

In *The Grass Flute Zen Master: Sodo Yokoyama*, we are seeking not only a truer understanding of this well-loved monk, but of zazen, Zen meditation, itself. In his search for insights into Sodo Yokoyama's life, Arthur Braverman skillfully weaves a tapestry from seemingly disparate threads: the brief taisho period into which Sodo-san was born and where individualism shone; his teachers, both ancient and contemporary practitioners of Zen Buddhism; the monk's love of baseball; and the similarities Braverman finds between Sodo-san and Walt Whitman, who both found the universal in nature. Through conversations with Joko Shibata, Yokoyama's sole disciple, and careful study of his teacher's poetry, an intriguing tension between the personal and the universal is revealed. Despite the many photographs of Sodo-san's smiling face, the youth and joy that he expressed through his playing of the leaf flute, and indeed despite his cheerful countenance when, in his youth, Braverman met the monk, there is a certain pathos that is revealed through his poetry. *The Grass Flute Zen Master* is a meditative examination not of just one life, but of many. The lineage of teacher and protege is traced back through generations, contemporaries are drawn up from unexpected places, and Braverman examines his own long journey in Zen Buddhism; confronting his own expectations and surprising disappointments (the monk lived in a boarding house and later took a cab to his park when he could no longer walk the whole way) and the understanding and acceptance that followed. When you play the leaf, Sodo-san once wrote, you'll usually be a little out of tune. That's where its very charm lies.

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???? Yokoyama Sodo () also known as ???? Kusabue Zenji (Zen master with the grassflute). (English:) *The Leaf Whistling Monk*, *The Sodo Yokoyama* was a Japanese Soto Zen teacher of the 20th century. Also known as the *Leaf Flute Zen Master* (????, Kusabue Zenji), he was famous for. Buy *The Grass Flute Zen Master: Sodo Yokoyama* by Arthur Braverman from Waterstones today! Click and Collect from your local Waterstones. I saw zazen as a posture bestowed upon me by the Buddha Sodo Yokoyama *The Grass Flute Zen Master: Sodo Yokoyama* is a long-awaited. *The Grass Flute Zen Master: Sodo Yokoyama*. By Arthur Braverman. *The Grass Flute Zen Master: Sodo Yokoyama Fiction*. Be the first to write a review!. 10 Aug - 4 min - Uploaded by airbarracuda I wanted to visit the place Sodo Yokoyama, a Zen monk, would sit every day, serving people. Find great deals for *The Grass Flute Zen Master: Sodo Yokoyama* by Arthur Braverman (, Paperback). Shop with confidence on eBay!.

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