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Zen Haiku Shambhala  
Publications

"Haiku Master Buson is the only translation of the work of this important haiku poet in English. Buson (1716-1783), along with Basho and Issa, is recognized as one of the three Japanese masters of the haiku. In addition to a large selection of haiku, the book also

includes a selection of Buson's prose and a critical introduction."

-- Amazon.com

The Heart is Katmandu  
Weatherhill,  
Incorporated  
Presents a concise  
history of the Japanese  
haiku, including the  
changes of the haiku  
throughout the twentieth  
century as this beloved  
poetry form has been  
adapted to modern and  
urban settings. This title  
offers full chapters on  
form, the seasons in  
haiku, and haiku craft, as

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well as background on the Japanese poetic tradition. With a new foreword by poet, translator, and author Jane Reichhold ('Basho: The Complete Haiku'), this anniversary edition presents a concise history of the Japanese haiku, including the dynamic changes of the haiku throughout the twentieth century as this beloved

### **Japanese Death Poems**

Penguin UK

2005 CHOICE Outstanding

Academic Title Basho's

Haiku offers the most comprehensive translation yet of the poetry of

Japanese writer Matsuo

Basho (1644–1694), who is credited with perfecting and popularizing the haiku form of poetry. One of the most widely read Japanese writers, both within his own country and worldwide, Basho is especially beloved

by those who appreciate nature and those who practice Zen Buddhism.

Born into the samurai class,

Basho rejected that world

after the death of his master

and became a wandering

poet and teacher. During his

travels across Japan, he

became a lay Zen monk and

studied history and classical

poetry. His poems

contained a mystical quality

and expressed universal

themes through simple

images from the natural

world. David Landis

Barnhill's brilliant book

strives for literal translations

of Basho's work, arranged

chronologically in order to

show Basho's development

as a writer. Avoiding wordy

and explanatory

translations, Barnhill

captures the brevity and

vitality of the original

Japanese, letting the

images suggest the depth of

meaning involved. Barnhill

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also presents an overview of haiku poetry and analyzes the significance of nature in this literary form, while suggesting the importance of Bashō to contemporary American literature and environmental thought.

*Japanese Poetry Forms*  
Basic Books

In the past hundred years, haiku has gone far beyond its Japanese origins to become a worldwide phenomenon—with the classic poetic form growing and evolving as it has adapted to the needs of the whole range of languages and cultures that have embraced it. This proliferation of the joy of haiku is cause for celebration—but it can also compel us to go back to the beginning: to look at haiku's development during the centuries before it was known

outside Japan. This in-depth study of haiku history begins with the great early masters of the form—like Bashō, Buson, and Issa—and goes all the way to twentieth-century greats, like Santoka. It also focuses on an important aspect of traditional haiku that is less known in the West: haiku art. All the great haiku masters created paintings (called haiga) or calligraphy in connection with their poems, and the words and images were intended to be enjoyed together, enhancing each other, and each adding its own dimension to the reader's and viewer's understanding. Here one of the leading haiku scholars of the West takes us on a tour of haiku poetry's

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evolution, providing along the way a wealth of examples of the poetry and the art inspired by it.

### The Sound of Water Penguin UK

From the editors of *Zen Poems of China and Japan* comes the largest and most comprehensive collection of its kind to appear in English. This collaboration between a Japanese scholar and an American poet has rendered translations both precise and sublime, and their selections, which span fifteen hundred years—from the early T'ang dynasty to the present day—include many poems that have never before been translated into English. Stryk and Ikemoto offer us Zen poetry in all its diversity: Chinese poems of enlightenment and death, poems of the Japanese masters, many haiku—the quintessential Zen art—and

an impressive selection of poems by Shinkichi Takahashi, Japan's greatest contemporary Zen poet. With *Zen Poetry*, Lucien Stryk and Takashi Ikemoto have graced us with a compellingly beautiful collection, which in their translations is pure literary pleasure, illuminating the world vision to which these poems give permanent expression.

### The Penguin Book of Haiku punctum books

This celebration of what is perhaps the most influential of all poetic forms takes haiku back to its Japanese roots, beginning with poems by the seventeenth- and eighteenth-century masters Basho, Busson, and Issa, and going all the way up to the late twentieth century to provide a survey of haiku through the centuries, in all its minimalist glory. The translators have balanced faithfulness to the Japanese with an appreciation

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of the unique spirit of each poem to create English versions that evoke the joy and wonder of the originals with the same astonishing economy of language. An introduction by the translators and short biographies of the poets are included. Reproductions of woodblock prints and paintings accompany the poems.

Japanese Death Poems Library  
of Alexandria

A Neo Tropical Companion is the first collection of haikus written by Xiu Xiu singer, Jamie Stewart. This is the first time his haikus, which have been featured in several literary journals and small press releases, will be comprehensively collected. Two thirds of the work will include new poems written for specifically for this book. The title, A Neo Tropical Companion, comes from an antiquated guide book to North East South America that Stewart found molding on the ground in the jungle. The poems, written in the classical Japanese poetry form, concern death,

uncertainty, cats, being on weird tours, horrible sex, hating other people, bird watching in Guyana, and growing up in a dim and boxed-in valley.

Japanese Haiku Grove/Atlantic, Inc.

Highlighting a lesser-known aspect of one of America's most influential authors, this new collection displays Jack Kerouac's interest in and mastery of haiku. Experimenting with this compact poetic genre throughout his career, Kerouac often included haiku in novels, correspondence, notebooks, journals, sketchbooks, and recordings. In this collection, Kerouac scholar Regina Weinreich supplements an incomplete draft of a haiku manuscript found in Kerouac's archives with a generous selection of Kerouac's other haiku, from both published and unpublished sources. With more than 500 poems, this is a must-have volume for Kerouac enthusiasts everywhere.

One Robe, One Bowl New  
Directions Publishing

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Kurihara Sadako was born in Hiroshima in 1913, and she was there on August 6, 1945. Already a poet before she experienced the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, she used her poetic talents to describe the blast and its aftermath. In 1946, despite the censorship of the American Occupation, she published *Kuroi tamago* (Black Eggs), poems from before, during, and immediately after the war. This volume includes a translation of *Kuroi tamago* from the complete edition of 1983. But August 6, 1945, was not the end point of Kurihara's journey. In the years after *Kuroi tamago* she has broadened her focus—to Japan as a victimizer rather than victim, to the threat of nuclear war, to antiwar movements around the world, and to inhumanity in its many guises. She treats events in Japan such as politics in Hiroshima, Tokyo's long-term complicity in American policies, and the decision in 1992 to send Japanese troops on U.N. peacekeeping operations. But she also deals with the Vietnam War, Three Mile Island, Kwangju, Greenham Common, and Tiananmen Square. This volume includes a large selection of these later poems. Kurihara sets us all at ground zero, strips us down to our basic humanity, and shows us the world both as it is and as it could be. Her poems are by turns sorrowful and sarcastic, tender and tough. Several of them are famous in Japan today, but even there, few people appreciate the full force and range of her poetry. And few poets in any country—indeed, few artists of any kind—have displayed comparable dedication, consistency, and insight. *A Dictionary of Haiku* Tuttle Publishing  
*Sand and Pebbles* presents the

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first complete English rendering of as well as scholars of Japanese Shasekishū --the classic, popular Buddhist "Tale Literature" (setsuwa). This collection of instructive, yet often humorous, anecdotes appeared in the late thirteenth century, within decades of the first stirrings of the revolutionary movements of Kamakura Buddhism. Shasekishū's author, Muj Ichien (1226-1312), lived in a rural temple apart from the centers of political and literary activity, and his stories reflect the customs, attitudes and lifestyles of the commoners. In Sand and Pebbles, complete translations of Book One and other significant narrative parts are supplemented by summaries of the remaining (especially didactic) material and by excerpts from Muj's later work. Introduced by a historical sketch of the period, this work also contains a biography of Muj. Illustrations, charts, a chronology, glossary of terms, notes, an extensive bibliography and an index guide the reader into a seldom seen corner of old Japan. Muj and his writings will interest students of literature as well as scholars of Japanese religion, especially Buddhism. Anthropologists and sociologists will discover details of Kamakura life and thought unrecorded in the official chronicles of the age.

A Neo Tropical Companion  
SUNY Press

The Japanese poet-recluse Ryokan (1758 – 1831) is one of the most beloved figures of Asian literature, renowned for his beautiful verse, exquisite calligraphy, and eccentric character. Deceptively simple, Ryokan's poems transcend artifice, presenting spontaneous expressions of pure Zen spirit. Like his contemporary Thoreau, Ryokan celebrates nature and the natural life, but his poems touch the whole range of human experience: joy and sadness, pleasure and pain, enlightenment and illusion, love and loneliness. This collection of translations reflects the full spectrum of Ryokan's spiritual and poetic

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vision, including Japanese haiku, longer folk songs, and Chinese-style verse. Fifteen ink paintings by Koshi no Sengai (1895 – 1958) complement these translations and beautifully depict the spirit of this famous poet.

Dewdrops on a Lotus Leaf  
Columbia University Press  
Step into a series of dazzling, funny, melancholy, and joyous moments with this collection of haiku masterworks. Beloved translator Peter Beilenson's goal was twofold: to craft a book of haiku accessible to anyone, and to render his best guess at what the poets would have written in English. His translations preserve the sublime spirit of each verse, conjuring vivid visual and emotional impressions in spare words. Haiku icon Basho is represented amply here, as are imagery-virtuoso Buson and wry, warm, painfully human Issa. The verses of Shiki, Joso, Kyorai, Kikaku, Chora,

Gyodai, Kakei, Izen, and others also appear, all illuminated by lovely woodblock prints.

Ranging from exquisite (In the sea surf edge/ Mingling with the bright small shells.../ Bush-clover petals -Basho) to bittersweet (Dead my fine hopes/ And dry my dreaming, but still.../ Iris, blue each spring -Shushiki) to silly (Dim the grey cow comes/ Mooing, mooing, and mooing/ Out of the morning mist -Issa), this collection will stir your senses and your heart.

### My First Book of Haiku Poems

Tuttle Publishing

Here are more than two hundred of the best haiku of Japanese literature translated by one of America ' s premier poet-translators. The haiku is one of the most popular and widely recognized poetic forms in the world. In just three lines a great haiku presents a crystalline moment of image, emotion, and awareness. This illustrated collection includes



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haiku by the great masters from the seventeenth to the early twentieth century.

Great Fool Peter Pauper Press, Inc.

A new translation of the selected verse of Kobayashi Issa, the eighteenth-century Japanese poet and lay Buddhist priest noted for his haiku.

Book of Haikus Kodansha USA Incorporated

"A wonderful introduction the Japanese tradition of jisei, this volume is crammed with exquisite, spontaneous verse and pithy, often hilarious, descriptions of the eccentric and committed monastics who wrote the poems." --Tricycle: The Buddhist Review Although the consciousness of death is, in most cultures, very much a part of life, this is perhaps nowhere more true than in Japan, where the approach of death has given rise to a centuries-old tradition of writing jisei, or the "death poem." Such a poem is often written in the very last moments of the poet's life. Hundreds of

Japanese death poems, many with a commentary describing the circumstances of the poet's death, have been translated into English here, the vast majority of them for the first time. Yoel Hoffmann explores the attitudes and customs surrounding death in historical and present-day Japan and gives examples of how these have been reflected in the nation's literature in general. The development of writing jisei is then examined--from the longing poems of the early nobility and the more "masculine" verses of the samurai to the satirical death poems of later centuries. Zen Buddhist ideas about death are also described as a preface to the collection of Chinese death poems by Zen monks that are also included. Finally, the last section contains three hundred twenty haiku, some of which have never been assembled before, in English translation and romanized in Japanese.

How to Read a Japanese Poem University of Hawaii Press

Chiyo-Ni (1703-1775) is one of

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Japan's most unusual and renowned haiku poets, and this volume, the first major translation of her work in English, contains over 100 haiku, reproduced in Japanese script, Romaji, and in English. Chiyo-ni was one of the very few great female poets from an age when haiku was dominated by men. Her verses embody Zen-like simplicity and female sensuality, and reflect her life as a Buddhist nun, painter and poet who lived a life of supreme independence and aesthetic sensibility.

The Haiku Handbook State University of New York Press  
The lyrical world of Chinese poetry in faithful translations by Kenneth Rexroth. The lyric poetry of Tu Fu ranks with the greatest in all world literature. Across the centuries—Tu Fu lived in the T'ang Dynasty (731-770)—his poems come through to us with an immediacy that is breathtaking in Kenneth

Rexroth's English versions.

They are as simple as they are profound, as delicate as they are beautiful. Thirty-five poems by Tu Fu make up the first part of this volume. The translator then moves on to the Sung Dynasty (10th-12th centuries) to give us a number of poets of that period, much of whose work was not previously available in English. Mei Yao Ch'en, Su Tung P'o, Lu Yu, Chu Hsi, Hsu Chao, and the poetesses Li Ch'iang Chao and Chu Shu Chen. There is a general introduction, biographical and explanatory notes on the poets and poems, and a bibliography of other translations of Chinese poetry. Cafe Haiku Shambhala Publications

When *The Sound of the One Hand* came out in Japan in 1916 it caused a scandal. Zen was a secretive practice, its wisdom relayed from master to novice in strictest privacy. That a handbook existed recording not only the riddling koans that are

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central to Zen teaching but also detailing the answers to them seemed to mark Zen as rote, not revelatory. For all that, *The Sound of the One Hand* opens the door to Zen like no other book. Including koans that go back to the master who first brought the koan teaching method from China to Japan in the eighteenth century, this book offers, in the words of the translator, editor, and Zen initiate Yoel Hoffmann, the clearest, most detailed, and most correct picture of Zen that can be found. What we have here is an extraordinary introduction to Zen thought as lived thought, a treasury of problems, paradoxes, and performance that will appeal to artists, writers, and philosophers as well as Buddhists and students of religion."

### Japanese Haiku Heian International

The first Penguin anthology of Japanese haiku, in vivid new translations by Adam L. Kern. Now a global poetry, the haiku was

originally a Japanese verse form that flourished from the sixteenth to nineteenth centuries. Although renowned for its brevity, usually running three lines long in seventeen syllables, and by its use of natural imagery to make Zen-like observations about reality, in fact the haiku is much more: it can be erotic, funny, crude and mischievous. Presenting over a thousand exemplars in vivid and engaging translations, this anthology offers an illuminating introduction to this widely celebrated, if misunderstood, art form. Adam L. Kern's new translations are accompanied here by the original Japanese and short commentaries on the poems, as well as an introduction and illustrations from the period.

Black Eggs Penguin

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Basho, one of the greatest of Japanese poets and the master of haiku, was also a Buddhist monk and a life-long traveller. His poems combine 'karumi', or lightness of touch, with the Zen ideal of oneness with creation. Each poem evokes the natural world - the cherry blossom, the leaping frog, the summer moon or the winter snow - suggesting the smallness of human life in comparison to the vastness and drama of nature. Basho himself enjoyed solitude and a life free from possessions, and his haiku are the work of an observant eye and a meditative mind, uncluttered by materialism and alive to the beauty of the world around him.