Bojutsu

The Secret Royal Martial Arts of Ryukyu

This book presents the history, philosophy and techniques of one of Okinawa's most misunderstood martial arts, Ryukyu Oke Hiden Bujutsu: The Secret Royal Martial Arts. Originally passed down from generation to generation within the Royal family of Okinawa, this is a complete martial art, including weaponry and empty handed techniques. The weapons techniques include not only the classical Okinawan kobudo weapons, but also various swords, spears and halberds, whereas the empty hand techniques include not only strikes to vital areas, but also a plethora of grappling to subdue an opponent with minimal damage. The author was a student of Uehara Seikichi, the legendary heir to the art, and this book is his tribute to the late master.

Bojutsu The Matsumoto System

A translation and reproduction of a Japanese book about Bojutsu. Matsumoto Torata developed this system of Bojutsu (fighting with a staff) in the 1920s. He intended this system to be used in Junior High Schools as well as by people in the community as a method of self-defense. His training methodology likely originated with the Shingyoto Muto Ryu school of martial arts. First time in English.

Japanese Studies of Modern China since 1953

A comprehensive bibliographical guide to Japanese research published between 1953 and 1969 on the topic of Modern China in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Humanoid Robots

For many years, the human being has been trying, in all ways, to recreate the complex mechanisms that form the human body. Such task is extremely complicated and the results are not totally satisfactory. However, with increasing technological advances based on theoretical and experimental researches, man gets, in a way, to copy or to imitate some systems of the human body. These researches not only intended to create humanoid robots, great part of them constituting autonomous systems, but also, in some way, to offer a higher knowledge of the systems that form the human body, objectifying possible applications in the technology of rehabilitation of human beings, gathering in a whole studies related not only to Robotics, but also to Biomechanics, Biomimmetics, Cybernetics, among other areas. This book presents a series of researches inspired by this ideal, carried through by various researchers worldwide, looking for to analyze and to discuss diverse subjects related to humanoid robots. The presented contributions explore aspects about robotic hands, learning, language, vision and locomotion.

Okinawan Karate: Teachers, Styles & Secret Techniques, Revised & Expanded Second Edition: Master Version

Progression is a positive trait, as long as one keeps in touch with the past and has a staple backdrop to focus or fall back on. Although the Revised Expanded Third Edition contains all the wording and photographs that are reproduced in both the first edition, as well as this Revised and Expanded Second Edition, it comparatively represents a step into what was, for these latter two books, the future. The year 2019, in which I am writing this foreword, represents respectively 30 years and 20 years into the future since the publication of these two books, so I think this faithful reproduction of the Master Version by Q&I Publications is well timed. For some readers it might bring about nostalgia, for others it might be an eye-opener into a world that

is not always truthfully represented, due to commercial or other reasons. For the teachers who I interviewed and have been embodied herein, I hope this Master Version will remain a testament into how they wished to be represented for time immemorial.

The Way of the Warrior

Do you know your ashiwaza from your elbow strike? Find out with The Way of the Warrior, which features every major style of martial art in existence, bringing ancient and modern arts together in one complete work of reference. This comprehensive, fully illustrated encyclopedia covers a huge range of martial arts, from the ancient and renowned styles of China's Shaolin Temple to the lesser-known styles of Africa's indigenous tribes. It looks at the history, philosophy, guiding principles, key moves, weaponry, founding members, and famous exponents of individual arts, as well as highlighting unbelievable feats, such as drilling wood with a finger or deflecting swords with the abdomen. Specially commissioned photo-narrative and first-person features trace the daily training schedules of key exponents, providing human-level insights into ways of life and often complex and mystical disciplines.

Okinawan Karate (Kobudo & Te) Teachers, Styles and Secret Techniques: Expanded Third Edition

Time moves on, cultures change with the twists of history and secret arts are lost. To understand the essence of karate, kobudo and te is to read and digest this work. To devour the mysteries of the secret principles it records is to dwell in a former time, only then will the reader know the true meanings of what the masters passed on. This book was a classic of the 20th century and, with the passing of time, is now considered to be an historic record for the modern era; both a time capsule and an integrated tool of knowledge transmission. Also featuring contributions from the latest breed of expert researchers, this Expanded Third Edition keeps the original version alive in its entirety, while bringing the Okinawan karate world up to date, as it expands into an ever-increasing international world. Be warned though, it also answers questions that have not been asked until now and topics that could not have been discussed, while expanding on newly debatable issues. This is what the masters were really saying

The Real Thing

Strange things are happening to the kids at Glenfield High. This time it's Fizzer Boyd and Tupai White's turn ... Only three people in the entire world know the secret formula for Coca-Cola. So, when all three are kidnapped, the giant American corporation is in deep trouble. But the kidnappers didn't count on the extraordinary abilities of Fizzer Boyd from Glenfield High. Soon Fizzer and his friend Tupai White are in the middle of a thrilling adventure, as the search for the missing recipe becomes a matter of life and death. The Real Thing is bestselling and award-winning New Zealand author Brian Falkner's second novel. This fun, action-packed page-turner about superpowers was on the 2005 New Zealand Storylines Notable Junior Fiction Books list. Read about the other strange things happening at Glenfield High in The Flea Thing and The Super Freak. Visit Brian's website to learn more about the author and his books: http://www.brianfalkner.com/ "The story unfolds at a cracking pace, and is full of intrigue, interesting characters (and names), and large dollops of humour. It has a playful tone that engages the reader and reads well aloud. Like The Real Thing itself, Falkner has hit on a recipe for success in this yarn, one with wide readership appeal. Highly recommended." Magpies magazine "The plot has as many twists and turns as bubbles in a Cola bottle as our intrepid travellers re-enact their own version of an Indiana Jones mystery. This is a rollicking good adventure yarn that is likely to appeal to the middle high school boy as much as the adult who wants a light read." Reading Time magazine "Looking for an extraordinary action book for nine to 12 year olds? Tightly written, with superb teenage characters, and a nail-biting plot, The Real Thing is the perfect book to hand your youngsters when you want to wean them off the television." Wanganui Chronicle "Another excellent children's book from a highly credible, original New Zealand writer." Timaru Herald "The story unfolds at a cracking pace and is full of humourous incident and character." Children's Literature

Foundation of NZ "It will have you on the edge of your seat; you won't want to put it down." Wairarapa Times-Age "Falkner has hit on a recipe for success in this yarn, one with wide readership appeal." Jabberwocky

The Sword in Japanese Martial Traditions, Vol. 1

If the Way of the warrior is the soul of Japan, their magnificent swords were the tools utilized to form the nation and forge their spirit. You'll find an abundance of information in this special anthology in support of this thesis. Kimberley Taylor wrote four chapters, the first being an interview with 7th-dan Matsuo Haruna. Haruna offers great advice for practitioners based on his first-hand experience. Taylor's two highly researched chapters give overviews of two major iaido schools. Excellent photos and descriptions of katas accompany the text. Taylor's finale is a short piece describing two of his favorite techniques, while Deborah Klens-Bigman's chapter deals with two of her favorite techniques. Another top ranking swordsman, Nicklaus Suino, gets to the finicky details of sword-drawing techniques as performed by masters. From his two chapters, we learn how to watch for telltale signs of expertise and come to a greater appreciation of the art of drawing the sword. Jonathan Seckler's chapter translates and comments on an essay written by Chozanshi Shissai in 1729. He argues that Neo-Confucianism rather than Zen became the foundation of swordsmanship, and illustrates how the sword arts began to be appreciated for their use for self-development. Andrew Bryant's chapter focuses on poems passed down within the Muso Jikiden Eishin-ryu School of Iaido. These poems correspond to techniques contained within the system created in the 17th century. The author presents each poem and offers provides textual descriptions of their corresponding applications with each sword technique illustrated. Joseph Svinth's research presents the earliest kendo clubs to form in Canada. The socio-cultural settings add much flavor to this chapter. Information is provided regarding notable instructors, training, and competitions. Another way to better understand a martial tradition of one country is to compare it with another. Matthew Galas compares and contrasts sword arts in Germany with the Japanese traditions. The focus is on general principles and combat philosophy. Devotees to sword practice are well award that scabbards get damaged. Michael Babin's chapter shows "how to" build a serviceable scabbard according talents of anyone moderately handy with tools. The twelve chapters described above should inspire further research and practice in the Japanese sword arts, plus bring a greater appreciation for their unique place in world history and culture.

This is Japan

What would you like to obtain from your research and practice of an Okinawan martial art? For an academic, it would be to obtain historical and cultural facts and details. For a practitioner, it would be to gain expertise in the combative skills. If you're interested in both, this three-volume anthology (paperback) is assembled for your convenience to facilitate your endeavors. These volumes assemble a wealth of material originally published during the two decades when the Journal of Asian Martial Arts was in print. Hundreds of pages and photographs present the richness of Okinawan martial traditions, from the original combatives to those influenced by Chinese and mainland Japanese martial art styles. The variety of topics shown in the table of contents indicate the depth and breath in the chapters, along with the authors who are well-known for their meticulous research and practical skills in specific arts. These three volumes dive deep into the history and culture of Okinawan martial arts. You'll find coverage of the actual artifacts—the material culture related to weaponry and training methods. Instructions from the masters details both open-hand techniques as well as with weapons. The chapters offer insights the lives of many masters over the past few centuries, giving the raison d'être for these unique fighting arts—their reason for being. Many streams of arts have contributed to the martial traditions found on the small island: Naha-te, Shuri-te, Fukien White Crane, Shorin, Goju, Motobu, Shotokan, Isshin, Kyokushin, Pwang Gai Noon, Shito, Uechi, and the list continues... Along with the various styles come the associated training methods, such as conditioning exercises with weights and creatively designed apparatus, such as the punching post (makiwara), or stone lever and stone padlockshaped weights. Some become battle-hardened by active and passive breaking of objects (tameshiwari), including wooden boards, baseball bats, rocks, and ice. The extensive use of weaponry is found in many Okinawan

styles, often associated with their farming and fishing occupations. Such a blend of history and culture make the Okinawan fighting traditions a fascinating field of study. Besides being such vital sources of information, these three volumes will prove enjoyable reading and permanent at-hand reference sources in your library.

Okinawan Martial Traditions: Te, Tode, Karate, Karatedo, Kobudo - Vol. 2.1

Demonstrates the close relation between Japan's changing international status and the thought process behind this by focusing on the public discussion on China and China politics during the interwar years 1895-1904. Winner of the JaDe Prize 2010 awarded by the German Foundation for the Promotion of Japanese-German Culture and Science Relations

China and Japan in the Late Meiji Period

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Harvard East Asian Monographs

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Frog in the Well is a vivid and revealing account of Watanabe Kazan, one of the most important intellectuals of the late Tokugawa period. From his impoverished upbringing to his tragic suicide in exile, Kazan's life and work reflected a turbulent period in Japan's history. He was a famous artist, a Confucian scholar, a student of Western culture, a samurai, and a critic of the shogunate who, nevertheless, felt compelled to kill himself for fear that he had caused his lord anxiety. During this period, a typical Japanese scholar or artist refused to acknowledge the outside world, much like a \"frog in the well that knows nothing of the ocean,\" but Kazan actively sought out Western learning. He appreciated European civilization and bought every scrap of European art that was available in Japan. He became a painter to help his family out of poverty and, by employing the artistic techniques of the West, achieved great success with his realistic and stylistically advanced portraits. Although he remained a nationalist committed to the old ways, Kazan called on the shogunate to learn from the West or risk disaster. He strove to improve the agricultural and economic conditions of his province and reinforce its defenses, but his criticisms and warnings about possible coastal invasions ultimately led to his arrest and exile. Frog in the Well is the first full-length biography of Kazan in English, and, in telling his life's story, renowned scholar Donald Keene paints a fascinating portrait of the social and intellectual milieus of the late Tokugawa period. Richly illustrated with Kazan's paintings, Frog in the Well illuminates a life that is emblematic of the cultural crises affecting Japan in the years before revolution.

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