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Cornell University Press, United States, 2011. Hardback. Book Condition: New. New.. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.In Lovesick Japan, Mark D. West explores an official vision of love, sex, and marriage in contemporary Japan. A comprehensive body of evidence 2,700 court opinions describes a society characterized by a presupposed absence of physical and emotional intimacy, affection, and personal connections. In compelling, poignant, and sometimes horrifying court cases, West finds that Japanese judges frequently opine on whether a person is in love, what other emotions a person is feeling, and whether those emotions are appropriate for the situation. Sometimes judges views about love, sex, and marriage emerge from their presentation of the facts of cases. Among the recurring elements are abortions forced by men, compensated dating, late-life divorces, termination fees to end affairs, sexless couples, Valentine s Day heartbreak, soapland bath-brothels, and home-wrecking hostesses. Sometimes the judges analysis, decisions, and commentary are as revealing as the facts. Sex in the cases is a choice among private normal sex, which is male-dominated, conservative, dispassionate, or nonexistent; commercial sex, which caters to every fetish but is said to lead to rape, murder, and general social depravity;...



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