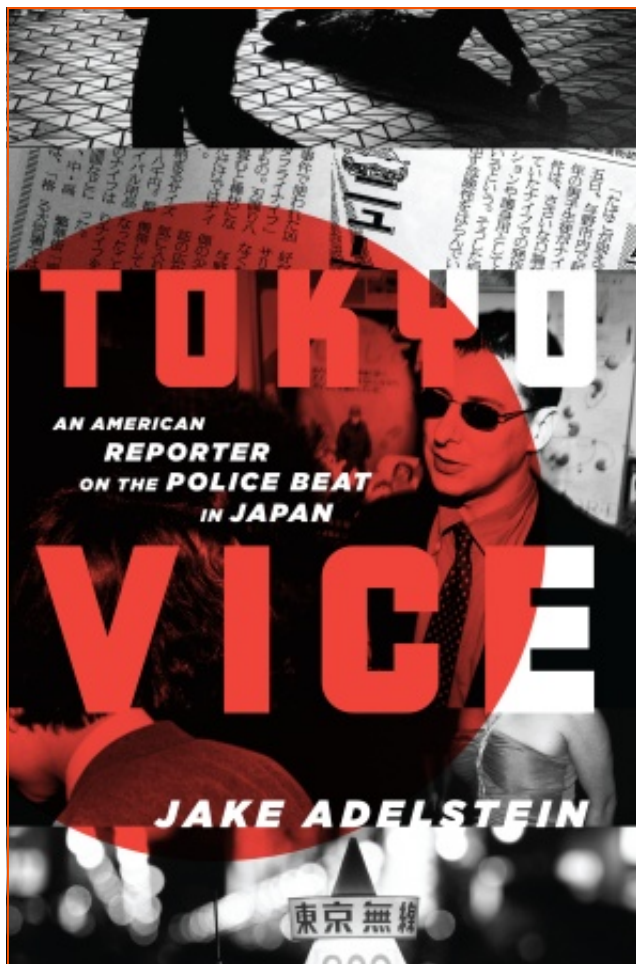


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At nineteen, Jake Adelstein went to Japan in search of peace and tranquility. What he got was a life of crime...crime reporting, that is, at the prestigious Yomiuri Shinbun. For twelve years of eighty-hour work weeks, he covered the seedy side of Japan, where extortion, murder, human trafficking, and corruption are as familiar as ramen noodles and sake. But when his final scoop brought him face to face with Japan's most infamous yakuza boss—and the threat of death for him and his family—Adelstein decided to step down...momentarily. Then, he fought back.

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