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**Tatsuo Suzuki**

***Friction / Tokyo Street – Steidl Book Award Japan***

### **Main description**

This book embodies Japanese street photography now. Composed of black-and-white photos taken throughout Tokyo's bustling wards, *Friction / Tokyo Street* reveals unexpected meaning and beauty in the mundane, be it in an image of a girl navigating a zebra crossing, cropped legs standing on a subway platform, shifting reflections in a store window, or a pigeon caught mid-flight. Suzuki captures the spontaneous gestures, glimpses and abstractions that comprise the best street photography. Yet as the book's title reveals, it is the conflicting and contradictory energies of the street that lie at the core of his project: "Through my own eyes ... I would like to express the tension, the edged frustration, the taut atmosphere and the feelings that beat, inherent in the city."

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### **Biography**

Tatsuo Suzuki was born in Tokyo in 1965 where he today lives and works. He began photographing the street in 2008, and his exhibitions since include those at Photo Shanghai in 2015 and "Punk in Translation" at The Horse Hospital in London in 2016. Also in 2016 Suzuki won first place for Street Photography at the ND Awards, and was a finalist in StreetFoto San Francisco and the LensCulture Street Photography Awards.

### **Bibliography**

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