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How to be an American housewife

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Can you imagine what your life will be if you need to live in America without your parents one day? Shoko was a young woman in Japan during WWII. Her parents encouraged Shoko to marry an American and obtain a better life. So, she decided to marry an American, Charlie and leave Japan for a better future. She had her parents' support but not her brother, Taro. Taro did not forgive her for betraying her country. It became one of Shoko's regrets in life.

By the way, Shoko tried her very best to become a perfect American wife and mother. Many years later, Shoko fell ill. In order to reunite with Taro, her daughter, Sue agreed to go to Japan to represent Shoko to reunite with Taro. All in all, there are two parts in this book. One part is about Shoko and another part is about Sue.

In my opinion, it is a meaningful book that everyone should read. It tells us not to give up easily, as we can learn from Shoko's life.

We all know that there are many cultural differences between America and Japan. It is said that at that time, if Japanese women married with American, most American women would dislike her. We can easily imagine how many difficulties that Shoko needed to face at that time. However, Shoko still tried her very best to adapt to her new life in the strange country.

Personally, I think that her spirit is admirable. Even though Shoko needed to come across many difficulties, she did not give up. Comparing with Shoko, we are in a much better situation. Although we also need to face many difficulties, like academic pressure, we still have friends and parents here to support us. We are not alone. If we need to face any difficulties, we should never give up. We should be as strong as Shoko.

I highly recommend this book to you and hope you can learn from Shoko. Her spirit will be an encouragement to everyone.

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