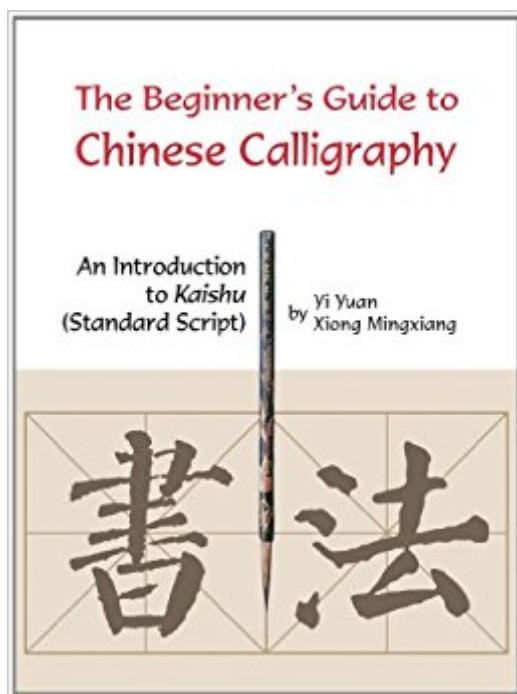


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# The Beginner's Guide To Chinese Calligraphy: An Introduction To Kaishu (Standard Script)



## Synopsis

Perfect for beginners, this calligraphy book teaches over 100 Chinese paintings and calligraphies along with historical and cultural information. As one of the most fascinating artistic form in the world, Chinese calligraphy has long been an area of interest to both novices and researchers. This easy-to-use guide introduces all the basic elements of the standard Chinese calligraphy script, Kaishu, with step-by-step instructions and diagrams for each of the 8 basic strokes. The purpose of this book is two-fold. On one had, it contains a short history of Chinese calligraphy and an introduction to Kaishu style, which embodies the very essence of the "Eastern arts" for those who find themselves interested in the arts of the Asian countries. On the other hand, for those who know about Chinese calligraphy and want to try their hand at it, the book, with Kaishu as a starting point, introduces the basic skills of the ancient and exquisite art of Chinese calligraphy. The rules and methods contained in the book will make the learning process easier with clear diagrams and images.

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A good history of Chinese calligraphy with stroke by stroke directions, but not enough practice exercises. I prefer Rebecca Yue's book on calligraphy.

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This is an okay book. Nothing spectacular, but solid enough. I'm still looking for the perfect calligraphy book out there.

Nice and Neat!!!

I am a big fan of Chinese Calligraphy instruction books. It is a life long hobby. This book looked a good addition to my library. It was not as comprehensive or instructive as I thought it would be. It says it is a beginners guide, but it is more advanced than that. Nice illustration, good instructions, but on a more intermediate level.

In my humble opinion, this book is much farther advanced than the beginner level. It packs a huge amount of information.

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