Hiromi Tsuchida: Zokushin

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Hiromi Tsuchida is a Japanese photographer. She has produced several projects that capture the traditional customs and ceremonies of Japan. Her work, Zokushin (Gods of the Earth), was first published in 1976. This 2004 republication of Zokushin is not merely a reprinting of the original, but a new look 30 years later, better printed and including about 10 new photos. From 1968 to 1975, during a time of accelerated political change in Japan, Tsuchida travelled through the rural areas across Japan photographing traditional customs and ceremonies. Very good Zokushin, Tsuchida's first photobook, was taken during the early 1970s. This fascinating investigation documents the folk, the Earth, and the body, offering a unique perspective on traditional Japanese life.