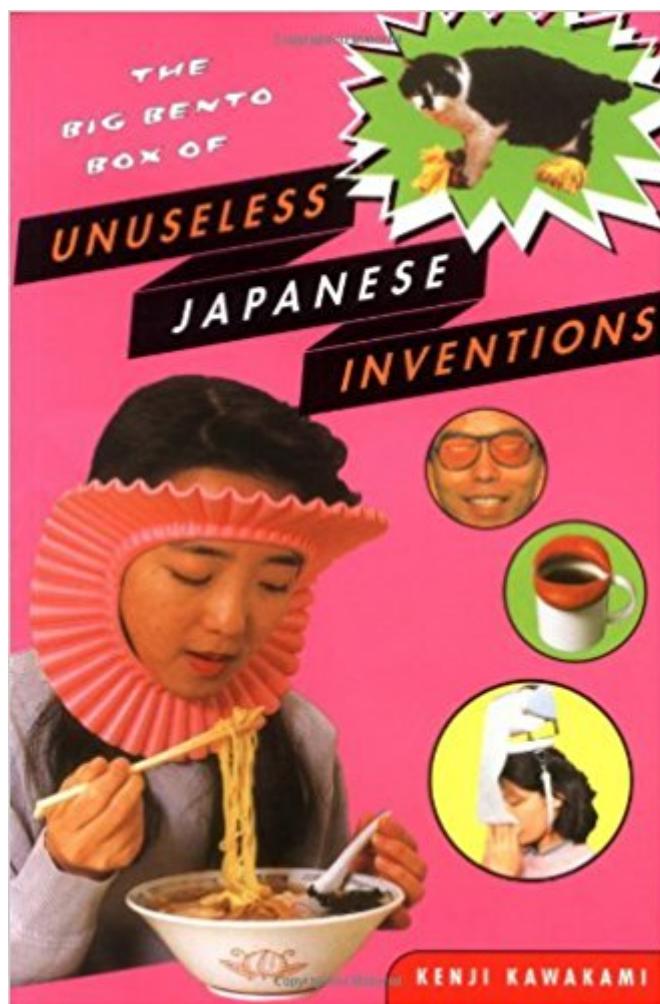


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The Big Bento Box Of Unuseless Japanese Inventions



Synopsis

From the land of the rising sun, strangely practical and utterly eccentric inventions for a life of ease—and hilarity. In Japan, Kenji Kawakami is famous for his tireless promotion of Chindogu: the art of the unuseless idea. Kawakami has developed an entire philosophy around these bizarre and logic-defying gadgets and gizmos, which must work but are actually entirely impractical. Created in the spirit of anarchy, unuseless inventions are not allowed to be patented or sold. Fans of the unuseless will love this completely absorbing collection of 200 Chindogu, including: the Drymobile (your laundry dries as you drive) the Solar-Powered Torch (never runs low on batteries) Duster Slippers for Cats (now the most boring job around the house becomes hours of fun—for your cat!) Walk 'n' Wash Ankle-Attachable Laundry Tanks (a perfect solution for the problems of inadequate exercise and hygiene) and many, many more. These hilarious inventions have taken Japan by storm. Every one of the 200 items in *The Big Bento Box of Unuseless Japanese Inventions* has actually been manufactured to the highest standards, fully tested by pioneering members of the Japanese public, and documented in their unuselessness with photographs. 442 color photographs

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Kenji Kawakami is the inventor of the concept of Chindogu and the founder of the 10,000-member International Chindogu Society. Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall is a celebrity chef, television personality, journalist, food writer, and "real food" campaigner. He promotes a back-to-basics philosophy with

regards to cooking. Dan Papia is a translator. He also heads the chapter of the International Chindogu Society based in Los Angeles.

My first time reading this was in Uniqlo SOHO... and man, I spent a good 10 minutes laughing at the book. Turns out I ordered one on since I regretted not buying it earlier! ISSA good book

This little book became so popular in my family that someone nicked it and no one is confessing. It's simply gone! But before that I had tons of fun with it. It one of those book that you can pick up at any time and have some fun and relax. It always cheered me up (can't trust family:-))

The book arrived pretty quickly. I enjoyed every page of it in an hour or two. I took it with me to class, and most of my classmates said they had seen the book before. I'm looking forward to share it with others. :) I gave it a four because the quality of the book sent to me was a bit below 'like new'.

A wonderful collection of items for anyone who enjoy the ridiculous. The product overviews are part of the joke, so don't expect too much info who/when/where/what/why these funny items are invented.

This is a very funny book!

There are creative inventions you absolutely need, there are those you didn't know you needed, and then there are chindogus (Japanese art of inventing unusual gadgets). This is one of the funniest books I've seen in a while. The inventions presented here are so incredibly useless they are hilarious. The best chindogu is probably the book itself: a compilation of chindogus.

This is a great book to have around the house, for visitors to enjoy. The creator clearly has a gifted sense of humor. While these are fictitious items, they are just real enough to seem like they might actually be useful. For example, the hat on the cover (made of toilet paper), while almost impossibly ridiculous, might actually be very useful during one of those colds where you have to get a Kleenex every 30 seconds. It is especially fun to turn each page of the book and see what is coming next. Highly recommended!

Funny funny funny! If you've never seen this book, you have to look through it. It's hilarious.

Couldn't stop laughing. Got this last year as a gift and bought one for a friend.

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