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Samurai Arms, Armour & the Tactics of Warfare Antony Cummins

2018-10-16 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 Yōhō, which offers advice for every possible martial situation, from moving troops to besieging a castle to fighting on the open battlefield; and Heigu Yōhō, 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 Yōhō, 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 Yōhō, 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.

Gay Tales of the Samurai Ilara Suikaku 1995

Girlgoyle Better Hero Army 2015-07-15 Tiffany Noboru has just awakened

from her death, only to discover she has been drafted into the Gargoyle Ghost Hunter Corps. Soon she is fighting jealous rivalries within her own ranks, struggling to unravel the mystery of her recent death, and trying to avoid being killed a second time by a maniacal ghost named Bones who is seeking the destruction of the gargoyle world. In this full-length novel, appropriate for teens and young adults, a new twist on the role of gargoyles is imaginatively brought to life in spellbinding fashion. Woven into the pages are twenty original works of art by Miimork, which breathe life into this ghostly tale.

Enshin and His Black Ox Roald Knutsen 2010-01-28 The son of a high-ranking warrior in the late-fifteenth century and a skilled swordsman, Torii Enshin joined the priesthood and intended to devote his life to the poor. But he soon finds himself having to use his samurai skills once again. These short stories, drawn from Enshin's own accounts, follow him and his faithful companions as they wander across Japan, their adventures presenting a fascinating picture of life in the centuries of unrest before the Tokugawa subjected the country to their iron grip.

World War II Survival Grant Williams 2015-04-04 Escaping the Bolsheviks by boat at night as a baby, Russian Jew Leon Aleksandrov, spends his early years with his family seeking a safe haven in an increasingly anti-semitic Europe in the 1920s finally settling for safety in liberal Berlin. With the rise of Nazism Leon flees to France, is imprisoned, escapes to England and joins the army in time for D-Day. He fights his way through Europe into the very bowels of Nazi Germany and Hitler's Reich Chancellery. His war is far from over as his language skills see him translate for Stalin and Churchill at the Potsdam conference and remaining in Berlin to help re-build Germany. A true story of determination and extraordinary events, his tale reads like Forrest Gump meets Saving Private Ryan. Prepare to be amazed at one man's life story.

The Swordsman's Handbook William Scott Wilson 2014-04-29 There is perhaps no more potent symbol of the samurai era than the sword. By the seventeenth century in Japan, the art of swordsmanship had begun to take on an almost cult-like popularity. Swordsmanship was more than a mastery of technique; it was a path toward self-mastery. The Swordsman's Handbook is the definitive collection of writings by men who saw the study of swordsmanship not only as essential to life and death, but as something that transcended life and death as well. Their teaching, that dealing with conflict is an art that requires grace and courage, speaks to us today with surprising immediacy and relevance. Included in this collection are writings by Kotada Yahei Toshitada, Takuan Soho, Yagyu Munenori, Miyamoto Musashi, Matsura Seizan, Issai Chozanshi, and Yamaoka Tesshu.

Bushido, the Soul of Japan Inazo Nitobe 2022-04-11 The book "" Bushido, the Soul of Japan "" has been considered important throughout the human history, and so that this work is never forgotten we have made efforts in its preservation by republishing this book in a modern format for present and future generations. This whole book has been reformatted, retyped and designed. These books are not made of scanned copies and hence the text is clear and readable.

the art of war Sun Tzu

Samurai Wisdom Stories Pascal Fauliot 2017-04-04 A collection of samurai stories, drawn from traditional sources, of battles, strategy, conflict, and intrigue--featuring some of the greatest warriors and military leaders of the samurai era. Martial artist and samurai scholar Pascal Fauliot has collected and retold twenty-eight wisdom tales of the samurai era. The tales are set in the golden age of bushido and represent the pinnacle of traditional Japanese culture in which aristocratic tastes, feudal virtues, and martial skills come together with the implacable insights of Zen. Some of the stories--like "The Samurai and the Zen Cat"--are iconic; others are obscure. They feature notable

figures from samurai history and legend: military leaders and strategists such as Oda Nobunaga, Toyotomi Hideyoshi, and Tokugawa Ieyasu; sword masters; ronin; the warrior monk Benkei, and the ninja-samurai Kakei Juzo, among many others. These samurai stories are pithy and engaging, and include tales of battle, strategy, loyalty conflicts, court intrigues, breakthroughs in a warrior's development, and vengeance achieved or foregone. Each tale reveals a gesture or an outcome that represents greater insight or higher virtue.

The Last Samurai Warner Brothers 2003-11-01 Presents a guide to the motion picture in which a Civil War veteran travels to Japan to train the emperor's troops, only to be captured by samurai warriors, from whom he learns their code of honor and experiences a spiritual renewal.

The Book of Five Rings (Annotated) Musashi Miyamoto 2021-05-03 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.

Black Belt 2002-10 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 marital arts figure in the world.

Musui's Story Kokichi Katsu 1988 The author, a Japanese samurai of the nineteenth century, looks back on his life and shares his observations on Japanese society

Samurai and Ninja Antony Cummins 2016-08-09 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.

Války samurajů Roman Kodet 2015-01-01 Samurajové byli vojenskou vrstvou zásadním způsobem formující dějiny Japonska. Od druhé poloviny 12. století vedly jednotlivé rody těchto japonských válečníků proti sobě nesmiřitelné války. Japonsko tak periodicky zažívalo výbuchy násilí následované obdobími míru a relativní stability. Na konci 15. století se však země propadla do anarchie a války každého s každým. Po století krvavých konfliktů bylo Japonsko opětovně sjednoceno třemi velkými válečníky – Odou Nobunagou, Tojotomim Hidejošim a Tokugawou Iejasuem. Následující období bylo naprostým kontrastem k předchozím neutuchajícím válkám, Japonsko zaznamenalo více než čtvrt tisíciletí trvající mír. Dosáhlo toho však také za cenu izolace země. Když si však Spojené státy a evropské velmoci vynutily otevření Země vycházejícího Slunce, otřásl to jejím politickým systémem.

Vnitřní konflikty provázející obnovení moci císaře (Restaurace Meidži) znamenaly definitivní tečku za dominancí samurajů, jež trvala více než 800 let. Během tohoto dlouhého období bylo Japonsko svědkem vzestupu a následného úpadku a pádu mocných rodů, nesčetných bitev a obléhání, příběhů věrnosti a statečnosti, ale také zrady a neschopnosti. Samurajové tak dodnes představují významnou součást japonských dějin a stále hrají významnou roli v japonské i světové kinematografii a literatuře. Dědictví jejich válek je tak živé i dnes. 37. svazek edice Polozapomenuté války PhDr. Roman Kodet, Ph.D. (*1981) Vystudoval obor historie-obecné dějiny na Filozofické fakultě Univerzity Karlovy v Praze, kde na Ústavu světových dějin roku 2012 obhájil disertační práci věnující se vztahům Rakouska-Uherska a Osmanské říše. Od roku 2009 působí na Katedře historických věd Fakulty filozofické Západočeské univerzity v Plzni. Ve své odborné činnosti se věnuje dějinám Japonska a mezinárodním vztahům v 19. a na počátku 20. století. Je autorem monografie Rakousko-Uhersko a Osmanská říše před první světovou válkou a řady odborných a popularizačních studií v českých i mezinárodních časopisech. Jako výkonný redaktor se spolupodílí na vydávání mezinárodního časopisu West Bohemian Historical Review.

War Kids H. Lawson 2014-08-09 When Jada wakes up in a hospital, the last thing she thinks is that her life has completely changed forever. But when the very real civil war forces her to flee from every open space, she must use the firearm skills her father taught her to reunite with him and protect herself. Armed with a single gun and a key to an unknown locker, Jada crosses Syria on a journey with a group of children called the Fearless Freedom Fighters. With the leader, Zak, they mount a plan to rescue their fathers while they try to cope with the merciless murders of their families. As Jada and Zak lead the group together, love blossoms, but with soldiers hot on their tail, they need to stay vigilant in the face of war. War Kids is a story about the Syrian Civil war through the eyes of a group of teenagers. Reviews

"This is a taunt thought provoking book that grips the reader from the very first page to the last." "This story was heartbreaking and unique because it is told through the children's point of view. I can only recall one other story that comes close to this one and that is The Works of Anne Frank. I hope to read more of H.J. Lawson's work in the future." "Very interesting story, very powerful. I can really feel the emotion." "This book really touches my heart because there is so much truth in this book." "The detail is so brilliantly displayed, its beautifully written. There are pretty intense chapters, its good... scrap that its excellent. Love the work ...although I am upset. I know this is a fictional story, but I just can't help but feel extremely bad for all the lost lives especially the innocent and young ones." "A REMARKABLE BOOK, DEMANDS TO BE READ" All profits from the book will be going to the save the children charity.

Confederate Winter Kurt M. Veters 2012-07-12 Confederate Winter is historical fiction based on a true family story backed up by an affidavit in the Confederate archives in Montgomery, Alabama. The author's great, great, great grandfather, William Sweeney, fought as a Confederate soldier at the tender age of 14. His father, John, had been drafted the year before into the Union Army. Confederate Winter is their story. By 1864 the Confederacy is on the verge of defeat. Atlanta has fallen and Confederate General John Bell Hood's army is in retreat. Hood formulates a bold plan to re-capture Nashville, the great base for the Union army in the West. A victory could change the course of the war. Hood needs manpower, however, and sends his conscription parties out to scour the countryside. Confederate Winter tells the story of a true-life family caught up in this grand adventure. The Federals conscript John Sweeney, the father, in late 1863 as General Sherman prepares his march on Atlanta and the sea. His son William is left in charge of the family farm, until one early fall morning...

Rainbow Paint Effect Children's Story Writing Paper Composition Book Red

Panda Publishing 2017-10-14 Unleash your child's personality with this brightly coloured, rainbow, paint effect Children's Story Writing paper composition book! Red Panda Publishing produces great quality, colourful composition books, sketchbooks and journals with beautiful designs on the cover to give you incredible choice when selecting your stationary for school, college, work or use at home. This rainbow coloured design is eye-catching and will stand out in any setting. The durable, protective glossy cover will ensure all your child's work inside is kept safe. There is a transparent rectangle on the front allowing space for a name and / or subject without detracting from the design. This notebook contains 75 double-sided sheets of Children's Story Writing paper giving 150 useable pages. Every page has a line at the top for the title of the story, a 4 x 6.5 inch box for a picture / illustration and below it 4 lines with a one inch gap between - perfect for larger handwriting. The layout of the paper allows for a border to be added if desired. This style of book promotes storytelling and illustrating - perfect for a budding author / illustrator. The book is 8.5 inches wide by 11 inches tall (21.59cm x 27.94cm). Children's Story Writing paper Title Line 4 x 6.5 inch box for illustration / drawing / picture Four (one inch spaced) writing lines 150 pages Beautiful, brightly coloured rainbow paint effect design (front and back) 8.5 x 11 inches / 21.59cm x 27.94cm Use for pre-schoolers / school age children Can be used as a child's 1st composition book / blank storybook / notebook / journal Space on the cover for a name / subject Visit our website for a closer look at the product you'd like to buy before returning to Amazon to purchase. You can find more pictures of the interior and cover there to help make your decision easier: www.redpandapublishing.com

Let the Samurai Be Your Guide Lori Tsugawa Whaley 2020-03-17 Apply ancient Samurai teachings to personal development, life success and professional advancement in the modern world. In *Let the Samurai Be Your Guide*, life coach and motivational speaker Lori Tsugawa Whaley traces the

far-reaching legacy of the Samurai and their meaning in the modern world. The Bushido--the traditional code of the Samurai--has permeated all aspects of life and society in Japan, and its influences are still deeply felt today. In contemporary Japan, bushido concepts of bravery and skill in battle are now brought to bear on less martial realms, in the corporate and sports worlds, for example. Hard work, company loyalty, a dedication to quality and the spirit of teamwork extend the "way of the warrior" into the reconfigured battlefields of the twenty-first century. In her unique approach to personal development, Whaley presents the power of these principles by pairing a discussion of seven key strategies for success with profiles of individuals whose lives exemplify those principles. These stories include: Esteemed former senator Daniel Inouye, whose distinguished World War II record paved the way for his life of public service as the highest-ranking Asian-American politician in U.S. history. Chiune Sugihara, sometimes referred to as the Japanese Schindler, summoned courage and compassion in saving thousands of Jewish lives during World War II. Michi Nishiura Weglyn, whose selfless quest brought wider attention to the internment of Japanese Americans and helped open the door to the redress efforts begun in the 1980s. Let the Samurai Be Your Guide inspires and encourages readers to embrace their inner warrior--a figure of reason, sound judgment and outstanding moral character--by understanding that personal power and success doesn't necessarily derive from physical prowess or effective attack strategies. Instead, readers learn that leading lives of fullness and meaning can be achieved by applying Bushido principles of courage, integrity, benevolence, respect, honesty, honor and loyalty.

Wargaming Neil Thomas 2005-01-01 Although the rise in computerized wargaming has transformed some aspects of the hobby, the traditional table-based wargame continues to go from strength to strength.

To Stand in the Breach Liam Morgan 2015-09-08 In the steamy jungles of

West Africa, a Marine Reconnaissance platoon races against time to save the lives of American citizens caught in a bloody civil war. One recon team arrives at a mission only to find they are too late. The missionaries had been burned to death while strung up crucifix style. Realizing that the rebels intend to kill all of the missionaries in the region, the Marines race through the jungle in an attempt to beat the rebels to another nearby mission before they can kill the missionaries there. The Marines arrive just in time to see the guerrillas enter the mission compound and begin killing mission workers. The recon team opens fire and the situation escalates. They successfully push the rebels back into the jungle. Gathering the mission workers, including the mission's doctor, Ellen McKenzie, they flee into the jungle. While on the run, the hospital corpsman, Sean Austin, finds himself struggling with his feelings for the young missionary doctor. Traveling day and night they arrive at the platoon's harbor site. While waiting for helicopters to evacuate the Americans to a waiting ship, the group stumbles onto a large underground crypt left by an ancient civilization. A tropical hurricane forces the Americans to take shelter within the crypt; they discover it is actually a portal to another world. Transported to the middle of a lopsided battle, the group is forced to choose sides and fight against a huge medieval army. Once the great battle is over, the reality of this new world leaves the sojourners from earth conflicted and searching for answers about reality, God, and eternity. Sean is particularly conflicted about his life as a prodigal and his attraction to Dr. McKenzie. Into the Breach is a war of ideals, a war between living a good life and living an obedient life. Liam Morgan takes the reader through adventure after adventure while unraveling our calling, not to be right, but to be obedient.

How To Be a Modern Samurai Antony Cummins 2020-08-11 Take inspiration from old Japan and discover how the samurai practices for self-discipline and focus, leadership, and mind control can help you find success in your daily life

For centuries, the Japanese samurai were the unquestioned leaders of their

society, maintaining their position through their iron will, Zen-like emotional control, and clan-building social skills. Today, in a modern world that so often privileges instant gratification and self-indulgence, few commit to the Way of the Samurai, yet this challenging path of self-discipline, self-control, and dedication will bring great rewards to those who follow it. In this ultimate guide to making use of the authentic samurai practices and techniques in today's world, learn how to control your mind and emotions, stay on the path until you have achieved mastery of your chosen art, build a network of loyal followers, defend your home from physical and psychic attack, use samurai spirituality and even magic—and much more.

The Courage of a Samurai Lori Tsugawa Whaley 2016-01-21 The Courage of a Samurai is a Japanese American's journey into bushido, the samurai's code of ethics. Each chapter features a timeless message about Japanese and Japanese Americans who applied the principles of courage, integrity, benevolence, respect, honesty, honor, and loyalty to overcome life's challenges, and emerge stronger individuals. The Courage of a Samurai provides the reader a look 'inside' this ancient code through the lives of inspiring individuals. Why did Chiune Sugihara, aka the Japanese Schindler, save the lives of Polish and Lithuanian Jews during World War II against the orders of the Japanese and Lithuanian governments? Understand the meaning of Honor in Saigo Takamori's, aka The Last Samurai, determination to preserve the samurai's way of life. Learn why "Go for Broke!" was the motto of the famous World War II all-Nisei 100th/442nd RCT, and discover why this simple motto reflects the essence of the way of the warrior. The Code of Bushido can guide us through the challenges we all face, and inspire us to live a life of honor, courage, and integrity in today's fast-paced and changing world. Sharpen your sword, and let the journey begin!

100 Great War Movies: The Real History Behind the Films Robert Niemi 2018-04-30 This book serves as a fascinating guide to 100 war films from 1930

to the present. Readers interested in war movies will learn surprising anecdotes about these films and will have all their questions about the films' historical accuracy answered. • Applies an internationalist perspective to the war film through entries from countries including Britain, France, Germany, Russia, Australia, Japan, Poland, Finland, and Latvia • Defines great war films as the most artistically accomplished, politically subversive, and thought-provoking, not merely as the most popular or commercially successful, and is therefore a relevant reference for students and film and history buffs •

Provides clearly written and informative histories of the films themselves as well as of the cultural context surrounding the making and reception of them • Recounts critical controversies and analyzes the ideological biases implicit in these films in its examination of how the films shaped their source material and what they included, distorted, and added or left out

The Book of Bushido Antony Cummins 2022-02-08 This is the book on bushido, the much-cited but widely misrepresented samurai code of honour. Drawing on authentic historical texts, it is a detailed and accurate exploration of medieval life in Japan and the samurai, a must-have for anyone with a love of martial arts or Japanese history. This is the go-to volume on bushido ("the way of the warrior"), drawing on a wide range of historical sources to paint a vivid picture of the samurai in action and separating the truth from the myth of samurai chivalry. It offers a long-overdue update to the attractive but inaccurate portrait of the samurai painted in *Bushido: The Soul of Japan*, which has been a bestseller ever since its publication in 1905, and the equally idealistic *Hagakure* (c.1716). In *The Book of Bushido*, Antony explores the reality of warrior behaviour versus the idealistic depiction created for an Edwardian audience by the author of *Bushido: The Soul of Japan*. He reveals the truth of how the samurai really behaved and of what they considered to be a warrior ethos. He replaces the image of the perfect eastern warrior with the much more interesting reality of hardened, bloodstained military leaders

with human failings and a complex set of ideas about the world, who engage in ritual, magic and ceremony, who lead their followers in war and peace and who, above all, are fighting a battle between addiction to power and morality. This is the story of bushido – the way of the samurai.

The Story of Electricity John Munro 2014-05-16 The purpose of this little book is to present the essential facts of electrical science in a popular and interesting way, as befits the scheme of the series to which it belongs. Electrical phenomena have been observed since the first man viewed one of the most spectacular and magnificent of them all in the thunderstorm, but the services of electricity which we enjoy are the product solely of scientific achievement in the nineteenth century. It is to these services that the main part of the following discussion is devoted.

SHAN HAI JING—A BOOK COVERED WITH BLOOD Kate Bazilevsky 2014-08-22 In essence, this story is about how a certain person was searching his bookshelf for something to read and in the end found a book, which turned out to be the source, from which it is possible to obtain absolutely any kind of information about absolutely any person. Meaning, information to the smallest particulars and details about what his or her qualities of personality are, how he or she lives, what he or she really wants to achieve, what he or she hides, and much more. And, it does not matter, if the subject is some person, who lived in the distant past or lives in the present or someone, who will live in the future. Since, as it turned out later on, this literary monument is nothing other than the Catalog of human population. In other words, the encyclopedia of *Homo sapiens*; in essence, the same as encyclopedias, reference books for specialists, which contain complete information about representatives of a particular subspecies of animals, plants, etc. Although at some point, the course of this story turned banal: "bad guys" from security services, intelligence services, politics decided to not only use this source of knowledge for their dirty deeds, but also to appropriate it solely for their personal use.

And, the way they tried to do this is also banal: by physically destroying the author of discovery of the Catalog of human population and all of his colleagues. However, the ending of this story makes it stand out from the category of ordinary spy stories. At least because the main characters of this story managed to survive not due to favorable concatenation of circumstances or someone's help, but thanks to that knowledge, which they discovered in the ancient text, which turned out to be the Catalog of human population. Of course, such an outcome upset and continues to upset not only the Russian special services, but also all those people in whose way developers of the Catalog of human population got. And, in this civilization, there are countless numbers of such people: from psychologists (who become no longer needed by anyone) to organizers of this civilization themselves. Since from the standpoint of the Catalog of human population—technogenic civilization without a human, which they lovingly built for many centuries, is simply trash, to put it mildly, and beneath all criticism. And, they themselves are also trash. However, regular people, who (thanks to the scientific discovery made by Andrey Davydov) got the source with answers to all of their questions and individual recipes, now no longer need to pay "experts on the human soul" for being shamelessly fooled. Therefore, whoever tries to kill developers of the Catalog of human population in the future must know that it is no longer possible, as they already became part of history of humanity. After all, at the current stage of development, a Homo sapiens has only one possibility to continue to live after death, to live through the ages: in the product that he/she created. And, those, who tried and continue to try to kill them, were nobodies and will remain nobodies, who one day will cease to exist without leaving a trace. As for organizers of this "civilization"—maybe instead of trying to find new recipes to destroy "excess billions" and trying to examine human potential using Neanderthal methods, it would be more reasonable not only to find out the recipe of how to make Homo sapiens a 100% controllable producer

and consumer from the source (which, by the way, seems to have been left to humanity by creators of nature and a human on this planet), but also how to build a civilization without quotes? After all, it only seems to them that they are the main deceivers, while in reality they were fooled, and fooled majorly.

Legends of the Samurai Hiroaki Sato 2012-03-06 In *Legends of the Samurai*, Hiroaki Sato confronts both the history and the legend of the samurai, untangling the two to present an authentic picture of these legendary warriors. Through his masterful translations of original samurai tales, laws, dicta, reports, and arguments accompanied by insightful commentary, Sato chronicles the changing ethos of the Japanese warrior from the samurai's historical origins to his rise to political power. A fascinating look at Japanese history as seen through the evolution of the samurai, *Legends of the Samurai* stands as the ultimate authority on its subject.

The Last Samurai Mark Ravina 2011-03-29 The dramatic arc of Saigo Takamori's life, from his humble origins as a lowly samurai, to national leadership, to his death as a rebel leader, has captivated generations of Japanese readers and now Americans as well - his life is the inspiration for a major Hollywood film, *The Last Samurai*, starring Tom Cruise and Ken Watanabe. In this vibrant new biography, Mark Ravina, professor of history and Director of East Asian Studies at Emory University, explores the facts behind Hollywood storytelling and Japanese legends, and explains the passion and poignancy of Saigo's life. Known both for his scholarly research and his appearances on The History Channel, Ravina recreates the world in which Saigo lived and died, the last days of the samurai. *The Last Samurai* traces Saigo's life from his early days as a tax clerk in far southwestern Japan, through his rise to national prominence as a fierce imperial loyalist. Saigo was twice exiled for his political activities -- sent to Japan's remote southwestern islands where he fully expected to die. But exile only increased his reputation for loyalty, and in 1864 he was brought back to the capital to help his lord

fight for the restoration of the emperor. In 1868, Saigo commanded his lord's forces in the battles which toppled the shogunate and he became and leader in the emperor Meiji's new government. But Saigo found only anguish in national leadership. He understood the need for a modern conscript army but longed for the days of the traditional warrior. Saigo hoped to die in service to the emperor. In 1873, he sought appointment as envoy to Korea, where he planned to demand that the Korean king show deference to the Japanese emperor, drawing his sword, if necessary, to defend imperial honor. Denied this chance to show his courage and loyalty, he retreated to his homeland and spent his last years as a schoolteacher, training samurai boys in frugality, honesty, and courage. In 1876, when the government stripped samurai of their swords, Saigo's followers rose in rebellion and Saigo became their reluctant leader. His insurrection became the bloodiest war Japan had seen in centuries, killing over 12,000 men on both sides and nearly bankrupting the new imperial government. The imperial government denounced Saigo as a rebel and a traitor, but their propaganda could not overcome his fame and in 1889, twelve years after his death, the government relented, pardoned Saigo of all crimes, and posthumously restored him to imperial court rank. In *THE LAST SAMURAI*, Saigo is as compelling a character as Robert E. Lee was to Americans—a great and noble warrior who followed the dictates of honor and loyalty, even though it meant civil war in a country to which he'd devoted his life. Saigo's life is a fascinating look into Japanese feudal society and a history of a country as it struggled between its long traditions and the dictates of a modern future.

Creating Character William Bernhardt 2020-04-02 All fiction is character-driven, according to William Bernhardt. How can you use characters to create dynamic fiction that will captivate readers? This book explains the relationship between character and plot, and how the perfect melding of the two produces a mesmerizing story.

The Book of Samurai Antony Cummins 2015-10-15 *THE FIRST COMPLETE TRANSLATION OF A SAMURAI SCHOOL CURRICULUM, THE BOOK OF SAMURAI SERIES IS A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO THE THEORY AND PRACTICE OF SAMURAI WARFARE.* This multi-volume series reveals to the samurai student the basic traditions of Natori-Ryū, the renowned school of war founded in Japan in the sixteenth century. *Book One: Fundamental Teachings* offers a translation of two secret scrolls. The first, *Heika Jōdan*, contains 290 lessons for samurai during times of peace, expanding students' martial abilities and preparing them mentally and tactically for the conflicts to come. The second scroll, *Ippai Yōkō*, moves the student onto the field of battle, providing guidance for those taking up arms for the first time. Written by master tactician Natori Masazumi, the first two Natori-Ryū documents give an in-depth account of samurai skills and actual practice, opening up the lost world of these Japanese warriors to all readers interested in martial arts and the arts of war in general.

Four Samurai Arthur Swinson 1968

Samurai Wisdom Thomas Cleary 2009-04-10 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 important new translations of major Japanese works on Bushido. The writings of the scholar Yamaga Soko and his disciples are among the clearest expositions we have of the core ideals 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 powerful individuals with great intellectual, political and moral leadership

and influence. The works translated in Samurai Wisdom for the very first time are as timeless and important 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

The Life and Teaching of Karl Marx Max Beer 1921

The Ultimate Art of War Antony Cummins 2019-10-08 The most accessible edition of Art of War ever produced, with the text broken down into digestible individual lessons, unique teaching illustrations, and step-by-step commentary that draws on the full range of recent translations and ancient commentators Composed in the 5th century BC, Sun Tzu's Art of War is the earliest-known treatise on military strategy, and is still hugely popular around the world for its perceptive tactical advice to commanders on how to win at war with minimal bloodshed. Aimed at all those who want to study the text in depth, this is the first step-by-step guide to the famous treatise, breaking down the 13 chapters of the original into 200 easily digested lessons, from 'do not press a desperate enemy' to 'control your troops through bond of loyalty' to 'when you are weak, beware attack', all accompanied by comprehensive commentary and clarified with around 250 illustrations. Making the lessons even more memorable and easy to understand, the black/red illustrations include strategic diagrams, evocative line drawings and beautiful calligraphy. This ultimate guide to Art of War includes the classic 1910 translation by Lionel Giles and commentary that takes into account all academic interpretations of the text, highlighting differences between modern translations as well as the perspectives of historical Chinese commentators. No other edition compares and contrasts the viewpoints of different contemporary translators, or explains exactly what each section of this often

enigmatic text actually means.

Samurai War Stories Antony Cummins 2013 The first English translation of 17th-century Japanese Samurai works which have never been out of print in Japan since printing was invented Enter the world of 17th-century Japanese warfare and the warrior elite, the Samurai. This is a collection of three major texts, published in English translation for the first time. These works include writings on the three distinct military strata: the Samurai, the Ashigaru or foot soldier, and women in war. They include guidelines, tactics, commentaries, and advice written by Samurai of the period, as well as intricate illustrations. Narratives of actual battles and sieges are included in the texts, such as the famous Battle of Sekigahara. This collection is an invaluable resource that sheds new light on the world of the legendary Japanese warrior.

Samurai Warfare Stephen R. Turnbull 1997 A look at Samurai warfare and specific battles in which it was applied.

True Path of the Ninja Antony Cummins 2011-07-12 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 distrust 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.

Japan in the Days of the Samurai Virginia Schomp 2002 Describes the Japanese way of life during the samurai eras through information about the politics, military, culture, and the belief system; also indicates the legacy of the period.

The Ultimate Guide to Yin Yang Antony Cummins 2021-07-13 The first book to fully explore and explain the concept of yin yang, breaking it down in easy-to-follow terms for all those interested in Daoism, alternative medicine,

martial arts and other Eastern fields of study. Illustrated with striking red/black graphics that make the concepts more accessible. The concept of yin yang can be found in some of the oldest writing in the world. It is fundamental to Chinese thought and the route to understanding most Chinese practices, from Traditional Chinese Medicine to Daoism and feng shui. It also offers us ways of enhancing our own lives, establishing greater balance not only in our own environment but also in the wider world if we can work with other people to follow nature's flow. The central question of the book is "What is yin yang?" Step by step, with plenty of helpful illustrations and graphics, it explores the history and changing uses of yin yang - not forgetting the pronunciation and spelling (why yinyang is actually better than yin yang). The book also makes suggestions for working with yin yang, from observing the landscape to get a sense of the ebb and flow of energy through the world, to studying the patterns of nature in order to take what you need but not too much, to approaching sex as a cosmic ritual. After reading this book, readers will understand how to position themselves so that yin yang fills their lives with abundance - how to be in the right place at the right time.