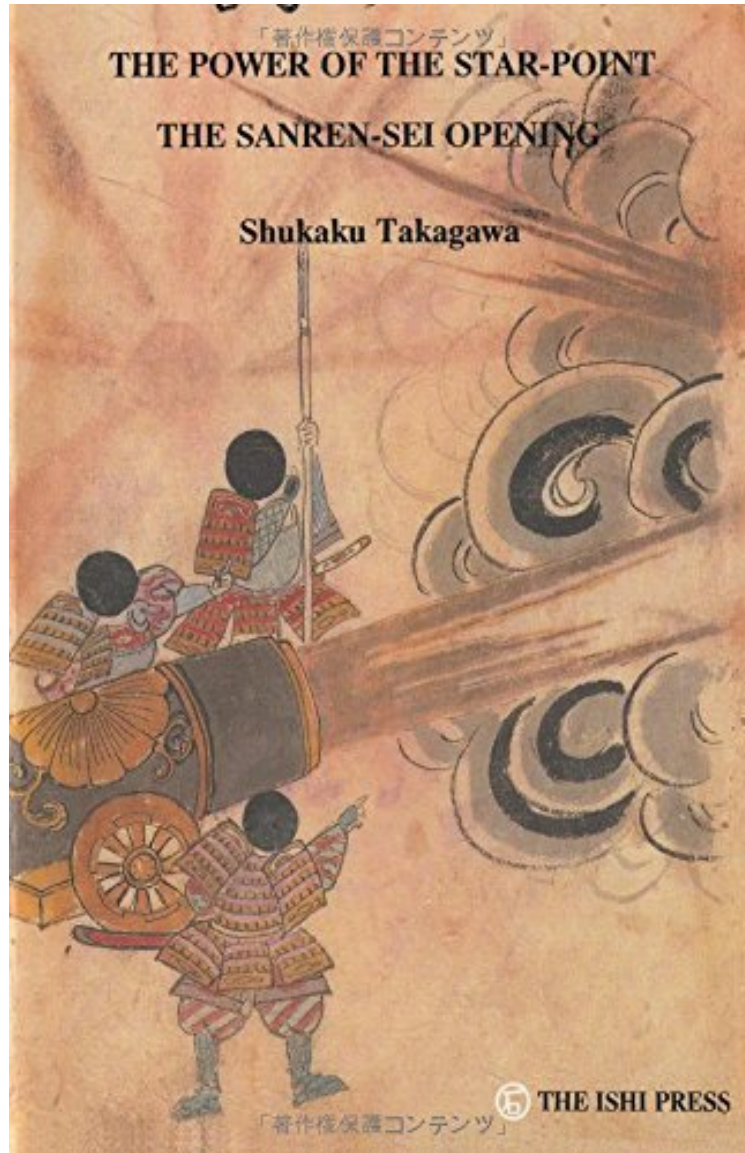


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Language NotesText: English (translation) Original Language: JapaneseAbout the AuthorKaku Takagawa also known as Shukaku Takagawa was one of the most successful professional Go players of the twentieth century. He was born on September 21, 1915. Kaku Takagawa won the Honinbo title nine times in a row, from 1952 to 1960, and was subsequently awarded the permanent title of Honorary Honinbo. He then chose Shukaku as his Honinbo name. He is one of the few Honorary Honinbos. He was known for having a healthy rivalry with Sakata Eio. This could be seen as Sakata would constantly beat Takagawa from 1959 to 1966 in the finals of major tournaments. Takagawa's books, translated from their original Japanese, were instrumental in educating Westerners in the ways of Go. He also wrote a series of articles from 1961 through 1977 for the Nihon Ki-in which was the primary English source of information about Go during that period. These articles were later compiled into Improve Your Intuition, still considered a valuable guide for Go players. He died on November 26, 1986.