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Kusari-D Apr 02 2020 "Approaching the multifaceted world of traditional Japanese martial arts, one can experience moments of profound mystery. It can happen when you receive a lesson from a true Master while visiting their places of origin, or the first time you hold a forged sword, a sublime but sanguinary work of art. It can happen when you are weighing a simple, old, rusty, weighted chain in the palms of your hands." The Kusari - also known as Kusarifund or Manrikigusari, is a traditional minor weapon used by the warriors and police officers in the Japanese feudal period. Tracing its historical, philosophical and technical traits, Christian Russo, practitioner and teacher of Japanese Martial Arts, accompanies us through an evanescent time and place, where this small weapon has been secretly guarded for centuries. History, legend, anthropology, philosophy, martial arts, folklore and mysticism alternate in Kusari-D . Christian Russo was born and lives in Turin, Italy. He began practicing Jutaijutsu at the Yoshin Ryu School of Martial Arts in 1993; among the other armed specializations of the School, Hojojutsu, the Art of the Rope, and Kusarijutsu, the Art of the Chain which fascinated him at first sight. He is a passionate scholar of martial arts history and collector of Kakushi-Buki, the hidden weapons of Japanese warriors.

[The Book of Samurai](#) May 28 2022 The first installment in a multi-volume guide on the lost arts of the samurai—presented in the English language for the very first time Antony Cummins and Yoshie Minami have brought the teachings of the famed samurai school Natori-Ryu back to life through The Book of Samurai series. This first installment is a translation of two secret scrolls and establishes the Fundamental Teachings of a samurai student, revealing the basic traditions of Natori-Ryu. The first scroll, Heika Jodan, contains 290 lessons that define the baseline for samurai during times of peace—a time which is considered as preparation for war. It focuses each student on expanding their own ability and conduct, giving them the mind-set needed for any battles to come. The second scroll, Ippei Yoko,

moves the student onto the field of battle. It provides them with an understanding of what is expected during a campaign of war and the necessary guidance for samurai who are to take up arms for the first time. These first two Natori-Ryu documents are an in-depth and detailed account of the practicality of samurai warfare, opening up the lost world of these Japanese warriors to all modern readers.

Black Belt Dec 11 2020 The oldest and most respected martial arts title in the industry, this popular monthly magazine addresses the needs of martial artists of all levels by providing them with information about every style of self-defense in the world - including techniques and strategies. In addition, Black Belt produces and markets over 75 martial arts-oriented books and videos including many about the works of Bruce Lee, the best-known martial arts figure in the world.

Bushi-Jutsu Sep 27 2019 Bushi-Jutsu, *The Science of the Warrior* bridges the gap between the kata of old Okinawa, following the influence of the feudal Japanese militia and that which is taught in today's dojo as 'effective' self-defence. The distressing reality, for most kata bunkai students, is that there is very little 'real' application in the world today, outside Japan. That which is taught as 'bunkai' tends to be Monkey See - Monkey Do - very few really understand the highly technical and effective nature of this 'secret' part of karate. This book doesn't just uncover the brutal nature of karate kata application, it literally rips the shroud of secrecy from around it and cleaves the mystery from it.

Samurai Fighting Arts Apr 14 2021 This book introduces the world of traditional Japanese martial arts and will provide readers with a deeper understanding of Bushido and Japan. Also known as Kobudo, these traditional martial arts can be seen as a continuation of samurai culture and comprise a number of styles formulated in the samurai era that are still being taught today. Aiming to develop Bujutsu (martial arts) and Heiho (strategy) to the highest possible degree, the samurai devised a code consisting of over eighteen arts. A samurai should have impeccable manners and be an expert in martial arts, but he should never be a killer. His swords contained his soul, which he cultivated by learning poetry and art, and by practicing Zen meditation. The author is the world-famous Kobudo grandmaster. He knows all the Kobudo styles, and his teaching of arts such as Iaijutsu and Jujitsu fascinates many students around the world. This is his first book in English, and it offers readers the opportunity to learn the lesser known arts of Kobudo, particularly the way of Nito Ryu - the two-swords method created by the famous samurai Miyamoto Musashi, and to understand the spirit behind it. Lavishly illustrated with around 700 photographs, *Samurai Fighting Arts* reveals many secret skills of Kobudo. It is divided into five chapters: Kobudo and its history; Kumiuchi Hyoho; Nito Ryu - the two-sword method; Iai and Kenpo; and Classical Kenjutsu and its application.

Old School Sep 19 2021 Koryu, literally, 'old flow from the past,' refers to Japanese martial traditions that predate the sweeping cultural changes that followed the Meiji Restoration of 1868. They generally have a very different character and tone from modern martial arts, such as kendo, judo or aikido which followed. More than the study of antique weapons, self-defense or a form of athletics, these martial traditions are a cultural legacy and a window to another time and place. In the first edition of *Old School*, Ellis Amdur, a renowned martial arts researcher, and himself an instructor in two different surviving koryu, gave readers a rare glimpse into feudal Japanese warrior arts, both as they were in the past and as they live on today. Nearly a decade later, he returns to the subject in this new, greatly expanded edition, bringing readers inside the dojos of a number ancient schools, providing details analysis of the evolution and morphology of uniquely Japanese weaponry, addressing the myth and reality of Japan's naginata-wielding warrior women, and discussing the modern relevance of the blood oaths, magical ritual and mysticism that often permeate the koryu. Finally, he looks at the challenge of preservation and transmission, especially as more and

more practitioners of the koryu exist outside of Japan itself. Writing with a combination of the initiate's passion for his subject, and the scientist's rigorous search for the truth, Amdur asks critically: do the ancient traditions still meet the objectives of their founders? Are they successfully passing their ancient legacy down to the next generation? Over a third larger than the first edition and filled with new artwork and photography, *Old School: Japanese Martial Traditions Expanded Edition* will be an invaluable addition to the library of old readers and new alike.

Samurai Arms, Armour & the Tactics of Warfare Jun 28 2022 This pioneering study of samurai weapons, armor, and strategies is a fascinating slice of martial arts history, as seen through the eyes of an authentic seventeenth-century samurai master Part of the acclaimed *Book of Samurai* series, which presents for the first time the translated scrolls of the historical Natori-Ryū samurai school of war, this volume offers an exceptional insight into the weaponry and armour of the samurai era, as well as tactical advice for use on and off the battlefield. Two secret scrolls by the samurai tactician Natori Sanjūrō Masazumi are presented here: *Heieki Yūhō*, which offers advice for every possible martial situation, from moving troops to besieging a castle to fighting on the open battlefield; and *Heigu Yūhō*, which explores samurai arms and armour in unparalleled detail. Illustrated with 130 line drawings of arms and armour, strategic diagrams and beautiful samples of Japanese calligraphy, this is essential reading for students of martial arts, warrior culture and the samurai path. This book was written by the seventeenth-century samurai tactician Natori Sanjūrō Masazumi, also known as Issui-sensei, who was to become the most influential grandmaster of the Natori-Ryū school of war. It gives us an unprecedented insight into what the samurai knew about their own specialization—armour and warfare. By listening to a genuine samurai, we can discover a huge amount about the thoughts, ideals, codes and even the feelings of this much admired, but often misunderstood, warrior class. *Heieki Yūhō*, the first scroll translated in this book, gives leadership advice for use on and off the battlefield. From turning thieves or cowards to good service, to practising ‘external listening’ in order to obtain information from as many sources as possible, to penetrating the deeper motives of those who slander or praise others, the ideas discussed are thought provoking and paint a vivid picture of samurai Japan at war. *Heigu Yūhō*, the second scroll, gives a rare and precious glimpse into samurai arms and armour, including details of their construction, regulations associated with the wearer’s status, and the fascinating ceremonies, mythology and Buddhist doctrine that underlay their use. With 130 line drawings that clarify the text, this is the ultimate resource for all those interested in the wisdom and practice of the historical samurai.

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Ninja Mar 14 2021 The first installment in Hayes' epic Ninja series introduces the reader to the building blocks of ninjutsu: basic postures, the natural elements that correspond with fighting techniques, weapons, and the “scheme of totality.” The author also teaches meditation exercises to strengthen one's consciousness and decrease reaction time. The seminal book in Hayes' best-selling collection, it provides the reader with the tools to start his path in the Togakure Ryu tradition.

The Way of the Warrior Jul 18 2021 The Way of the Warrior has become a true martial arts classic since its first publication in 1991. The combat techniques of the martial arts of India and the Far East have origins shrouded in mystery and practices protected by traditions of secrecy. In *The Way of the Warrior*, the world's great masters, experts dedicated to the purest expression of the martial arts, reveal the principles and philosophies that inform their discipline, training, and technique. Richly illustrated in full color and a must-read for any enthusiast, *The Way of the Warrior* demonstrates the essential paradox of the martial arts—that study of a lethal skill can lead to spiritual enlightenment.

Warrior Path of Togakure May 16 2021 The author relates the history and significance of the birthplace of Daisuke Nishina, the founder of the Togakure Ryu of ninjutsu, and introduces advanced principles such as enlightened consciousness, secrets of ninja invisibility, the union of body and weapon, and how to direct the power of one's surroundings.

Samurai Wisdom Aug 07 2020 The ancient warrior culture of Japan produced a sophisticated martial philosophy that we know today as Bushido—the Way of the Warrior. In *Samurai Wisdom*, author Thomas Cleary provides five critical new translations of major Japanese works on Bushido. The writings of the scholar Yamaga Soko and his disciples are among the most lucid expositions we have of the core ideas and philosophy underlying the Samurai's disciplined way of life and outlook. Together they provide an in-depth, practical guide to character building and conduct according to the precepts of Bushido—a code for professional warriors that retains as much relevance in today's world as it had when these works were written 400 years ago. Yamaga's writings inspired the transformation of the Samurai from a feudal class of warriors under the command of the Shogun to a group of prominent individuals with significant intellectual, political and moral leadership and influence. The works translated in *Samurai Wisdom* for the very first time are as timeless and essential today as the works of Sun Tzu, Musashi and Clausewitz. The five Japanese works on Bushido translated in *Samurai Wisdom* are: *The Way of the Knight* by Yamaga Soko *The Warrior's Rule* by Tsugaru Kodo-shi *Essentials of Military Matters* compiled by Yamaga Takatsune *The Education of Warriors* by Yamaga Soko *Primer of Martial Education* by Yamaga Soko

A Book of Five Rings Mar 02 2020 This book on strategy, tactics, and philosophy is often grouped with "The Art of War" by Sun Tzu, "On War" by Von Clausewitz and is still studied today. To learn a Japanese martial art is to learn Zen, and although you can't do so simply by reading a book, it sure does help--especially if that book is *The Book of Five Rings*. One of Japan's great samurai sword masters penned in decisive, unfaltering terms this certain path to victory, and like Sun Tzu's *The Art of War* it is applicable not only on the battlefield but also in all forms of competition. Always observant, creating confusion, striking at vulnerabilities--these are some of the basic principles. Going deeper, we find *suki*, the interval of vulnerability, of indecisiveness, of rest, the briefest but most vital moment to strike. In succinct detail, Miyamoto records ideal postures, blows, and psychological tactics to put the enemy off guard and open the way for attack. Most important of all is Miyamoto's concept of rhythm, how all things are in harmony, and that by working with the rhythm of a situation we can turn it to our advantage with little effort. But like Zen, this requires one task above all else, putting the book down and going out to practice.

Keiko Shokon Mar 26 2022 *Keiko Shokon* is the third volume in a series that aims to demystify the rare and often misunderstood fighting arts of the Japanese warrior. Do these arts still have relevance in a modern technological world? How are they being preserved? What pitfalls face practitioners struggling to maintain these arts in a culture so foreign to that of their origins? These questions are discussed by a unique group of practitioner/writers in eight provocative essays certain to challenge many cherished and widely held preconceptions.

The Book of Five Rings (Annotated) Jan 24 2022 *The Book of Five Rings* is a text on kenjutsu and the martial arts in general, written by the Japanese swordsman Miyamoto Musashi around 1643. Written over three centuries ago by a Samurai warrior, the book has been hailed as a limitless source of psychological insight for businessmen-or anyone who relies on strategy and tactics for outwitting the competition.

Warrior Arts and Weapons of Ancient Hawai'i Feb 10 2021 "A comprehensive resource on the weapons and martial philosophy and techniques employed by the ancient Hawai'ian warrior, a little-known part of our American heritage"--Provided by publisher.

Warrior Guards the Mountain Jul 30 2022 Inspired by the author's personal training

experiences, this book presents an intimate exploration of the philosophy of some of the rarest martial art forms. Encompassing the arts of China, Japan and India/South East Asia, it includes in-depth conversations with esteemed Masters such as Dr Serge Augier and Master He Jing Han.

Muye Dobo Tongji Jan 30 2020 In 1789, King Chongjo, ruler of the Yi dynasty, ordered General Yi Duk-moo to compile an official textbook on all martial art forms then present in Korea to preserve them for future generations. The result, the Muye Dobo Tongji, is the only surviving classical text on the Korean arts of war. Based on the earliest known Korean martial arts treatise, the Muye Chebo written in 1599, the Muye Dobo Tongji clearly shows the influence of the neighbouring Japanese and Chinese armies. Through hundreds of wars and invasions, Korean soldiers adapted battlefield skills and tactics from their enemies, creating a unique system of their own. Organised into 24 distinct disciplines comprised of empty hand fighting, weaponry and horsemanship, this book is an accurate historical snapshot of the warrior arts of the hermit kingdom in the late 18th century. The release of 'The Comprehensive Illustrated Manual of Martial Arts of Ancient Korea' marks the first time this volume is available in English. Carefully translated from the original text and illustrated with reproductions of ancient woodblock carvings, this book provides fascinating insights into Korea's martial arts legacy.

True Path of the Ninja Nov 21 2021 True Path of the Ninja is the first authoritative translation in English of the Shoninki—the famous 17th century ninjutsu manual. Authors Antony Cummins and Yoshie Minami worked closely with Dr. Nakashima Atsumi, author of the most comprehensive modern Japanese version of the Shoninki, thus making this English translation the closest to the original scrolls. The information and insights found in this translation are invaluable for understanding the skills, techniques and mentality of the historical shinobi. Whether it involved tips for surviving in the wild, advice on intelligence-gathering techniques, or methods for creating chaos in the enemy camp, this ninja book unveils secrets long lost. Along with its practical applications, this book is an important guide to the mental discipline that ninjas must have to ensure success in accomplishing their mission. True Path of the Ninja covers the following topics: What a ninja is and what equipment he needs The skills of infiltration and information gathering How to disrupt and distract the enemy How to be mentally prepared to carry out ninja missions In addition to the translation of the Shoninki, this book also includes the first written record of the oral tradition "Defense Against a Ninja" taught by Otake Risuke, the revered sensei of the legendary Katori Shinto Ryu school of swordsmanship. Sensei reveals for the first time these ancient and traditional teachings on how the samurai can protect himself from the cunning wiles of a ninja. About this new edition: This second edition contains a new introduction by the translator, and has been thoroughly updated to reflect developments that shed new light on the original Japanese text.

Secrets of the Samurai Dec 31 2019 Secrets of the Samurai is the definitive study of the martial arts of feudal Japan, explaining in detail the weapons, techniques, strategies, and principles of combat that made the Japanese warrior a formidable foe. The work begins with a panoramic survey of the tumultuous early struggles of warlords contending for political ascendancy and then outlines the relentless progression of the military class toward absolute power. In addition to illustrating actual methods of combat, the authors discuss in detail the crucial training necessary to develop a warrior's inner power and to concentrate all his energies into a single force. Secrets of the Samurai is an essential text for anyone with an interest in Japanese combat techniques, weaponry, or military history. This edition also contains a new foreword by Adele Westbrook and numerous previously unpublished illustrations by Oscar Ratti. Chapters include: The Bushi The Heimin The Centers of Martial Instruction Armed Bujutsu Unarmed Bujutsu Control and Power Strategic Principles Morality

of Bujutsu

Sogobujutsu Jul 06 2020 David C. Falcaro, a longtime martial arts expert, presents this textbook exploring the history, philosophy, codes of conduct, psychology, and traditions of the Neji Gekken Ryu. Falcaro is a Sodenkethat is, he has received scrolls after attaining proficiency. Students of the Godaishin Dojo can rely on this guide to excel in their study of Sogobujutsu, learning codes of conduct found in a traditional dojo setting; ways former warriors applied important teachings; forms of martial arts and how they differ; and terms that can improve your understanding of martial arts. Jumpstart your understanding of martial arts or reinforce important principles you've already learned. With this portable form of instruction, you can strengthen your mental and physical skills so that class time can be efficiently spent on training. This important first look into the many aspects of martial arts etiquette brings meaning to the common acts and actions found in traditional dojo settings. Prepare yourself for success and begin the journey from white belt to black belt with Sogobujutsu.

Sword & Spirit Aug 31 2022

Samurai and Ninja Jun 16 2021 The myths of the noble Samurai and the sinister Ninja are filled with romantic fantasy and fallacy. Samurai and Ninja expert Antony Cummins shatters the myths and exposes the true nature of these very real—and very lethal—medieval Japanese warriors. The Samurai and Ninja were in fact brutal killing machines trained in torture and soaked in machismo. Many were skilled horsemen and sword-fighting specialists, while others were masters of deception and sabotage. Some fought for loyalty, others for personal gain. What these warriors all shared in common was their unflinching personal bravery, skill and brutality. In Samurai and Ninja, Cummins separates myth from reality and shows why the Japanese were the greatest warriors of all time: He describes the Samurai and the Ninja as they really were in earlier times when battles raged across Japan—not in later times when war became obsolete and Japanese warriors became philosophers, scholars and courtiers. He describes the social context of the day and the feudal world into which the warriors were trained to fight and die for their lords. He exposes the essentially brutal nature of warfare in medieval Japan. This book is illuminated by many rare Japanese manuscripts and texts which are translated into English for the very first time.

Ninja Realms of Power Oct 21 2021 Discusses the spiritual teachings of the Japanese ninja warrior tradition and describes ninja hand-to-hand fighting techniques

Musashi's Book of Five Rings Jun 04 2020 This classic interpretation of Miyamoto Musashi's famous Book of Five Rings is intended specifically for the martial artist—as Miyamoto Musashi originally intended. It explains the underlying truths necessary for a full understanding of Musashi's message for warriors. The result is an enthralling book on martial strategy that combines the instincts of the warrior with the philosophies of Zen Buddhism, Shintoism, Confucianism and Taoism. It is a crucial book for every martial artist to read and understand. Like the original, this classic book of strategy is divided into five sections. The Book of Earth lays the groundwork for anyone wishing to understand Musashi's teachings; the Book of Water explains the warrior's approach to strategy; the Book of Fire teaches fundamental fighting techniques based on the Earth and Water principles; the Book of Wind describes differences between Musashi's own martial style and the styles of other fighting schools; while the Book of No-thing describes the "way of nature" as understood through an "unthinking" existing preconception. Famed martial artist and bestselling author Stephen Kaufman has translated this classic without the usual academic or commercial bias, driving straight into the heart of Musashi's martial teachings and interpreting them for his fellow martial artists. The result is an enthralling combination of warrior wisdom and philosophical truths that Musashi offered to other warriors who wished to master the martial way of bushido.

Classical Fighting Arts of Japan Nov 09 2020 The fierceness of the Japanese warrior and his fighting arts has fascinated Westerners since Europeans first came into contact with Japan more than 450 years ago. *Classical Fighting Arts of Japan: A Complete Guide to Koryu Jujutsu* is the first comprehensive English-language book on traditional jujutsu. Author Serge Mol—working almost exclusively from original Japanese source materials—vividly outlines the history of the close-quarter fighting methods that warriors developed not only to prove themselves on the battlefield and in daily life, but also to be constantly ready to defend their feudal lords. A great number of jujutsu styles and techniques—armed and unarmed—have existed over the centuries, and many of the classical weapon schools also instructed in the use of jujutsu. *The Classical Fighting Arts of Japan* expertly guides readers through the rise and development of many of the major schools. The classical martial arts as practiced in the ancient ryuha were deeply interwoven. For this reason, this definitive guide to koryu jujutsu will not only be invaluable to practitioners of traditional and modern jujutsu, but will be of great interest to enthusiasts of modern budo such as judo, aikido, kendo, and iaido. Mol explores the historical and cultural factors that helped shape jujutsu and the martial arts in general. He offers a detailed look at individual jujutsu ryuha, giving details on the school's history (where possible including illustrations of their founders and photos of ancient manuscripts). This book is richly illustrated with numerous photographs of rare documents and with many photos of exponents demonstrating techniques, many of which have never before been shown outside Japan. In addition to his extensive research in original source material, Mol had regular access in conversation, over the course of years, to the insights of the grandmasters of several of the most important jujutsu schools that remain active today. *Classical Fighting Arts of Japan* will be a welcome addition to the personal collection of every serious student of Japanese martial arts.

Shind Y shin Ry Apr 26 2022 "This book is a reference work on the history and technical legacy of a samurai era martial arts school called Shindo Yoshin Ryu, founded in 1864"--

Japan The Ultimate Samurai Guide Jun 24 2019 Part Samurai history, part martial arts guide, this is THE book for anyone interested in Japan's fabled Samurai culture. Author Alexander Bennett is the ultimate insider—holding multiple black belts in Kendo and Naginata, as well as a Ph.D. in Japanese literature and history. In this book he shares his vast personal experience and knowledge with readers seeking to undertake their own personal quest in the Japanese martial arts. Bennett outlines the Japanese history of Bushido and the Samurai—from early times up until the present. Then, as only someone steeped in this world can, he surveys the contemporary martial arts scene and provides the essential knowledge young foreigners need to find a teacher and learn successfully. Unlike any other book on this subject, *Japan The Ultimate Samurai Guide* is written by a Japanese speaker who has studied and taught martial arts in Japan for many decades. Chapters include: The Real Samurai The Concept of Bushido Development of the Japanese Martial Arts Martial Arts Masters You Should Know About Budo in Japan Today Key Martial Arts Concepts Life in a Japanese Dojo A Japan Survival Guide Written in a down-to-earth and easy-to-read style, this book will captivate anyone interested in Japan, as well as martial arts teachers and practitioners around the world. With both history and humor, this vividly illustrated book has a more personal touch than many (for example, read up on "Fifteen Famous Japanese Cultural Idiosyncrasies" and Bennett's favorite martial arts movies). As Bennett says, "This book is supposed to be genuinely from the heart. Without the pretense...misconceptions or romanticization that often accompanies martial arts."

Nightblade Oct 28 2019 Ryuu is a boy orphaned by violence at a young age. Found by a wandering warrior, he learns he may have more strength than he ever imagined possible. A quiet child, Moriko is forced into a monastic system she despises. Torn from her family and

the forest she grew up in, she must fight to learn the skills she'll need to survive her tutelage under the realm's most dangerous assassin. Young, beautiful, and broke, Takako is sold to pay for her father's debts. Thrust into a world she doesn't understand and battles she didn't ask for, she must decide where her loyalties lie. When their lives crash together in a Kingdom on the brink of war, the decisions they make will change both their lives and their Kingdom forever. If they can stay alive.

Way of the Warrior, The (Young Samurai, Book 1) Aug 19 2021 Shipwrecked on the shore of Japan, twelve-year-old Jack Fletcher is wounded and alone. His father and the entire crew have been slaughtered by ninja pirates. Jack's last remaining possession is his father's rudder, an invaluable book of maps and notes about the world's uncharted oceans. Masamoto-sama, one of Japan's greatest samurai, rescues Jack, adopts him, and sends him to samurai school, where Jack will be trained in the Way of the Warrior. Will it be enough to help Jack defeat Dragon Eye, the ruthless ninja who is intent on stealing the rudder at any cost?

Samurai: An Encyclopedia of Japan's Cultured Warriors Jan 12 2021 Alphabetically arranged entries along with primary source documents provide a comprehensive examination of the lives of Japan's samurai during the Tokugawa or Edo period, 1603 – 1868, a time when Japan transitioned from civil war to extended peace. • A timeline highlights important events related to the samurai, while a narrative history overviews the background of the samurai • More than 100 alphabetically arranged reference entries provide authoritative information about the samurai and their world • Sidebars provide interesting facts, note the role of the samurai in popular culture, and mention various tourist sites for readers to visit • Entries provide suggestions for further reading, and an end-of-work bibliography directs users to other important works about the samurai

Samurai Weapons Feb 22 2022 Unlock the secrets of the legendary weapons of the samurai While the samurai is well known as the military nobility of medieval Japan, their range of weapons, which went far beyond the katana, bow, and spear, is lesser known. For instance, some weapons, like the tesson, or iron fan, were used in secret where samurai swords were not allowed. Others were improvised, with warriors using whatever fighting tool was at hand. In Samurai Weapons, readers will follow the story of Zenigata Heiji, among others, who developed an uncanny ability to use heavy coins as dangerous weapons by throwing them like bullets. Author Don Cunningham, who held ranks in judo, jujutsu, and kendo, including a second dan license from the Kodokan Judo Institute in Tokyo, gives us a historical look at these ancient arms in a way that's useful for novices and samurai experts alike. Chapters cover such rich details as: Japanese martial arts culture Hidden weapons Sensu, truncheons, and polearms Learn how and why samurai weapons included not only the sword of popular lore, but also a variety of others. Cunningham describes the society of Japan, how the samurai class arose, and the place in society that samurai held through the centuries, focusing in particular on the various weaponry they used, how they used it, and why. Samurai Weapons highlights how these weapons and fighting styles have influenced various schools of Japanese martial arts.

Ninja Dec 23 2021 Presents the history, traditions, philosophies, skills, weaponry, and popularity in modern culture of ninjas, Japanese undercover assassins.

The Language of Aikido Aug 26 2019 The most complete guide to the Japanese language for practitioners of Aikido in the English language.

Aikido Ground Fighting Oct 09 2020 Aikido Ground Fighting presents effective ground techniques that remain true to aikido founder Morehei Ueshiba's teachings while addressing a potential weakness in the system: while aikido is renowned for its submission and compliance techniques as well as grappling from a standing position, it is not known for its effectiveness when it comes to ground fighting. Aikido Ground Fighting is a unique look at the roots of aikido techniques (in particular, the kneeling practices of suwari-waza) and how they might

be applied to defense on the ground. Written by a direct student of Morihei Ueshiba in collaboration with other aikido teachers, this book remains steadfastly true to the founder's teachings while presenting innovative and effective techniques. Containing never-before-published pictures of Ueshiba as well as step-by-step photographs clearly demonstrating techniques, Aikido Ground Fighting is designed for aikido students looking to become more well-rounded martial artists as well as practitioners of all martial arts seeking effective self-defense techniques. From the Trade Paperback edition.

The Lost Samurai School Nov 29 2019 This stunning English translation of a medieval Japanese text is at once an illustrated martial arts manual and a historical account of the teachings of a samurai grandmaster Available for the first time in English, this book explores the essential practices of the samurai school known as Mubyoshi Ryu. Complete with more than 350 images, The Lost Samurai School collects and translates ancient documents that contain the teachings of grandmaster Hagiwara Juzo—revealing for the first time to western readers the enthralling martial arts, secret weapons, magic, and espionage as they were practiced by samurai in their daily lives. The ancient Mubyoshi Ryu scrolls contain fascinating descriptions of “civilian” samurai skills—which concentrate more on personal protection than battlefield warfare—including the full ninja curriculum and elements of esoteric magic. Martial arts expert Antony Cummins contextualizes these translated documents by providing a history of the era and the school itself. The abundant illustrations form a useful martial arts manual, bringing to life the skills required to master everything from jujutsu and shuriken-jutsu (throwing blades) to swords, chain weapons, and the quarterstaff. The Lost Samurai School is a journey into the past that will preserve such skills for future generations and will appeal to anyone interested in martial arts or Japanese history.

Samurai May 04 2020 About the samurai from their origins to their disappearance. The idea of the sword-wielding samurai, beholden to a strict ethical code and trained in deadly martial arts, dominates popular conceptions of the samurai. As early as the late seventeenth century, they were heavily featured in literature, art, theater, and even comedy. This book describes samurai life, work, philosophy, and warfare as it changed over time from the eighth to the nineteenth century and dispels myths about the samurai one might encounter in popular culture

Miyamoto Musashi Jul 26 2019 Drawing on a large number of neglected original sources, A Life in Arms reveals how events deeply buried in Musashi's past set him on the hard path to success- a path that began with the brutal slaying of Arima Kihei, led to the fall of the illustrious Yoshioka clan, and culminated in his dramatic encounter with Sasaki Kojir on Ganry island.

Koryu Bujutsu Oct 01 2022

Mugai Ryu Sep 07 2020 A fascinating account of Feudal Japan, the development of the Samurai's art of swordsmanship, and their codes of honor.