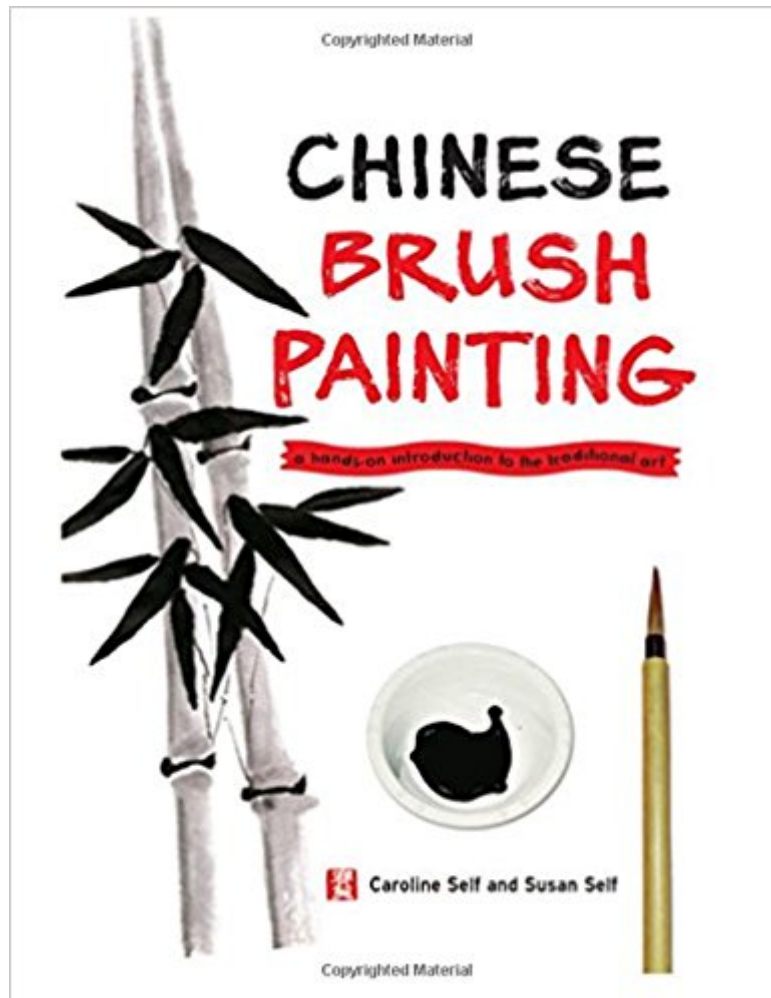




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Chinese Brush Painting: A Hands-On Introduction To The Traditional Art



Synopsis

Presented in an easy-to-understand way that is perfect for children, Chinese Brush Painting teaches the ancient art of Chinese calligraphy. For more than a thousand years, a traditional Chinese style of art "brush painting" has been used to make pictures that are more than just pictures. These are images that harness your imagination, and capture on paper the true spirit of an animal or a landscape or a tree. All you need is black paint, white paper, and your best mental focus! Step by step this calligraphy for kids book shows you how fun it can be to paint Chinese characters in the traditional way. Once you learn the basic strokes, you can put them together to create everything from a pine cone to a mountain scene. you will even be able to write some Chinese calligraphy. You'll find that Chinese brush painting will help you learn to center your mind and thoughts. And your masterpieces will be inspiring decoration for your walls, or great gifts for your friends and family. Open this book, pick up your brush and let's get started!

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Customer Reviews

"The text is fluid and graceful, an unusual combination in an instructional title, and the authors wrap succinct accounts of Chinese history and lore around their clear, step-by-step, illustrated instructions. " â "Booklist" The ancient art of Chinese brush painting has recently become very popular and there are several fine books on the art available. Caroline Self and daughter Susan who

studied art in college here offer simplified instruction for ages nine and up on painting orchids bamboo pines insects birds and landscapes." â "Library Journal

Caroline Self has studied Asian brush painting for 30 years. She holds a degree in art from UC Berkeley and a master's degree in art education and sculpture from San Diego State University. She has taught brush painting for over twenty-five years, and has studied traditional brush painting with teachers in Japan, China and Taiwan. Susan Self studied art in college and on trips to Europe and Asia, often accompanying her mother. She has a Ph.D. in comparative literature from UC San Diego.

I bought this to help me supplement a lesson on Chinese Brush Art that I was teaching for 5th graders. The book is simple to understand, has good detail for each individual step, and is perfect for this age group. Best of all, it has step-by-step instructions for different paintings, beginning with simple projects and becoming increasingly more complex with each project drawing on previous skills. The kids enjoyed looking through the book and finding ideas to supplement their work. I highly recommend it for older elementary age children; however, I think with patience on the part of the instructor as well as the child, a younger child could benefit from this book, as well.

I am a retiree with no art training who is trying to learn to do Chinese landscape painting. The book provides an introduction to basic brush strokes and Chinese calligraphy, then includes good step-by-step instructions and illustrations for painting orchids, bamboo, and trees, each in several styles. I was able to paint bamboo that satisfied me using only these instructions and several hours of practice. Alas, the book has little on painting rocks, cliffs, and mountains, and the one detailed example of mountains is simplistic and unattractive. All the instructions and illustrations are for using just ink, with no coloring.

I bought this book for my 9 year old daughter. She does have better than basic painting skills and she has found this book to be a great reference. It clearly showed how the Chinese brush strokes are to be made. Some of the landscape pictures, such as pine trees and mountains are more advanced and probably not able for a child to do. She does use this book for examples of leaves, flowers, and birds so we consider it a good reference. If you are a self starter and can learn from following a book you would be successful with the instructions in this book.

Basic, easy to follow.

Informative and instructive.

THANKS

I'm a high school Chinese teacher. Students love this CD-ROM illustration. I had students watch it before writing the "Spring Couplets". At first I was a little bit worried if the content would be too childish for high school students, but apparently not. I enjoy it a lot too.

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