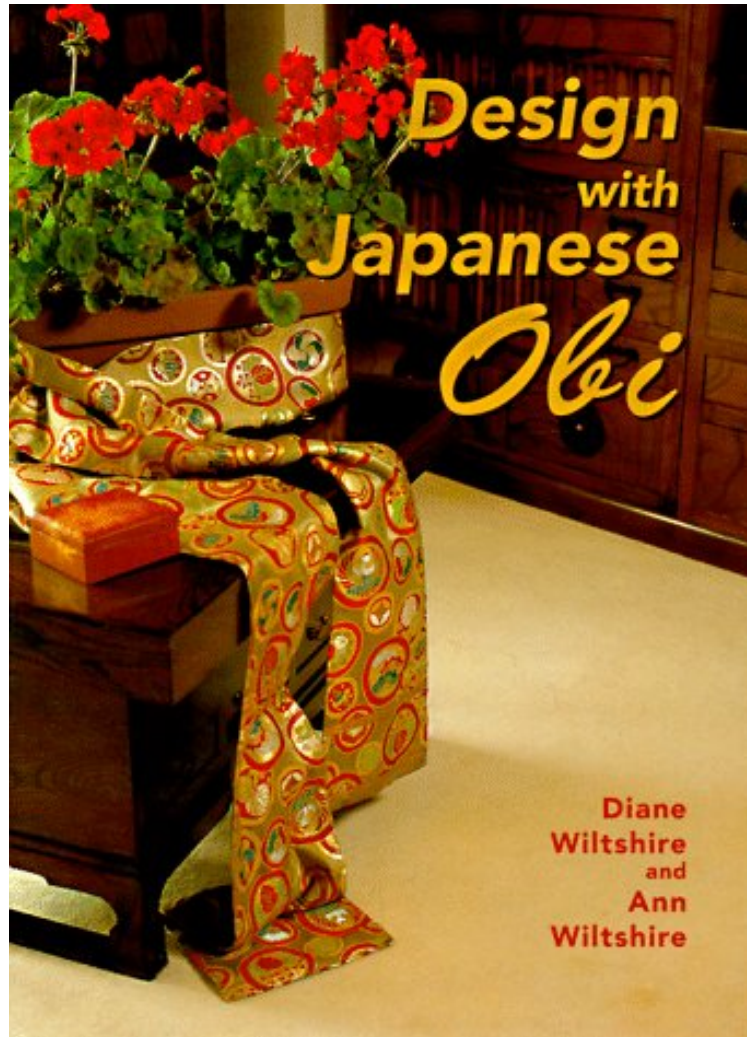


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About the Author Diane Wiltshire, during thirteen years in Japan, decorated the homes of numerous Japanese and Westerners, experimenting with using obi in new and exciting ways. As a buyer for East West Antiques in Mississippi, Diane visits auctions, warehouses, and shrine sales throughout Japan, always searching for unique and beautiful obi. She is perhaps best known for her guidebook, *Japan for Kids*. Ann Wiltshire started her business, East West Antiques, together with her daughter Diane in 1984. Today the company carries a large selection of Japanese obi and accessories, and has an international clientele. An acknowledged expert in the field, she lectures frequently on the obi at various museums and elsewhere, and was a featured speaker at the Asian Arts and Lecture series presented by Gump's department store in San Francisco.