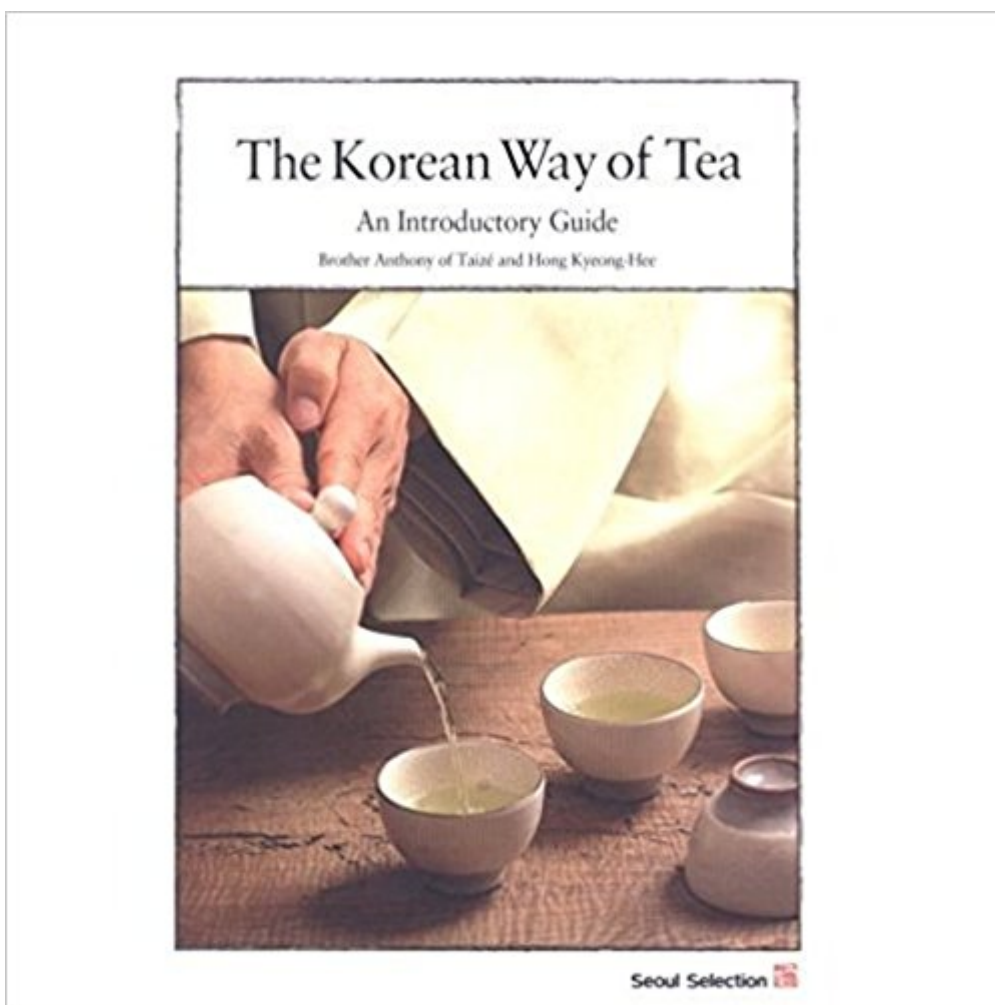


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The Korean Way Of Tea: An Introductory Guide



Synopsis

Tea drinking is now a global pastime, and a delectable variety of teas are much sought after by connoisseurs worldwide. In this meditative volume to understanding, appreciating, and serving Korean tea, authors Brother Anthony of Taizé and Hong Kyeong-hee share their intimate knowledge of a cultural practice and art form that at its core embraces universal principles of peace, refinement, and simplicity. "The Korean Way of Tea" is a rich and inviting text accompanied by full-color photographs of the beauty of Korea and her architecture, nature, and people. This introductory guide is a welcome addition for anyone interested in tea and its extraordinary contribution to the Korean cultural tradition.

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Customer Reviews

An Sonjae is the Korean name of Brother Anthony, who was born in 1942 in England. He is a member of the Community of Taizé. Since 1980, he has been living in Korea, teaching at Sogang University in Seoul. He has published 20 volumes of English translations of modern Korean literature, including 6 volumes of works by Ko Un, several volumes of poems by Ku Sang, and others of poems by Chon Sang-Pyong, Shin Kyong-Nim, Yi Si-Young and Kim Kwang-Kyu, as well as *The Poet*, a novel by Yi Mun-yol. Hong Kyeong-hee was born in North Jeolla Province in 1957 and was first introduced to the practice of green tea during a stay at Geumsan-sa temple (near Gimje) in 1974. He enrolled in the Panyaro Institute for the Way of Tea in 1992 and studied the Hyodang tradition of the Zen of Tea under the guidance of its director, Won-Hwa Chae Jeong-bok. He graduated from the Institute in 2002 with the tea-name Hwachon. He now in turn instructs others

in the Hyodang tradition, in the Hwachon section of the Panyaro Institute.

Found this book on The Korean Way of Tea enlightening. Every culture seems to perform ceremonies when serving tea. Not only did Korea have its own way of serving tea, but this book showed how events of Korean history changed the way the people served tea as time progressed. It opened my eyes to just how changing culture puts its own stamp on this universal drink called tea. This book was unique with its many pictures that help to give the reader a better connection with what he was reading. A great easy read that I would recommend to anyone wanting to learn more about the Korean way of tea.

As a tea traveller on my way to the Hadong Tea Festival in South Korea this was the first book I purchased. It is an excellent read packed with useful and informative information about all facets of Korean Tea. Remember that no book can cover the whole subject as broad as tea in one publication and this book is an excellent opening. After reading this book you will surely go on to find out more about the production and culture of the Korean Way of Tea as it is so well written.

As a tea amateur I am beginning to study the various ways of serving tea in Asia. The Korean way of tea is very interesting as a study in the background of this ceremony in contrast to the better known Japanese Chado. I hope Young Koreans will take pride in this tradition instead of counting only on soft drinks consumed in haste. The Korean way of tea harks back to a more genteel age of interpersonal relations and savouring life.

A beautiful little book for anyone who loves tea and wants to discover the unique aspects of Korean tea, teaware, history and poetry. Filled with lovely photographs, the book was written by two of the foremost experts on the art and practice of tea in Korea today. It will inspire you to make a cup and settle in for a quiet, contemplative read.

Japanese Tea Ceremony is neither the first nor the best, although it is indeed the best known one in the West. This book is perfect for those intrigued about the other Tea Ceremonies and it gives a detailed account of the Korean Way of Tea. Lavishly decorated with pictures and detailed descriptions about how, where and when prepare tea. This is a MUST for those aiming at a better understanding of tea within East Asian Culture.

I was very pleased with both the quality of the information and the attractive presentation. I learned how tea was produced, processed, and the ceremonies behind the tea. The book is very well done, thank you.

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