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## "TRIBUTE"

in imperial china the finest teas were reserved  
as tribute for the emperor and his court.

the tribute tea logo -  - is a geometric rendering  
of the chinese character  (gong) meaning "tribute".

### COMPANY

TRIBUTE TEA was founded in San Francisco by two doctors: highschool friends B.J. Miller & Justin Burke. Since tea is both a medicinal herb and a spiritual way of life, it is fitting that one should be an M.D. and the other a philosopher. After many years pursuing tea in the United States and abroad, they joined forces to create TRIBUTE TEA - combining their experience and the many relations they had developed throughout the tea world. They are now dedicated full time to seeking out the world's tea treasures and making them available to fellow tea drinkers on-line, in person and through this catalogue. It is with pleasure that we invite you to participate in one of life's oldest and most rewarding pleasures - known simply as the *way of tea*...

### PRODUCTS

At TRIBUTE TEA we review hundreds of samples a year in our constant search for the best quality and value in the world's teas. Contrary to the suggestion of countless supermarket packages, tea is a fresh, natural product that comes from the earth and grows with the seasons, so we are continuously seeking out the finest teas throughout the year. In addition, we are proud to present our own line of unique whole herb blends, developed in association with Chinese herbalist & acupuncturist Joshua Lerner, MTCM, L.Ac.

To help you enjoy your tea at its best, we have assembled a line of fine teaware pieces, each specially selected for design, functionality and value. We also offer Japanese incense, international music and books on tea, herbs & incense.



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## Some Tea History...

All tea is produced from the leaves of the tea plant -*Camellia sinensis*- a flowering evergreen shrub native to southern China and now grown in dozens of countries around the world.

According to Chinese mythology, tea was discovered by China's legendary second Emperor, Shen Nung, the "Divine Cultivator" (said to have reigned during the 3<sup>rd</sup> millennium B.C.E.). One day in a garden, the story goes, the Emperor was boiling water to drink when some tea leaves blew into his pot. The resulting infusion pleased him so much that a new beverage was born. Since Shen Nung is also regarded as the originator of traditional Chinese herbal medicine, it is not



**CAMELLIA SINENSIS** - the Tea Plant  
from *Natural History of the Tea Tree*, J.C. Lettsome, 1799

surprising that he should be credited with the discovery of tea - a treasured herb that has been praised for its healing properties for as long as it has been known.

Tea's documented history may conveniently be broken down into three periods, corresponding roughly with the Tang, Song and Ming dynasties in China. During the Tang (618-907), tea leaves were steamed, pounded, and shaped into cakes and later roasted, ground and boiled for drinking (often with the addition of salt).

Tea in the Song dynasty (960-1279) was milled into a fine powder and whisked directly in a bowl with hot water. (It is this method of preparation which is preserved today in the *Chanoyu* "tea ceremony" of Japan.)

The modern infused style of tea - using a teapot or more traditional steeping cup- and the diversity of varieties (i.e. green, oolong, black, etc.) we know today dates from the Ming period (1368-1644) and has continued up to the present.

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## Green Tea

**Silver Tip Yunnan Green** - Our full-flavored Yunnan Silver Tip is mountain-grown and features large, twisted green leaves and abundant white-haired silver tips which brew to a pretty, bright yellow infusion with a sweet aroma, full body, and bright fruity flavor and a dry, refreshing aftertaste. A smooth, refined tea priced for everyday drinking.

GT-STYG.....\$15 per ¼ lb | 1 oz Sample \$4.25



**Huang Shan Mao Feng** - One of China's "Ten Famous Teas", we are proud to bring you Huang Shan Mao Feng from its mountain home in Anhui province. Plucked very young, Huangshan buds retain much of their silvery down and characteristically display a single leaf sprouting out like a little flag. The pale gold infusion is fragrant and smooth.

GT-HSMF.....\$18.75 per ¼ lb | 1 oz Sample \$5.25



**Shizuoka Kukicha** -

**Please check our website for updates:**  
[www.tributetea.com/green\\_tea.asp](http://www.tributetea.com/green_tea.asp)

GT-SKC.....\$22.50 per ¼ lb | 1 oz Sample \$6.25



**Green Leaf Puerh** - A rare, unusually large loose leaf green Puerh tea from Yunnan province. After plucking, the giant leaves receive minimal processing - a simple withering and sun-drying. The evocative aroma is mellow and earthy, and the flavor is rich, full and delicately smoky. A captivating tea that keeps on giving through countless savory infusions.

GT-GLP.....\$15 per ¼ lb | 1 oz Sample \$4.25



## White Tea



**Silver Needles** - One of the rarest and most beautiful of all varieties, white tea is a specialty of Fujian province. The highest quality white teas are called Silver Needles - produced from large, unopened sun-dried tea buds that are covered with thousands of tiny white hairs. The unique flavor is sweet, savory and smooth. A rare treasure indeed.

WT-SN.....\$30 per ¼ lb | 1 oz Sample \$8.25



**White Peony** - Beautiful long, full, twisted leaves (resembling the large petals of the auspicious peony blossom) and abundant downy silver buds make up this classic white tea (known in Chinese as *Bai Mu Dan*). The flavor is sweet, full, smooth and savory. An exotic, distinctive (and healthful) cup of tea.

WT-WP.....\$20 per ¼ lb | 1 oz Sample \$5.50

## Tribute Chai

In a class by itself, chai is a beverage with a long history. During the Tang dynasty (618-907), Lu Yu wrote in his *Cha Ching* that tea was commonly prepared with ginger, jujube fruit, orange peel and other herbs & spices. In recent years, chai has seen a huge increase in popularity in the west. As a result, there are a lot of chai products out there these days, so when we set out to make our own we knew we had to come up with something special.



We've blended nine spices (left), including cinnamon, ginger & cardamom, and vacuum-packed them separately from the tea. As a result, you can simmer the spices on their own to extract the fullest flavor. After removing from heat, add the tea, allow to steep for a few minutes and then serve with hot milk and honey for an irresistible afternoon or after-dinner treat.

ST-TC.....\$7.50 per ¼ lb | 2 oz Sample \$4.25

## Oolong Tea

**Taiwan Bao Zhong** - Many people are first won over to oolong teas by the subtle seductive power of Bao Zhong (a.k.a. "Pouchong"). Long, elegantly twisted, deep green leaves give off a rich, delicately floral aroma and produce a pretty pale yellow infusion notable for its smooth, refreshing flavor and lingering buttery aftertaste.

OT-TBZ.....\$20 per ¼ lb | 1 oz Sample \$5.50



**Superior Green Oolong** - A specialty of Taiwan is its "high mountain" green oolong - grown at altitudes of up to a mile. As a result, the leaves mature more slowly and have a fuller flavor. Their attractive green color comes from minimal oxidation and quick processing after harvest. The aroma is complex and floral, and the taste rich, smooth, and long-lasting.

OT-SGO.....\$20 per ¼ lb | 1 oz Sample \$5.50



**Phoenix Oolong** - From southern China's Guangdong province comes one of the world's true tea treasures - the famous oolong of Phoenix Mountain (home to some of the world's oldest tea trees). Noted by connoisseurs for its smooth, full body and complex fruity flavor, Phoenix oolong's long, twisted, dark-roasted leaves produce a truly unique infusion.

OT-PO.....\$24 per ¼ lb | 1 oz Sample \$6.75



**Dong Ding Oolong** - A captivating dark-roasted Taiwanese oolong noted for its golden amber color, complex flavor and long, smooth finish. Large mature tea leaves are carefully harvested, processed and rolled into tight little nuggets which unfurl under hot water to produce a memorably aromatic, full-flavored infusion.

OT-DDO.....\$30 per ¼ lb | 1 oz Sample \$8.25





## Black Tea



**Kalej Valley Darjeeling** - Often called the “Champagne of teas”, Darjeeling is one of the world’s most famous. Grown at over 1,000 meters, this fragrant, silver-tipped, 2nd flush tea produces the bright “muscatel” cup appreciated by connoisseurs. We selected it for its aroma, appearance and flavor out of dozens of samples and are proud to present it to you here.

BT-KVDJ.....\$25.50 per ¼ lb | 1 oz Sample \$7.75



**Ceylon Silver Tips** - A stunning, extremely rare Sri Lankan black tea made from big, beautiful silver-haired tea leaf buds exhibiting a level of skill and artistry in manufacture rarely seen outside of China. The aroma is rich and sweet, and the delicate flavor is smooth and refreshing. A beautiful and captivating product. (Only 100 kg produced per year.)

BT-CST.....\$44 per ¼ lb | 1 oz Sample \$12



**Yunnan Gold Bud** - One of the rarest, most extraordinary black teas in the world... and not a black leaf in sight! Composed exclusively of carefully plucked and processed golden tea buds, our extremely rare Yunnan Gold Bud tea infuses to a deep red malty liquor with an exceptionally smooth, full-bodied flavor. (Very limited Supply.)

BT-YGT.....\$35 per ¼ lb | 1 oz Sample \$9.75



**Lapsang Souchong** - A specialty of Fujian province, China’s famous smoky tea has found many fans in the west. Enhanced by smoking over pine logs after regular black tea production, Lapsang Souchong develops a unique malty flavor that’s surprisingly rich and mellow.

BT-LS.....\$5.50 per ¼ lb | 1 oz Sample \$1.75

## Puerh Tea

**Aged Large Leaf Puerh** - An attractive, loose large leaf tea with all the hallmarks of a fine aged Puerh...except the high price. Aficionados will appreciate its clean aroma, deep red color, and smooth, mellow flavor. In terms of the overall tasting experience, Aged Large Leaf Puerh drinks like a well-aged Puerh tea cake. A connoisseur’s tea at an everyday price!

PT-ALL.....\$13.75 per ¼ lb | 1 oz Sample \$4



**Aged Small Leaf Puerh** - Our most popular Puerh tea - composed of flavorful young tea leaves and tiny unopened golden buds. The small leaf size results in a dark infusion with a rich and mellow flavor appreciated by connoisseurs and newcomers alike - making it a superb introduction to the fascinating world of Puerh tea.

PT-ASL.....\$20 per ¼ lb | 1 oz Sample \$5.50



**Old Tree Large Leaf Puerh** - A rare and unusual aged *da ye* (“big leaf”) Puerh produced from exceptionally large Yunnan tea leaves gathered from old growth bushes. The infusion is lightly colored (by Puerh standards) and presents a clean, refreshing flavor that makes it the perfect choice to accompany food or to follow as a *digestif*.

PT-OTLF.....\$24 per ¼ lb | 1 oz Sample \$6.75



**Superior Gold Bud Puerh** - An exceptionally high grade of Puerh tea produced exclusively of specially picked and processed golden tea leaf buds. The rich aroma and full, smooth taste are marks of a true tea treasure. Puerh was long an annual “tribute” tea to the imperial court of China - a heritage admirably continued by this superior product.

PT-SGB.....\$36 per ¼ lb | 1 oz Sample \$10



For compressed Puerh tea cakes, visit [www.tributetea.com](http://www.tributetea.com). Click on “TEAS” and select “PUERH”.

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## Scented Tea



**Jasmine Pearls** - For centuries teas have been scented with a variety of materials, the most popular of which has long been fragrant jasmine blossoms. Jasmine Pearls are created by rolling long downy shoots into silvery little "pearls" which are naturally scented with fresh, aromatic jasmine flowers. Vacuum-sealed for us in China, these are the freshest most fragrant pearls we've seen.  
ST-JP.....\$24 per ¼ lb | 1 oz Sample \$6.75



**Earl Grey with Lavender** - Named for Charles, the second Earl Grey, an early 19th century British Prime Minister, this world famous afternoon classic is created from fine China black tea richly scented with exotic oil of bergamot (a rare Mediterranean citrus fruit) and aromatically accented with colorful, fragrant lavender flowers. An afternoon favorite.  
ST-EGL.....\$6 per ¼ lb | 1 oz Sample \$1.75



**Green Apple Green Oolong** - Our own special blend of full flavored green oolong tea and dried apple pieces delightfully scented with juicy green apple flavor. The beautiful large tea leaves open under hot water to produce a uniquely fragrant, golden cup of apple oolong. A sweet, refreshing treat hot or iced any time of day.  
ST-GAGO.....\$20 per ¼ lb | 1 oz Sample \$5.25



**Crème Tea** - It may look ordinary, but the heavenly scent lets you know this tea is something special. Rich *crème caramel* flavor infuses specially selected China black tea leaves for a memorably smooth and full-flavored tea that's sure to become a daily favorite. Its rich, smooth flavor makes *Crème* a luxurious after dinner drink or decadent afternoon tea.  
ST-CT.....\$5 per ¼ lb | 1 oz Sample \$1.50

## Chinese Herbs

**Good Fortune** - Combining whole **hibiscus flowers**, sweet **stevia**, and cool **mint**, Good Fortune produces a sweet tasting, digestive infusion that's delicious hot or cold. Hibiscus is high in vitamin C, thirst-quenching, and effective in treating urinary tract infections. The blend's name comes from its deep red color - regarded by the Chinese as the color of good luck and prosperity.  
CH-GF.....\$6 per ¼ lb | 1 oz Sample \$1.75



**Long Life** - The main ingredient *Jiao Gu Lan* is known as the "immortality herb" for its reputed anti-aging effects. Research suggests that it can be effective in regulating cholesterol, boosting immunity, increasing energy, and balancing the body under stressful circumstances. **Chrysanthemum**, **mint**, & **lemon grass** make a blend so delicious, it's sure to be a daily favorite.  
CH-LL.....\$8 per ¼ lb | 1 oz Sample \$2.25







**Daily Tonic** - Made from **ginseng**, **ginger** & **red date**, and sweetened with **licorice root**, *Daily Tonic* could become your daily brew. The quality herbs brought together in this unique blend are used in Traditional Chinese Medicine to improve memory, build strength, counteract stress, stabilize the emotions, increase energy, detoxify the body, and aid digestion.  
CH-DT.....\$13 per ¼ lb | 1 oz Sample \$3.75



**Well Being** - Composed of four treasures of Chinese medicine: **red date**, to cleanse the blood and replenish *qi*, **wu wei zi** ("five flavored fruit") to maintain youthfulness and beauty, sharpen vision, and enhance memory, **wolfberry** to increase vitality, promote immunity, and counteract aging, and **dragon eye** to nourish the blood and skin and strengthen the heart and mind.  
CH-WB.....\$14 per ¼ lb | 1 oz Sample \$4



## Tea Samplers

 <p><b>oolong tea</b></p> <p>Between green &amp; black tea lies what many connoisseurs consider to be the best of both worlds: <i>oolong</i>. Oolong teas represent a stunning range color &amp; flavor possibilities - from the captivating floral aromatics of lighter "green" varieties, such as Bao Zhong, to the intoxicating richness of the darker oolongs, represented here by our charcoal-fired Dong Ding.</p> <p>(Bao Zhong, Phoenix, Sup. Green, Dong Ding) \$23.40 (save 10%)</p>	 <p><b>puerh tea</b></p> <p>In China, Puerh is known as a treasured "tea of tribute" to the imperial court, and a richly flavored, healthful beverage. Recently it has begun to find popularity abroad and has been developing a wide following in Europe and the U.S.A. We have taken great care in the assembly of our Puerh collection and are proud to present this sampler of highlights.</p> <p>(Small Leaf, Large Leaf, Old Tree, Gold Bud) \$23.63 (save 10%)</p>
<p><b>Scented Tea</b></p> <p>Some of the world's most popular beverages belong to the scented tea family, including Jasmine and Earl Grey. Add our own unique creations, <i>Crème</i> and Green Apple Green Oolong, and you've got a special collection of sweet, aromatic tea treasures you'll look forward to sampling each day and sharing with friends.</p>  <p>(Green Apple Green Oolong, Earl Grey with Lavender, Crème Tea, Jasmine Pearls) \$13.73 (save 10%)</p>	<p><b>Chinese Herbs</b></p> <p>Tea began life as one of many herbs used in China to maintain health and prolong life. When TRIBUTE TEA became interested in China's other healthful herbs, we consulted with herbalist Joshua Lerner about developing our own line of traditional herbal blends. Four highlights are presented for your consideration in this special sampler.</p>  <p>(Well Being, Long Life, Good Fortune, Daily Tonic) \$10.57 (save 10%)</p>

## Tea Preparation

Many people believe boiling water is best for all teas - a notion reinforced by countless store-bought tea packages. But many years of tea drinking and experimentation have taught us at TRIBUTE TEA that this is not the case.

If you consider the seemingly limitless variety of different teas, it doesn't make sense that they should all be prepared the same way. Unfortunately, it is this great variety that makes it difficult to speak of tea in generalities. Nonetheless, we will attempt here to outline some basic guidelines for the preparation of tea.

First, a word about leaf: the veritable teaspoon is not always a good indication of the true amount of tea you're putting in the pot. 1 tsp. of a tightly rolled tea like Jasmine Pearls, for example, is a lot more tea than a tsp. of a large-leaf Puerh or Bao Zhong.

The ideal serving is about 3 grams of leaf per 4-6oz serving of tea... which is good advice if you happen to have a postage scale handy, which, of course, most people don't. What we recommend instead is *practice*. The best way to develop expertise in preparing (and tasting) tea is to build up experience (and thus a broad frame of reference) by drinking as much of, and as many different teas as possible. Following this path, your skills will grow pot by pot.

Keeping in mind what we said about volume above, the teaspoon is still a good place to start when trying out a new tea. Depending on how large and open the leaf is, we recommend beginning with a little more or less than a teaspoon per serving (more for large leaves, less for small) and the following water temperatures (steeped initially for 2 to 3 minutes and then adjusted to your personal preferences):

For most *GREEN* teas, we recommend water not hotter than 70°C (158°F), and, for the most delicate varieties, closer to 50°C (122°F). Despite its name, *WHITE* tea is a bit heartier than green and should be brewed somewhere between 75° & 85°C (167°-185°F). *OO LONG* teas represent the widest range of variety (falling anywhere between green & black in color) and will respond best to water temperatures between 75° and 95°C (167°-203°F). In general, *BLACK* teas should be brewed with near-boiling water, but many yield interesting results with lower temperatures and longer steeping times, so feel free to experiment. Perhaps the heartiest of all tea varieties, *PUE RH*, is the only one we recommend brewing with boiling water (though not "rolling"; as over-boiled water becomes deoxygenated and flat-tasting).

Water temperature itself is something you'll probably want to start out gauging with a thermometer, but, over time, you'll learn to recognize signs, such as bubbles, sounds, vapor, etc., which are all indications of how hot the water is.

The most important thing to remember in all this, and the best advice we feel we have to offer about tea preparation, is that the best way to make tea is the way it tastes best to you.

For more information you can check our website ([www.tribute-tea.com](http://www.tribute-tea.com)) where you can read write-ups and brewing instructions for each individual tea and see reference pictures showing the color of the infusion in the cup. In our on-line *Tea School*, you'll also find sections on tea history, tea tasting, tea & health, and so on.

We wish you success in your practice of the *way of tea*.

## Tea Pots



**Sencha/Herb Pot** - This unusual pot combines contemporary convenience and styling with traditional Asian design. Like the medicinal herb pots used throughout China and the classic "sencha" teapot of Japan, this unique Beehouse pot features a removable infusing basket and a side-mounted handle for incomparable pouring comfort and control. The perfect pot for tea for one or two, at home or work. (16 oz.).....\$24.95



**Small Round Pot** - From Beehouse -one Japan's leading teaware designers and manufacturers- comes the perfect personal teapot. Brew tea for yourself, removing the stainless steel infusion basket so your refills won't over-steep, or pour up to six servings at once if you're in a sharing mood. Durable porcelain body is dishwasher-safe. Strainer and lid remove for easy cleaning. (16 oz.).....\$18.95



**Large Round Pot** - Tea for more than two? This large capacity 28 oz Beehouse teapot with removable stainless steel infusion basket gets the job done in style. Pour up to 10 servings at once, or remove the tea leaves when steeping is complete and you'll have enough for seconds (and thirds) without the tea becoming over-brewed. (To keep tea warm in the pot, cover with a "cozy" or a clean, folded cloth.).....\$28



**Cordless Kettle** - Designed for convenience and safety, this attractively styled stainless steel tea kettle lifts off its base for easy pouring and features a safety shut-off circuit that deactivates the unit when it reaches a boil (or if there is insufficient water). In *auto* mode the concealed heating element shuts off when the kettle boils and reheats if the temperature drops below 80°C (176°F). LED indicates "on/off" for added safety.....\$79.95

## Tea Cups



**Covered Teacup** - The traditional covered teacup of China (known as a *gaiwan* in Chinese) is the universal implement of tea preparation. It can be used for steeping, serving, and drinking. The tea leaves are placed in the cup and covered with hot water. Hold the lid in place to keep the leaves in the cup while decanting or sipping. Great for tea drinking at work or while traveling. TC-CT.....\$18.95



**Three Corner Teacup** - Individually hand-crafted especially for TRIBUTE TEA by California ceramics artist Nancy Bulkley, these unique three cornered teacups are sure to become favorite daily drinking vessels. Generously proportioned and smoothly finished in a "satin matte" glaze, these hefty cups hold a full 8 oz. of tea (and the thick-walled construction keeps it hotter longer). TC-3CC.....\$19.95



**Porcelain Teacup** - Elegantly simple, fine white porcelain teacups make a beautiful presentation and help you serve your guests (or just yourself) in classic style. Traditional handleless Chinese teacups have a wide flared rim for comfortable drinking and easy handling when hot (and the pure white color beautifully shows off the color of the tea). TC-PC.....\$5.95 (2 or more \$5.45 each)



**Infusing Tea Mug** - 8 oz. fine porcelain tea mug with infuser insert and lid. The lid can also be used as a plate to hold the infuser after steeping. Once you start using this well-designed piece, you'll find it hard to live without. Makes preparing tea or herbal infusions at work or home a breeze, especially when your attention is focused elsewhere. TC-CM.....\$16.95



Except for Puerh tea (a specialty of Yunnan province which is purposely aged), all teas have a definite shelf life. As a general rule, more oxidized (i.e. darker) teas keep longer than greener varieties. Once green tea is opened, it is best consumed on a daily basis (or at least somewhat regularly) until it is gone, since trying to ration it out over a prolonged period inevitably results in the leaves losing their fresh aroma and flavor.

Oolong tea lasts slightly longer – 2-4 months if stored well (see below), while black tea can remain in good shape for a year or more. Even green tea can retain its freshness for up to a year if vacuum-packed and stored unopened in a cool, dry place until ready to drink.

As mentioned above, it does no good to try to make good tea last longer than one should reasonably expect, so the best advice is to *drink up!* Keeping good tea too long simply turns good tea into not-so-good tea, but proper storage will definitely help preserve it as fresh as possible for as long as possible. Tea has many enemies, the most significant of which are: light, air, moisture, odors, and, of course, time.

To guard against these negative influences, tea should always be kept sealed in a clean, odor-free, airtight container and opened as little as possible to minimize the leaves' exposure to air. The container itself should be as small as possible to keep the amount of air in contact with the leaves to a minimum and should be kept away from light, heat and strong odors. (The flavor of tea is easily influenced by the smell of *anything* in its vicinity... which is desirable when it's jasmine flowers, but quite the opposite in the case of fish or curry powder.) (Tribute Tea offers ceramic storage jars for their effectiveness in keeping out light and air, and also keeping the contents cool. Different sizes allow the container to be down-sized as the quantity of tea diminishes.)

If possible, the original packaging in which tea is purchased should be retained and used to keep it wrapped as tightly as possible.

Tea may also be kept in cold storage, but only if vacuum-sealed. Low temperature is a good preservative, but home refrigeration also involves moisture (condensation) & food odors.



Small Canister  
1-3oz (HT: 3½ in)  
\$13.95



Medium Canister  
4-6 oz (HT: 5¼ in)  
\$15.95



Large Canister  
½ lb (HT: 3¾ in)  
\$17.95



X-Large Canister  
¾-1 lb (HT: 7 in)  
\$19.95

These high quality, Japanese-made porcelain storage jars are the perfect containers for keeping your favorite teas and herbs fresh and ready to use. Their good looks and superior protective capabilities make them a welcome addition to any tea *équipage*. Heavy duty rubber ring seals and thick-walled construction keep contents air-tight, cool and shielded from damaging light and moisture. (STACKABLE)

Beautiful music has long accompanied the drinking of tea... The CD *Tea Drops* invites you to contemplate tea's emerald leaves and golden liquor. Drink in the scenery of tea's homeland and feel the rhythm of traditional Chinese instruments. Imagine a kettle's vapor merging into the rain's mist and moonlight reflected in a cup of tea. *Tea Drops* offers a musical experience to cleanse the mind and elevate the heart.

*Listen to samples from Tea Drops & other titles at [www.tributetea.com](http://www.tributetea.com). (CLICK ON "MUSIC")*

East Wind  
\$16.95



Tea Drops  
\$15.95








Tea with Flower  
\$14.95



Full Moon  
\$15.95



## Tea Books

	<b>All the Tea in China</b> - A treasure-trove of information covering tea ceremonies, teaware and the health and aesthetic virtues of the world's most remarkable beverage. From the LIBRARY JOURNAL: <i>"This lavishly illustrated book explores both the historical lore of tea in China, Japan, and the West and the health and aesthetic virtues of the beverage... A charming and informative addition to any library collection."</i> .....\$14.95
	<b>The Book of Tea</b> - First published in 1906, <i>The Book of Tea</i> masterfully blends a history of tea and the Japanese tea ceremony with descriptions of Taoism, Zen, flower arranging, architecture and art appreciation. The author uses tea as a way to show us the differences and similarities between East & West. For him, the teacup is the cup of humanity. Savor it, like this book, slowly and deliberately.....\$18.95
	<b>Chinese Tea Cul ture</b> - Tea drinking is popular around the world, but in China an entire culture has arisen around it, encompassing art, literature, philosophy, national and local customs and so on. Author Wang Ling's fascinating book helps us understand this complex and sophisticated worldwide phenomenon from its ancient history to the present day.....\$12.95
	<b>The Complete Book of Incense</b> - Inhale the sweet smell of slowly burning aromatic substances. The ritual use of incense has existed since the earliest days of civilization. Rediscover its healing properties and unlock the secrets of this ancient form of aromatherapy with this comprehensive, well-illustrated reference volume, tracing the history of incense around the world.....\$21.95
	<b>The Chinese Materia Medica</b> - Part of Shanghai University's "Practical English-Chinese Library of Traditional Chinese Medicine," this bilingual <i>materia medica</i> textbook discusses the use of herbs in the practice of traditional Chinese medicine. Over 125 of the most common and widely used herbs are discussed in terms of their properties, effects and traditional usage.....\$18.95

## Japanese Incense



The Tokyo-based *Nippon Kodo Company* is one of the leading incense manufacturers in the world today. Committed to "delivering the message through fragrance," *Nippon Kodo* produces a variety of traditional and contemporary incense products.

TRIBUTE TEA has specially selected six unique scents which offer variety, convenience and value to both the tea drinking connoisseur and incense enthusiast alike. Subtle wood and floral aromas, plus exotic Green Tea and Bitter Orange set a tranquil and inviting tone to any tea gathering and add an air of ceremony and sophistication.

*Nippon Kodo* prides itself on the range and quality of its "spiritually inspired fragrances". Their stated goal is "to bring the culture of incense to the world" and we join them in inviting you to "listen to the fragrance".

Lavender | Cypress | Bamboo | White Plum  
75 sticks @ \$6, 150 @ \$11, 250 @ \$18, 500 @ \$32

Green Tea | Bitter Orange  
Decorative Package of 12 @ \$7.50 each

6 Stick Samplers (1 EACH): Nippon Kodo \$4.75, Baieido \$8.75



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Baieido Incense

TRIBUTE TEA has selected *Baieido Incense* as its premium incense line. *Baieido* was established in 1657 by Kakuemon Yamatoya, a wholesaler of medicinal herbs in Sakai city. Kakuemon took the name Jinkoya Sakubei (meaning "aloeswood trader") and specialized in the sale of incense sticks and raw ingredients.

In the honored tradition of Jinkoya Sakubei, *Baieido* has dedicated itself to the production of the highest quality incense for nearly 350 years. Their methods and recipes have been handed down from generation to generation in an unbroken secret oral tradition.

*Baieido* incense is a "whole herb" product and is not made from extractions, synthetics, dyes, preservatives or fragrances. High quality natural ingredients are milled, blended, shaped and dried to create the world's finest traditionally hand-crafted incense.

Aloeswood (75 sticks).....\$9  
Sandalwood (75).....\$10  
Good Fortune (60).....\$14  
Silk Road (60, 250, 500).....\$25, 75, 115  
Phoenix & Dragon (150).....\$45  
Rising Scent (60).....\$60