

# Explore the Timeless Treasures of Japanese Haiku with "The Haiku of Basho, Buson, Issa, and Shiki"

Immerse yourself in the delicate beauty and profound simplicity of Japanese haiku.

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The haiku, a three-line poetic form, has captivated readers for centuries. With its brevity and evocative power, it effortlessly captures a moment in time, painting a vivid picture with just a few words.



## The River of Heaven: The Haiku of Basho, Buson, Issa, and Shiki by Robert Aitken

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In "The Haiku of Basho, Buson, Issa, and Shiki," renowned translator and scholar Robert Hass introduces you to the work of four of the most celebrated haiku masters:

- **Matsuo Basho (1644-1694):** The grandfather of haiku, known for his serene and meditative verses.
- **Yosa Buson (1716-1783):** A master of observation, Buson's haiku capture the beauty of the natural world in its every detail.
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- **Masaoka Shiki (1867-1902):** A modernizer of haiku, Shiki expanded the form's themes and techniques.

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**Alt Attribute:** A serene image of a tranquil Japanese garden, with a haiku written on a stone lantern.



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