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The author, Giouanni Roderico Giram, was a Jesuit who arrived in Japan in 1586. This is his report on activities of the Jesuits in Japan in 1612, which he sent to Claudio Acquaviva, then Superior General of the Society of Jesus from Nagasaki on January 12, 1613.

This book deals with Japan's social situation, the circumstances surrounding Christians, events taking place within the Society of Jesus and things about parish houses throughout Japan (mainly in Kyushu, Kyoto, Osaka, Hiroshima, Kanazawa and Suruga). At the back of the book, included are the summaries of two letters about the predicament that Christians faced in Japan. This is a record of the persecution and martyrdom of Christians in the early Edo period, which has been passed down until today.

The book on display was published in 1615 by Bartolomeo Zannetti in Rome. It is written in Italian.