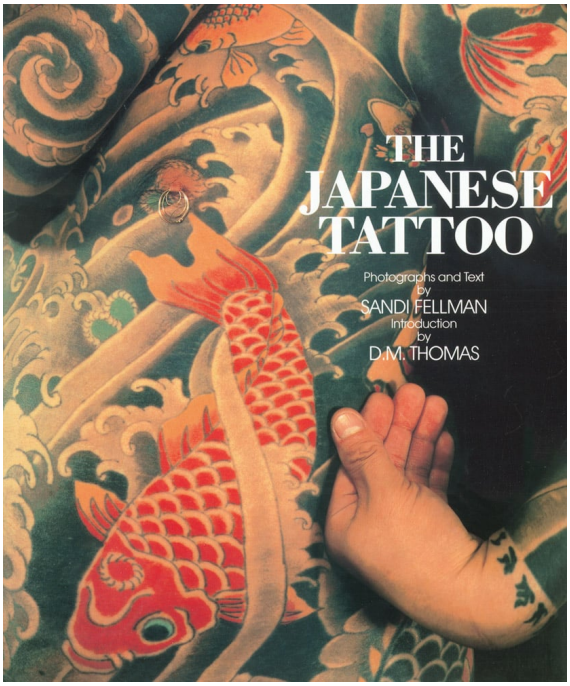
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Presenting the art work of Irezumi - the Japanese word for tattoo and known as traditional Japanese tattoos

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