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**Uesugi Kenshin**  
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The Heike Story is a modern translation of a Japanese classic. Kyoto in the twelfth century was a magnificent city, but crime, disorder, and lust were rampant. The people were abused by the nobility, while armed Buddhist monks terrorized court and commoner alike. In despair, the Emperor called upon the Heike and Genji clans to quell civil disturbances. Although the clans succeeded, they quarreled over the spoils of war and plunged the country into a century of warfare. The Heike Story describes the rise to power of Kiyomori of the Heike clan during this turbulent time. From a youth sunk in poverty, Kiyomori eventually rose to become the Emperor's Chief Councilor.

Although he was a gentle, enlightened man, he left a trail of bloodshed and ruin in his wake. The strange twists of Kiyomori's fate are the core of this epic novel. Its exotic atmosphere, narrative power, pageantry, and poetry will enthrall readers and provide an entertaining introduction to an important source of Japanese culture. This new edition features a foreword by Dr. Davinder Bhowmik that introduces this celebrated author and book to modern readers.

*The New Chushingura*  
Vertical, Inc.

A fictional account told by Eiji Yoshikawa of the revenge carried out by forty-seven ronin of Lord Asano.

**Taiko**

In the tempestuous

closing decades of the sixteenth century, the Empire of Japan writhes in chaos as the shogunate crumbles and rival warlords battle for supremacy. Warrior monks in their armed citadels block the road to the capital; castles are destroyed, villages plundered, fields put to the torch. Amid this devastation, three men dream of uniting the nation. At one extreme is the charismatic but brutal Nobunaga, whose ruthless ambition crushes all before him. At the opposite pole is the cold, deliberate Ieyasu, wise in counsel, brave in battle, mature beyond his years. But the keystone of this triumvirate is the most memorable of all, Hideyoshi, who rises from the menial post of sandal bearer to

become Taiko-- absolute ruler of Japan in the Emperor's name. When Nobunaga emerges from obscurity by destroying an army ten times the size of his own, he allies himself with Ieyasu, whose province is weak, but whose canniness and loyalty make him invaluable. Yet it is the scrawny, monkey-faced Hideyoshi--brash, impulsive, and utterly fearless--who becomes the unlikely savior of this ravaged land. Born the son of a farmer, he takes on the world with nothing but his bare hands and his wits, turning doubters into loyal servants, rivals into faithful friends, and enemies into allies. In all this he uses a piercing insight into human nature that unlocks castle gates,

opens men's minds, and captures women's hearts. For Hideyoshi's passions are not limited to war and intrigue-his faithful wife, Nene, holds his love dear, even when she must share it; the chaste Oyu, sister of Hideyoshi's chief strategist, falls prey to his desires; and the seductive Chacha, whom he rescues from the fiery destruction of her father's castle, tempts his weakness. As recounted by Eiji Yoshikawa, author of the international best-seller *Musashi*, *Taiko* tells many stories: of the fury of Nobunaga and the fatal arrogance of the black-toothed Yoshimoto; of the pathetic downfall of the House of Takeda; how the scorned Mitsuhide betrayed his master; how once impregnable

ramparts fell as their defenders died gloriously. Most of all, though, *Taiko* is the story of how one man transformed a nation through the force of his will and the depth of his humanity. Filled with scenes of pageantry and violence, acts of treachery and self-sacrifice, tenderness and savagery, *Taiko* combines the panoramic spectacle of a Kurosawa epic with a vivid evocation of feudal Japan.

### **The Heike Story**

From the author of the epic novels *Musashi*, *Taiko*, and *The Heike Story* *Warring States Era*, *Japan Betrayal Means War* After a peace accord is shattered, two great generals clash for the fourth time at Kawanakajima, the

island between the rivers. The spiritual but angry Uesugi Kenshin, the Dragon of Echigo, confronts the more experienced Takeda Shingen, the Tiger of Kai. Who will triumph? Uesugi Kenshin is a historical novel told through the eyes of two rivals by Eiji Yoshikawa, a master of the historical novel. If you are curious about

warcraft between two ingenious warlords, strategic surprises like in a movie by Akira Kurosawa, and the hearts and minds of warriors in combat, then you'll love this brilliant retelling of a famous battle by Eiji Yoshikawa. Buy Uesugi Kenshin to witness the legendary Fourth Battle of Kawanakajima today!