

The book was found

100 Poems From The Japanese



Synopsis

It is remarkable that any Westernerâ •even so fine a poet as Kenneth Rexrothâ •could have captured in translation so much of the subtle essence of classic Japanese poetry: the depth of controlled passion, the austere elegance of style, the compressed richness of imagery. The poems are drawn chiefly from the traditional Manyôshû, Kokinshû and Hyakunin Isshû collections, but there are also examples of haiku and other later forms. The sound of the Japanese texts is reproduced in Romaji script and the names of the poets in the calligraphy of Ukai Uchiyama. The translator's introduction gives us basic background on the history and nature of Japanese poetry, which is supplemented by notes on the individual poets and an extensive bibliography.

Book Information

Paperback: 140 pages

Publisher: New Directions; First Edition edition (June 17, 1955)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0811201813

ISBN-13: 978-0811201810

Product Dimensions: 5.2 x 0.5 x 8 inches

Shipping Weight: 5.6 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.8 out of 5 starsÂ Â See all reviewsÂ (20 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #465,167 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #75 inÂ Books > Literature & Fiction > Poetry > Japanese & Haiku #192 inÂ Books > Literature & Fiction > Poetry > Regional & Cultural > Asian #253 inÂ Books > Literature & Fiction > History & Criticism > Regional & Cultural > Asian

Customer Reviews

Many decades ago as I was standing in a seemingly endless line at the college bookstore waiting to pay for my texts, I happened to pick up a copy of Kenneth Rexroth's 100 POEMS FROM THE JAPANESE and started thumbing through it in order to kill some time while I waited...and waited...and waited for my turn at the register. By the time I finally made it up there I couldn't have cared less, I was totally engrossed in the small volume that had been meant merely to keep me from thoughts of violence as I continued to wait...and wait...and wait. I knew that I had to have this book, I had fallen in love with Japanese poetry. Since that day I've had 3 copies of the book in all. The first was stolen by a "friend", the second died from over-work, and the third is sitting in front of me as I try to cobble together this review. I had long hated poetry since its writers tended to exhume

every archaic word they knew and went on for as long as they possibly could until they had finally beaten what ever sentiment, or thought they had tried to express into into a gelatinous pulp and left it and the reader whimpering on the floor in helpless submission. Writers of Western and European poetry that is. For when I openned Rexroth's book I learned there was an alternative to the pompous florid verbosity of Western poets and it could be found in the powerful, exquisitely crafted yet extremely economical poetry of Japan. There are several different poetic forms and a great many shadings and other things to be concerned with, as in the works of all poets, and Rexroth deals with these things both in his introduction as well as in individual notes in the back of the book. He explains everything you need to know in order to understand these poems if you're interested in going beneath their surface beauty.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Bento Box Cookbook: Delicious Japanese Cooking Recipes For Lunch And Dinner (Bento Box Recipes, Japanese Cooking, Japanese Recipes, Japanese Bento, Sushi, Rice Cooker) Genki: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese II [Second Edition] (Japanese Edition) (English and Japanese Edition) Beyond Polite Japanese: A Dictionary of Japanese Slang and Colloquialisms (Power Japanese) Japanese Slanguage: A Fun Visual Guide to Japanese Terms and Phrases (English and Japanese Edition) Confessions of a Japanese Linguist - How to Master Japanese: (The Journey to Fluent, Functional, Marketable Japanese) 100 Poems from the Japanese Pizza Recipes: 100 Pizza Recipes for Home Cook (+BONUS: 100 FREE recipes) (100 Murray's Recipes Book 9) Pasta Recipes: 100 Pasta Recipes for Home Cook (+BONUS: 100 FREE recipes) (100 Murray's Recipes Book 8) 100 problemas de fÃ¡zÂ- sica cuÃ¡fÂ¡ntica / 100 Quantum Physics problems (Cien Problemas / 100 Problems) (Spanish Edition) Japanese Takeout Cookbook Favorite Japanese Takeout Recipes to Make at Home: Sushi, Noodles, Rices, Salads, Miso Soups, Tempura, Teriyaki and More (Takeout Cookbooks 6) Japanese Cooking Made Simple: A Japanese Cookbook with Authentic Recipes for Ramen, Bento, Sushi & More The Japanese Sword (Japanese Arts Library) Photographic Collection of Unknown Tea Bowls: Picking out Unknown but Wonderful Tea Bowls Japanese Pottery and Tea Ceremony (Japanese Edition) Bento cookbook :Learn to prepare delicious bento launch box to style japanese (japanese cooking 1) BONSAI JAPANESE MAPLES: Developing Japanese Maples from Seedlings for Bonsai (Okami Gardens Bonsai Series Book 1) Miumi-U Teaches Japanese Shibari - Part 1: How to do Japanese rope bondage Genki: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese Workbook I [Second Edition] (Japanese Edition) Japanese Hiragana & Katakana for Beginners: First Steps to Mastering the Japanese Writing System (CD-ROM Included) Japanese Hiragana & Katakana for Beginners: First Steps to Mastering

the Japanese Writing System [Downloadable Content Included] Japanese Kanji & Kana: A
Complete Guide to the Japanese Writing System

[Dmca](#)