NOTICE TO READERS

Few users of this companion will have need to read it all, from preface to index. It is important to read the headnote of any part consulted (for explanation of the contents and the conventions used) before using any section of it.

The location of information can be determined either by running through the table of contents for categories, or by using the index for those authors and titles mentioned in Parts One, Three, and Six.

Cross-References:

*An asterisk before a name or title indicates that it is entered in Part Three. An asterisk within Part Three signals that the name or title so designated is entered elsewhere in Part Three.

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Literary Terms.

Dates: all are to be taken as A.D. unless otherwise noted. When the ages of authors are mentioned, these approximate the Western system of counting years lived; that is, one year is deducted from the Japanese calculations.

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Along with our own inspection, the attention given to this *Companion* by reviewers and a private communication or two have enabled us to enter some corrections. Most are specified in the "Corrigenda" on p. viii. A few have required setting new pages. The most serious for users of the *Companion* should be stated here: the index includes the terms *in Part Four* as well as the matters in Parts One, Three, and Six. We shall appreciate notice of other errors in hopes of correcting them in another reprinting or revision.