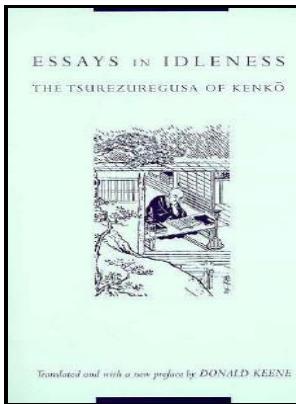


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Tsurezuregusa by Yoshida Kenko

In this fresh edition, Donald Keene's critically acclaimed translation is joined by a new preface, in which Keene himself looks back at the ripples created by Kenkō's musings, especially for modern readers. That dating makes these hand scrolls even more valuable as examples of work predating the Nagusamigusa 1652 , a mixture of pictures and commentary long regarded as the earliest pictorial representation of Essays in Idleness. Written between 1330 and 1332, Essays in Idleness reflects the congenial priest's thoughts on a variety of subjects.

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I discovered Kenkō when I read The Art of the Personal Essay, which features a few excerpts from this work. I didn't find it to be life-changing reading, but the Buddhist content felt very relatable to me since I've been thinking a lot anyway about anti-consumerist, pro-nature, environmentalist ideas; and I like the philosophical reminders about how life is fleeting and we always need to bear in mind how transitory and fragile its pleasures are.

Hōjōki, Tsurezuregusa (Book, 1980) [metrics.learnindialearn.in]

I guess it makes sense, because I only heard about this book one, two years ago, when this blog was already up.

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Thus, it is possible that the handscrolls were created probably before 1667. Two great works in one book, worth it. With whom is he to reminisce, Kenko wonders.

Essays in Idleness: The Tsurezuregusa of Kenkō

This is a remarkable, first-person statement of the sources of Japanese culture. His sensitivity to impermanence shapes his ethics and aesthetics. Even though you have a basic knowledge of composing poetry, without a talent, you cannot compose a great poetry like Kakinomoto no Hitomaro.

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This is the most important thing.

Tsurezuregusa (Essays in Idleness)

Branches about to blossom or gardens strewn with inkstone, with nothing better to do, jotting down at random whatever nonsensical thoughts have entered my head.

Tsurezuregusa

We do not know that we have not attained the Way we follow. He became an officer of guards at the Imperial palace. They have little insects that crawl into the nose and devour the brain.

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