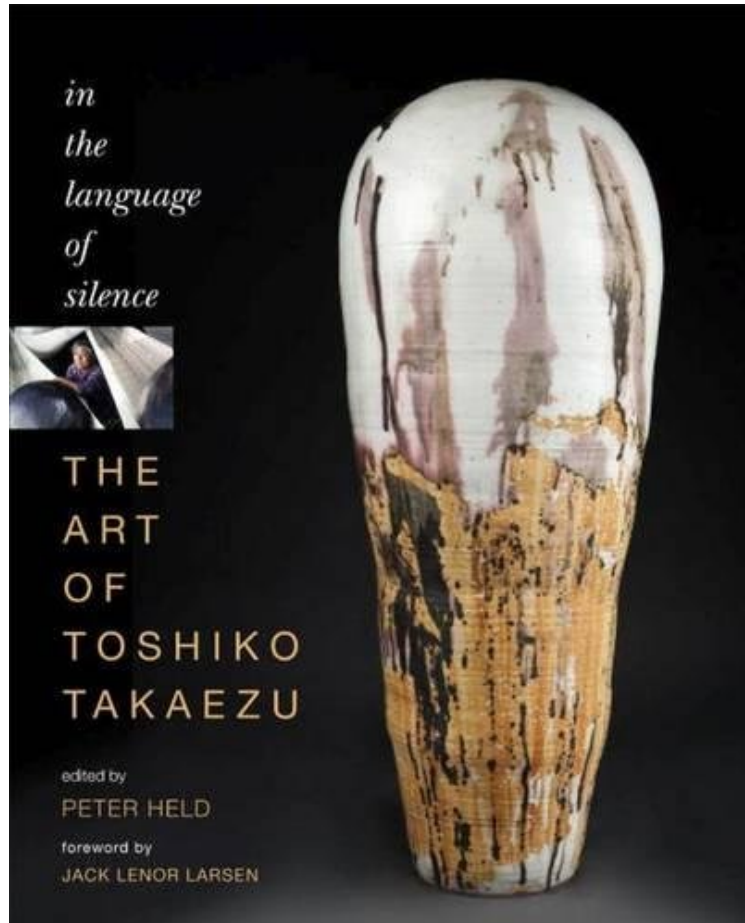


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This book shines so brightly and speaks so eloquently. . . . In the Language of Silence is a perfect tribute." --  
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