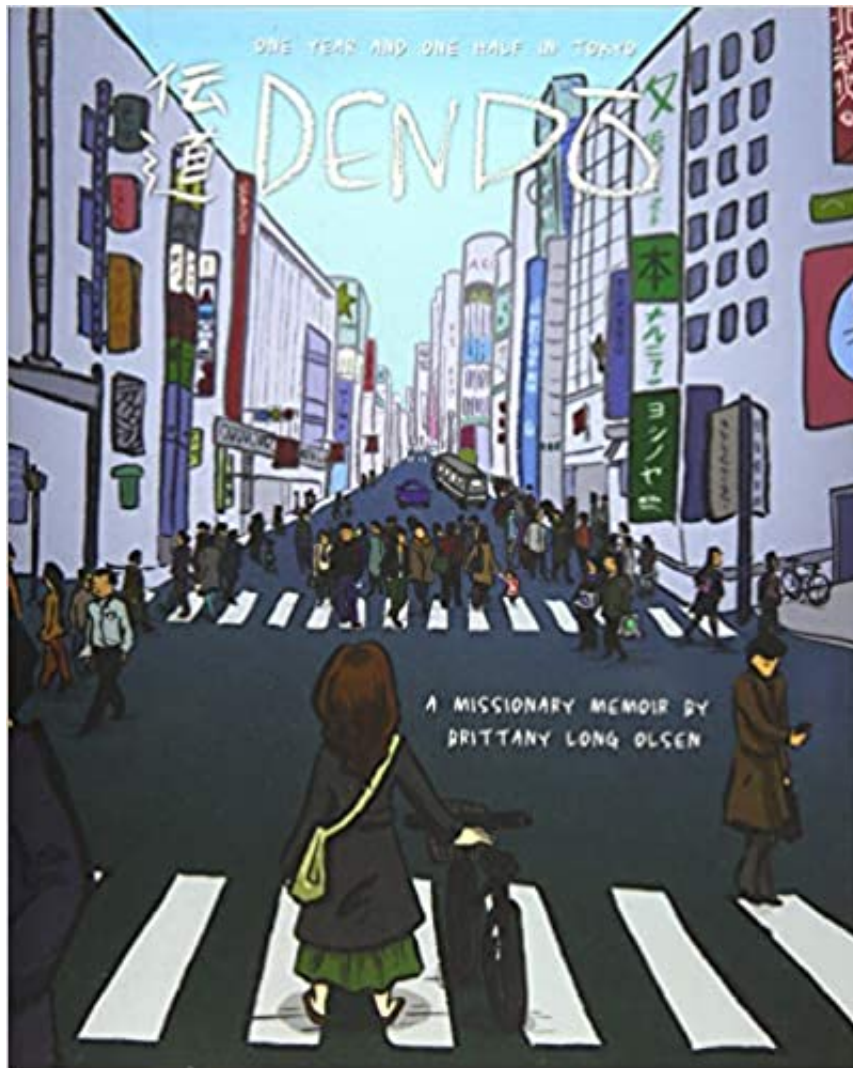


Dendo: One Year and One Half in Tokyo

by

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Synopsis

"Dendo" is the Japanese word for "missionary work." This daily journal of an LDS sister missionary in Tokyo, Japan, was kept entirely in comic pages. Sister Long spent 18 months teaching and serving among some of the most amazing people in the world, but it wasn't always easy. Read the story of her service teaching English, helping people follow Jesus Christ, and making some of the best friends of her life.

Sort review

"A wonderful blending of the modern missionary narrative mixed with a traditional comic style, humor, and feel-good moments throughout, Dendo by Brittany Long Olsen is the first-of-its-kind autobiographical Mormon missionary graphic novel. Visually engaging, Olsen brings to life her missionary service with simple and elegant illustration in a unique and transcendent experience. We witness her journey from the ups and downs of the MTC, struggles with companionships, and burgeoning bike skills to the inevitable denouement of her time as a sister missionary; all while helping us learn a little Japanese culture along the way." - Association for Mormon Letters Winner of the 2015 Association for Mormon Letters Award - Comics "...One of the most unique, humorous and genuinely insightful glimpses out there into what it means to be a full-time missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints... Panel by panel, page by page, each little vignette builds on top of the last to show the daily trials and triumphs that come with being a missionary assigned to a country where they use backward syntax, eat mayonnaise on spaghetti and are predominantly not Christian. That includes all the unfun bits, too, because life in the mission field isn't always sunshine and baptisms. That said, Olsen manages to keep things light. Her optimism, self-deprecating wit and ability to always find the spiritual silver lining are just a few reasons this book is a joy to read." - Jeff Peterson, Deseret News About the Author Brittany Long Olsen is a cartoonist and illustrator. In 2008, she decided to start making autobiographical comics every day as her own way of journal-keeping, and she hasn't missed a day since. Her daily journal comics can be found at comickdiaries.com where she posts cartoons about adventures with her husband and their dog named Jetpack.

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What people say about this book

Reader, "Great graphic novel for kids and teens. This graphic novel was written by a young lady who was a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Each day of her mission in Japan, she journaled about her mission by drawing a little comic strip of the day's events. At the end of her mission, she had compiled a sizable graphic novel of her experiences. My kids (ages 10 and 12) love graphic novels and this was no exception. They couldn't put it down and my daughter mentioned wanting to serve a mission after she finished it. It was funny, endearing, and touching. My daughter would also just say random Japanese words throughout the day that she had picked up from the book, which was kinda fun! A fantastic, clean, family-friendly graphic novel that is wonderful for LDS families. I wish there were more like this."

Scott, "Ever wondered what being a Mormon missionary is REALLY like? Here you go.. Read it in one day. This perfectly captures the essence and the ups and downs of any missionary's experience. I served in Salt Lake City, which is worlds away from Tokyo, but I found it was easy to relate to Sister Long's experiences and was surprised how closely they mirrored my own and other missionaries I knew. I felt the joys and the sorrows of her service and feel better and closer to God. For anyone who is curious about what it's really like to be a Mormon missionary this is it. The art style is simple and attractive, evoking a feeling of simplicity that brings with it a sense of confidence and intimacy, a feeling of closeness and confidence that made me feel like a member of her family. The medium, combining word and text in comic form, speaks more than either could do individually and is a perfect fit for this type of memoir. Sister Long writes for anyone interested in Japanese culture from a Western perspective. Very informative and stereotype-destroying. I just want to go and do everything she wrote about- especially the Studio Ghibli museum. I'm glad this book exists, and I will hold onto it to share with my future children as they grow and begin to think about missions themselves. All I've got to personally give them is my audio journal where I ramble about crazy things half the time, so having this is something I am sure they will be grateful for. I've never read anything like it before, and I doubt I will ever find anything like it again. A truly unique volume that deserves to be read by anyone."

Simmons, "A fascinating read in a very compelling format!. This book is fascinating. It's fun to watch the author learn and grow the longer she is on her mission. The art is simple yet visually fun to look at. And it is a BIG book! There are entries for every single day, and some are two pages long, so it's a beast of a book, but so worth it. When I start reading this, I have the hardest time putting it down. It's fun to see an entire day's entry boiled down into a few concrete thoughts. I'm also enjoying comparing it to my own experience when I was on my mission. It's helped me remember all of the wacky people you meet and the odd things they say. I bought this book for me and my kids. The comic format is so compelling and easy to read and it will

definitely get them excited to serve missions of their own. My oldest son is on a mission right now in Pittsburgh and I can't wait to share this book with him when he gets home!"

cloudbird, "World's coolest journal. This book came recommended to me. I've never been a graphic novel type of person, and this isn't really that in the sense that it's a girl's journal, not a story. That said, it's a fun way to learn about both life in Japan and life as a missionary. I find myself browsing several pages a day, just enjoying the journey with her."

The Corinthian, "I laughed, I cried, I recognized. I thoroughly enjoyed this book, a clever journal on the experiences of an LDS missionary in a foreign land. As a former missionary myself (though on the other side of the world from Japan), I found much to relate to: cultural differences (and similarities) and food and experiences with people and places. I would recommend this to anyone interested in travel or those who would like to get a sense of what a missionary goes through. There is humor, sorrow and some poignant observations."

John Many Johns, "What a great book! Reading about Long Shimai's many trials and What a great book! Reading about Long Shimai's many trials and successes took me back to my mission in Tokyo 25 years ago. Her story reminded me that growth comes best when we allow ourselves to be stretched in the service of others. Part of me wants to give this book away to others to read, but I think I'll hold onto it so my children can learn from it as they approach missionary age in a few years. ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? " "

Ebook Library Reader, "honest and beautiful depiction of what a day-to-day experience is like for Incredible, honest and beautiful depiction of what a day-to-day experience is like for an LDS missionary in Japan. It's a very long and full volume, it is well worth the cost for the page count. I could not put it down until i was finished reading the entire thing. I served myself a decade ago, and reading this brought me to tears by the end. I'm so fortunate to have been able to serve."

Brad Goodwin, "An easy read that portrays the experience of LDS missionaries in An easy read that portrays the experience of LDS missionaries in general, and missionaries in Japan in particular. Both I and my soon-to-depart missionary son devoured it in a couple of days. Olsen captures the essence of the missionary experience using cultural observations, personal and spiritual experiences, and healthy doses of irony and humor. Well done!"

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