



## Bento Box in the Heartland: My Japanese Girlhood in Whitebread America (Paperback)

By Linda Furiya

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