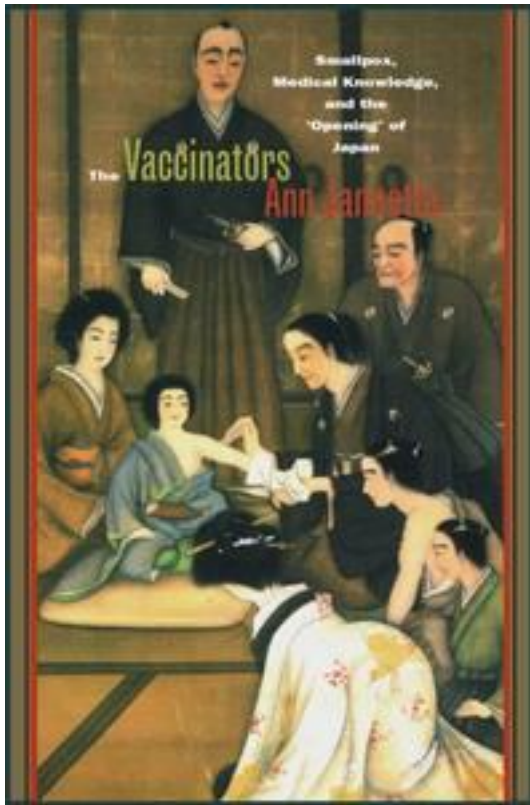


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In Japan, as late as the mid-nineteenth century, smallpox claimed the lives of an estimated twenty percent of all children born—most of them before the age of five. When the apathetic Tokugawa shogunate failed to respond to this health crisis, Japanese physicians, learned in Western medicine and medical technology, became the primary disseminators of Jennerian vaccination—a new medical technology to prevent smallpox. Tracing its origins from rural England, Jannetta investigates the transmission of Jennerian vaccination, via various foreign and domestic networks, to

and throughout pre-Meiji Japan. Relying on Dutch, Japanese, Russian, and English sources, the book treats Japanese physicians as leading agents of social and institutional change, showing how they used traditional strategies involving scholarship, marriage, and adoption to forge new local, national, and international networks in the first half of the nineteenth century. With an interesting parallel to the recent SARS crisis, *The Vaccinators* details the appalling cost of Japan's almost three-hundred-year isolation and examines in depth a nation on the cusp of political and social upheaval.

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日本在SARS疫情中表现优异是有历史原因的——与其表现最接近的中国地区就是上海了，北京就是个笑话

呃，两星半吧我觉得。不知道这书是写在matters of exchange之前还是之后，总觉得就是全书高调赞扬langaku学者的论调，但其实对于很多当时日本社会对于牛痘技术的思想上的转变或制度上的突破没有太深太全面的探索。但总的来说，在大家都感兴趣牛痘术在西方世界传播的主流中，jannette把目光转向东亚地区确实是该给个赞。还有，kanpo医师的人痘术到底对于牛痘的接受起了怎样的作用，我很好奇！毕竟，作者大口夸奖牛痘在兰学氛围下快速传遍日本的同时，别忘了，中国对牛痘的接受可是比日本早了近半个世纪啊。

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