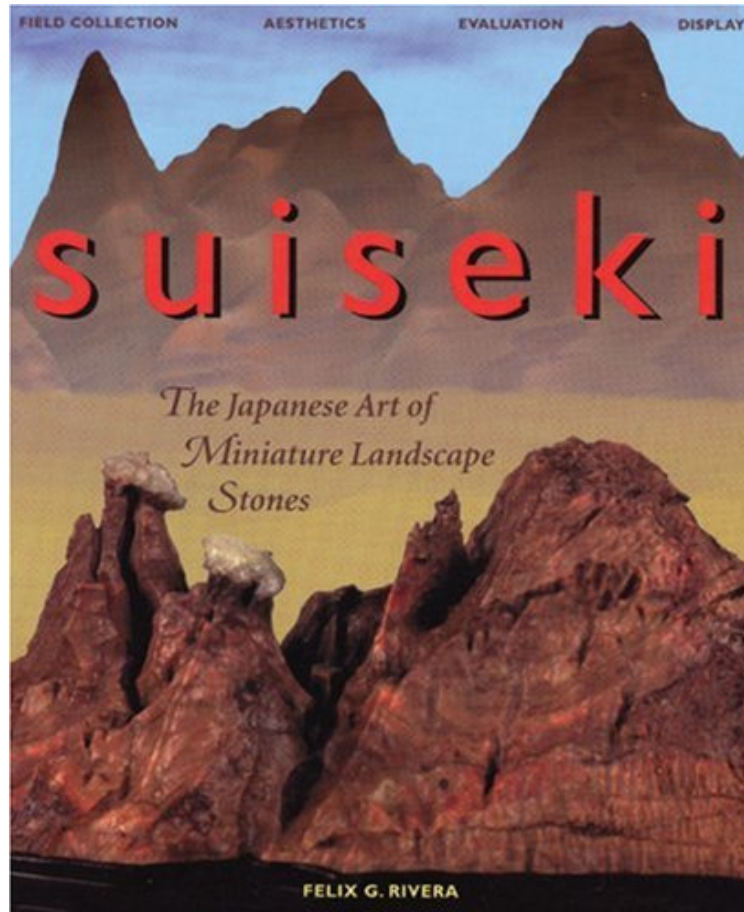


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rare occasion that a page has a picture, it's a low quality black and white shot. Their actually seems to be more charts and graphs than photos of stones. Had this book not been over \$100 that would be fine. Also, having lived in Asia myself for over 5 years, I feel very let down by the stones that were chosen as examples, with a few exceptions. Suiseki has a long, rich history and this book does a good job breaking it down into an intellectual analysis, but falls short of many lower quality Suiseki books when it comes to visual appeal. In short, it looks cheap, and is a tiny paper back. Had it been priced as the well written \$25 field guide that it is, I may have rated it much higher. As it stands though, I'm offended that such a well respected author could have printed such an over priced visual turd.

Suiseki are stones and minerals that have naturally weathered into forms suggestive of mountains, islands, waterfalls, people and animals. These highly decorated stones are also sophisticated tools for inner reflection. The Japanese have gathered suiseki for centuries, but the art has only recently become popular in the West in the last decade. This text provides both a general introduction to the art and a source of detailed information for enthusiasts. It emphasizes strategies for collecting quality specimens and includes information on geology, aesthetic appraisal, and lists of sites, organizations and resources around the world.

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