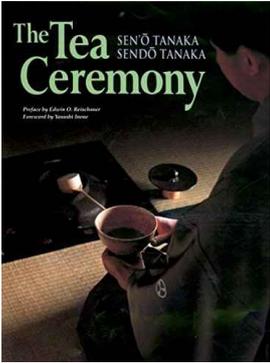


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21 of 21 people found the following review helpful. fairly good introduction to tea ceremony
By K. Straley
This book is a fairly good intro to the Japanese tea ceremony for the absolute neophyte. Covering history, gardening and a very basic overview of the utensils and ceremony. For anyone wishing to know more about the actual procedures of the ceremony, the book falls short (however, I'm not aware of any books widely available that do a good job of explaining these procedures). As tea ceremony is best learned under the tutelage of an instructor, anyone more serious about tea would do best to seek out a teacher.
3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful book about an elegant ceremony
By Nick Morgan
A few years back I participated in a tea ceremony in Japan as a tourist with little idea of what was going on besides that it was cool and elegant. Reading this book filled in for me what I missed -- and it was a lot. This is a wonderful introduction to that most Japanese of ceremonies.
3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. An Excellent Guide for the Uninitiated
By Hansaburo
While the schools of tea differ, and this school/ryugi differs in details from the principal schools, it gives a good outline of history and practice. Excellent in photography, diagrams and production.

In Japan, serving tea is an art and a spiritual discipline. As an art, the tea ceremony is an occasion to appreciate the clean lines of the tea room's design, the feel of the bowl in the hand, the company of friends, and a simple moment of purity. As a discipline, it has roots in the twelfth century and intimate connections to architecture, landscape gardening, ceramics, painting, flower arrangement, and, of course, Zen Buddhism. Written by contemporary tea masters, *The Tea Ceremony* takes a clear and comprehensive look at the sources and inspiration of this ancient discipline. The authors trace the practice from its earliest origins to the present day, considering in detail the individuals who helped it evolve. They discuss all the elements of the ceremony—including art, architecture, incense, flowers, and the influence of Zen—and show how readily the study of tea can serve as a spiritual path to greater insight and calm. Originally published in 1973, *The Tea Ceremony* has been revised and updated with new photographs and text.

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