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Sand and Pebbles-Robert E. Morrell Sand and Pebbles presents the first complete English rendering of Shasekishu--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. Shasekishu's author, Muju 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 Muju's later work. Introduced by a historical sketch of the period, this work also contains a biography of Muju. 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. Muju 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.

The Politics of Reclusion-Kendall H. Brown 1997-01-01 The Chinese themes of the Four Graybeards of Mt. Shang and the Seven Sages of the Bamboo Grove figure prominently in the art of Momoyama-period Japan (ca. 1575-1625). Kendall Brown proposes that the dense and multivalent implications of aesthetic reclusion central to these paintings made them appropriate for patrons of all classes - the military, who were presently in power, the aristocracy, who had lost power, and the Buddhist priesthood, who forsook power. These paintings, and their attendant messages, thus serve as dynamic cultural agents that elucidate the fundamental paradigms of early modern Japanese society. Unlike traditional art history studies, which emphasize the style and history of art objects, The Politics of Reclusion sets out to reconstruct the possible historical context for the interpretive reception and use of Chinese hermit themes within a specific period of Japanese art. In emphasizing the political dimension of aesthetic reclusion, it introduces into the field of Japanese art history a discussion of the politics of aesthetics that characterizes recent work in the field of Japanese literature. By embedding the paintings within the contexts of politics, philosophy, religion, and even gender, this study restores the reflexive relations between the paintings and their culture and, as such, is one of the first extensive intellectual and social histories of Japanese art in a Western language. It is one that will appeal not only to students of art but to those interested in Japanese literature, history, and philosophy.

Confucian Values and Popular Zen-Janine T. Anderson Sawada 1993-07-01 Although East Asian religion is commonly characterized as "syncretic," the historical interaction of Buddhist, Confucian, and other traditions is often neglected by scholars of mainstream religious thought. In this thought-provoking study, Janine Sawada moves beyond conventional approaches to the history of Japanese religion by analyzing the ways in which Neo-Confucianism and Zen formed a popular synthesis in early modern Japan. She shows how Shingaku, a teaching founded by merchant Ishida Baigan, blossomed after his death into a widespread religious movement that selectively combined ideas and practices from these traditions. Drawing on new research into original Shingaku sources, Sawada challenges the view that the teaching was a facile "merchant ethic" by illuminating the importance of Shingaku mystical experience and its intimate relation to moral cultivation in the program developed by Baigan's successor, Teshima Toan. This

book also suggests the need for an approach to the history of Japanese education that accounts for the informal transmission of ideas as well as institutional schooling. Shingaku contributed to the development of Japanese education by effectively disseminating moral and religious knowledge on a large scale to the less-educated sectors of Tokugawa society. Sawada interprets the popularity of the movement as part of a general trend in early modern Japan in which ordinary people sought forms of learning that could be pursued in the context of daily life.

Miracles of Book and Body-Charlotte Eubanks 2011-01-01 Miracles of Book and Body is the first book to explore the intersection of two key genres of sacred literature in medieval Japan: sutras, or sacred Buddhist texts, and setsuwa, or "explanatory tales," used in sermons and collected in written compilations. For most of East Asia, Buddhist sutras were written in classical Chinese and inaccessible to many devotees. How, then, did such devotees access these texts? Charlotte D. Eubanks argues that the medieval genre of "explanatory tales" illuminates the link between human body (devotee) and sacred text (sutra). Her highly original approach to understanding Buddhist textuality focuses on the sensual aspects of religious experience and also looks beyond Japan to explore pre-modern book history, practices of preaching, miracles of reading, and the Mahayana Buddhist "cult of the book."

Zen Sanctuary of Purple Robes-Sachiko Kaneko Morrell 2012-02-01 A fascinating look at a Zen convent throughout its history.

The Greenwood Encyclopedia of World Folklore and Folklife: Southeast Asia and India, Central and East Asia, Middle East-William M. Clements 2006 Designed for students and general readers, this massive encyclopedia authoritatively reviews the folklore and folkways of cultures from around the world.

Nichibunken Japan Review- 2005

Japanese Journal of Religious Studies- 2006

A History of the Japanese Language-Bjarke Frellesvig 2010-07-29 Bjarke Frellesvig describes the development of the Japanese language from its recorded beginnings until the present day as reflected by the written sources and historical record. Beginning with a description of the oldest attested stage of the language, Old Japanese (approximately the eighth century AD), and then tracing the changes which occurred through the Early Middle Japanese (800-1200), Late Middle Japanese (1200-1600) and the Modern Japanese (1600-onwards) periods, a complete internal history of the language is examined and discussed. This account provides a comprehensive study of how the Japanese language has developed and adapted, providing a much needed resource for scholars. A History of the Japanese Language is invaluable to all those interested in the Japanese language and also students of language change generally.

Philosophy East & West- 1986

Literatures of Asia, Africa, and Latin America-Willis Barnstone 1999 Presents excerpts of works, biographical profiles of authors, bibliographies, and annotations explaining obscure references in the texts Arts & Humanities Citation Index- 1988 A multidisciplinary index covering the journal literature of the arts and humanities. It fully covers 1,144 of the world's leading arts and humanities journals, and it indexes individually selected, relevant items from over 6,800 major science and social science journals.

The Religious Construction of Motherhood in Medieval Japan-Hank Glassman 2001

Early Kamakura Buddhism-Robert E. Morrell 1987 Japanese historians have dealt with Kamakura Buddhism in terms of the major sectarian developments of the time, tending to ignore the fact that the ancient sects continued to exist and exert influence on the development of the tradition. Prof. Morrell has provided "a minority report," a study of these smaller but nonetheless important groups within Buddhism during the Kamakura period. This is a much needed addition to the works dealing with the history and religions of Japan. It will be of interest not only to Buddhist scholars but to all those who deal with the culture of Japan."... This book is an exciting, important collection, well worth the time to read and suitable for libraries..."--Choice

Allegories of Desire-Susan Blakeley Klein 2002 Through analyses of the contents of six commentaries affiliated with or influenced by Tameaki, Susan Blakeley Klein presents examples of this interpretive method and discusses its influence on subsequent texts, both elite and popular."--BOOK JACKET.

The Seven Tengu Scrolls-Haruko Nishioka Wakabayashi 2012 This book focuses on the mythical creature tengu as a manifestation of the Buddhist concept of Māra (or Ma), the personification of evil which takes the form of the passions and desires that present obstacles to enlightenment.

Tengu-Haruko Nishioka Wakabayashi 1995

American Book Publishing Record- 1985

Literature East & West- 1954

Who's who in Religion- 1992

Tea Culture of Japan-Sadako Ohki 2009 Examines the importance of Japanese tea culture and the ways in which it has evolved over the centuries, with photographs and detailed explanations of the Tea Culture of Japan exhibit organized by the Yale University Art Gallery.

Iqbal Review- 2008-04

The Demon at Agi Bridge and Other Japanese Tales-Haruo Shirane 2011 Haruo Shirane and Burton Watson, renowned translators and scholars, introduce English-speaking readers to the vivid tradition of early and medieval Japanese folktales. These dramatic and often amusing stories offer a major view of the foundations of Japanese culture.

Zen Flesh, Zen Bones-Paul Reps 1998-09-15 When Zen Flesh, Zen Bones was published in 1957 it became an instant sensation with an entire generation of readers who were just beginning to experiment with Zen. Over the years it has inspired leading American Zen teachers, students, and practitioners. Its popularity is as high today as ever. Zen Flesh, Zen Bones is a book that offers a collection of accessible, primary Zen sources so that readers can struggle over the meaning of Zen for themselves. It includes 101 Zen Stories, a collection of tales that recount actual experiences of Chinese and Japanese Zen teachers over a period of more than five centuries; The Gateless Gate, the famous thirteenth-century collection of Zen koans; Ten Bulls, a twelfth century commentary on the stages of awareness leading to enlightenment; and Centering, a 4,000 year-old teaching from India that some consider to be the roots of Zen.

Dharma World- 1989

The Buddhist Priest Myōe-Hayao Kawai 1992

Murmured Conversations-Professor Emerita of Japanese Literature Esperanza Ramirez-Christensen 2008 Murmured Conversations is the first complete and rigorously annotated translation of Sasamegato (1463-1464), considered the most important and representative poetic treatise of the medieval period in Japan because of its thoroughgoing construction of poetry as a way to attain, and signify through language, the mental liberation (satori) that is the goal of Buddhist practice. It is a fascinating document revealing the central place of Buddhist philosophy in medieval Japanese artistic practices. Shinkei (1406-1475), the author of the treatise, is himself a major poet, regarded as the most brilliant among the practitioners of linked poetry (renga) in the Muromachi Period. Along with the extensive annotations, Ramirez-Christensen's commentaries illuminate the significance of each section of the treatise within the context of waka and renga poetics, of the history of classical Japanese aesthetic principles in general and of Shinkei's thought in particular, and the role of Buddhism in the contemporary understanding of cultural practices like poetry. This is the most comprehensive presentation available in English of a major classical Japanese critical text.

Book Review Index- 1987 Every 3rd issue is a quarterly cumulation.

The Distant Isle-Thomas Blenman Hare 1996 A memorial collection of essays and translations focusing on an inspiring diversity of Japanese literature

Japanese Death Poems- 1998-04-15 "A wonderful introduction the Japanese tradition of jisei, this volume is crammed with exquisite, spontaneous verse and pity, 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 great 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 poems of longing 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.

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Books in Series, 1985-89- 1989

Representative Translations and Summaries from the Shasekishū with Commentary and Critical Introduction-Robert E. Morrell 1968

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Труды по буддизму-Оттон Оттонович Розенберг 1991

Indogaku bukkyōgaku kenkyū- 1985-03

Im Innersten meines Herzens empfinde ich tiefe Scham-Bernhard Scheid 1996 This study investigates the meaning of being and becoming old in the Japanese middle ages (12th-16th cent.). It continues the research done in a previous study by Susanne Formanek (1994, Austrian Academy of Sciences) concerning the history of old age in the ancient period (7th-12th cent.). Formanek has shown that a largely pessimistic view of old age obtained in antiquity, and it is thus no surprise that the middle ages, being heavily influenced by Buddhist thought, also saw old age primarily as a time of suffering and isolation. However, some sources seem to reveal a growing influence of the elderly in the newly emerging feudal structure of the period. We thus arrive, generally speaking, at a contradiction between intellectual sources on the one hand which stress the norm of worldrenouncement in old age rather than, say, the obligations of filial piety towards the old, and socio-historical sources on the other hand which suggest a significant role of "gerontocratic" principles like seniority or anciennity. This study approaches this contradiction from several different angles and shows that the common view of old age as being particularly revered in traditional Japanese society cannot be maintained fully with regard to the Japanese medieval period.

The Buddhist Poetry of the Great Kamo Priestess-Edward Kamens 2020-08-01 Senshi was born in 964 and died in 1035, in the Heian period of Japanese history (794-1185). Most of the poems discussed here are what may loosely be called Buddhist poems, since they deal with Buddhist scriptures, practices, and ideas. For this reason, most of them have been treated as examples of a category or subgenre of waka called Shakkyōka, "Buddhist poems." Yet many Shakkyōka are more like other poems in the waka canon than they are unlike them. In the case of Senshi's "Buddhist poems," their language links them to the traditions of secular verse. Moreover, the poems use the essentially secular public literary language of waka to address and express serious and relatively private religious concerns and aspirations. In reading Senshi's poems, it is as important to think about their relationship to the traditions and conventions of waka and to other waka texts as it is to think about their relationship to Buddhist thoughts, practices, and texts. The Buddhist Poetry of the Great Kamo Priestess creates a context for the reading of Senshi's poems by presenting what is known and what has been thought about her and them. As such, it is a vital source for any reader of Senshi and other literature of the Heian period.

The Culture of Secrecy in Japanese Religion-Bernhard Scheid 2015-04-22 The Japanese Middle Ages were a period when forms of secrecy dominated religious practice. This fascinating collection traces out the secret characteristics and practices in Japanese religion, as well as analyzing the decline of religious esotericism in Japan. The essays in this impressive work refer to Esoteric Buddhism as the core of Japan's "culture of secrecy". Esoteric Buddhism developed in almost all Buddhist countries of Asia, but it was of particular importance in Japan where its impact went far beyond the borders of Buddhism, also affecting Shinto as well as non-religious forms of discourse. The contributors focus on the impact of Esoteric Buddhism on Japanese culture, and also include comparative chapters on India and China. Whilst concentrating on the Japanese medieval period, this book will give readers familiar with present day Japan, many explanations for the still visible remnants of Japan's medieval culture of secrecy.

Historical Reflections- 1981

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