



Chrysanthemum Stones **The Story of Stone Flowers** **Thomas S. Dr. Elias**

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- A beautiful book, ideal for anybody interested in Asian art and culture, stone appreciation and mineralogy

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