



## A Combination Of Two Books On Japanese Tattooed Women, Irezumi, Yakuzas.

450 EUR



Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

### Description

A collection of two photo books on the theme of tattooed Japanese women, comprising: \*Skin of Dreams\*, 1962, published by Ippei Takahashi in Tokyo, photographs by Shinobu Isshiki and Kai Oizumi, purple cloth cover and slipcase, out of print, very good condition; and \*Collection of Photographs of Beautiful Tattooed Women\*, 1988, first edition, published by Keibunsha in Tokyo, out of print, tear under the spine. Notes: Tattooing in Japan takes on a very particular dimension with the IREZUMI, long associated with the yakuza. Women connected to this milieu--partners or full members--often wear extensive tattoos, rich in highly codified traditional symbols. For them, tattooing, beyond being an ornament, becomes a sign of loyalty and belonging, forever inscribed on the flesh,

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