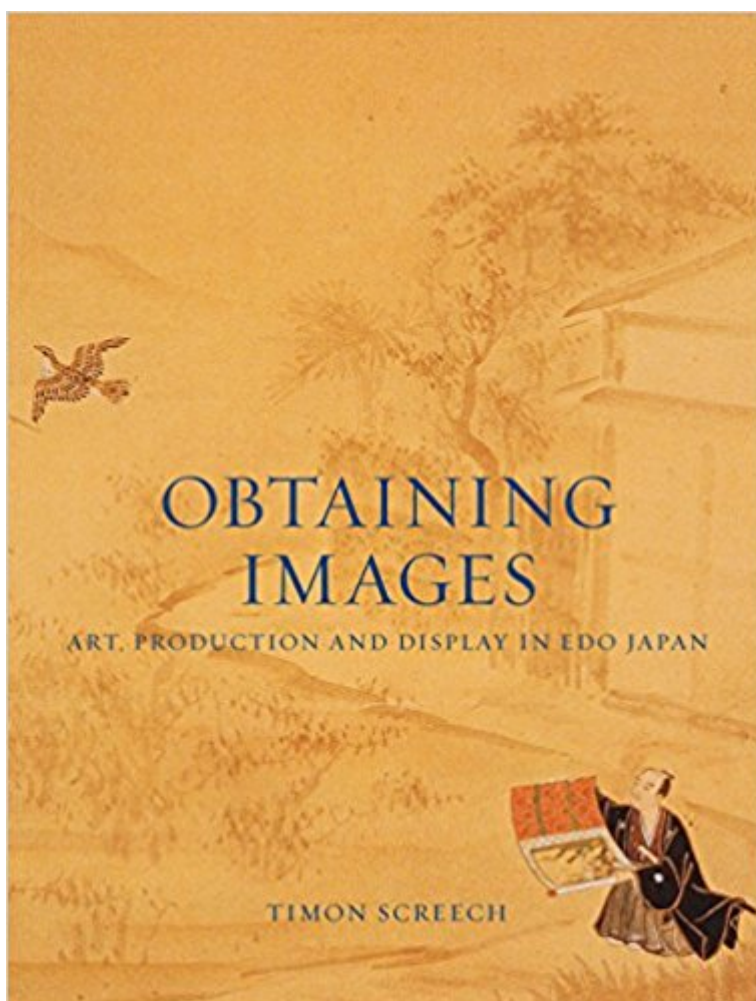


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The Edo period (1603–1868) in Japan is famous as a time of relative peace and prosperity, a time of rapid urbanization that coincided with a rise in literacy as well as international contact, and especially a tremendous flourishing of art. *Obtaining Images* introduces readers to important artists of this time and the beautiful works that they produced. With historical depth, Timon Screech places these artists within the intellectual milieu of the Edo period, contextualizing their work within the contemporary issues and concepts that surrounded the production, consumption, and display of art during one of Japan's most culturally robust eras. Rather than looking at Edo art through a European lens—as many books have already done—this book seeks to understand the making and use of paintings and prints according to Japan's own cultural and economic forces, elucidating how and why works were commissioned, where they were displayed, and what special properties audiences and buyers attributed to them. Screech explores the complex network of different imperatives and motivations that negotiated different traditions and how these forces resulted in the variety of styles we've come to associate with the period. Firmly anchoring the art of Japan within wider Japanese culture, he provides a comprehensive introduction that offers fresh insights for students and general readers alike.

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Good framework. But Chapter 2 is full of ungrounded guesses and blatant mistakes. E.g. Fukurokuju means "good fortune, official income, and longevity" but on p. 33 it is said to be "the name of the god of long-life". Also, p. 48 talks about the eagle on the painting while in fact what is depicted is a turtle!

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