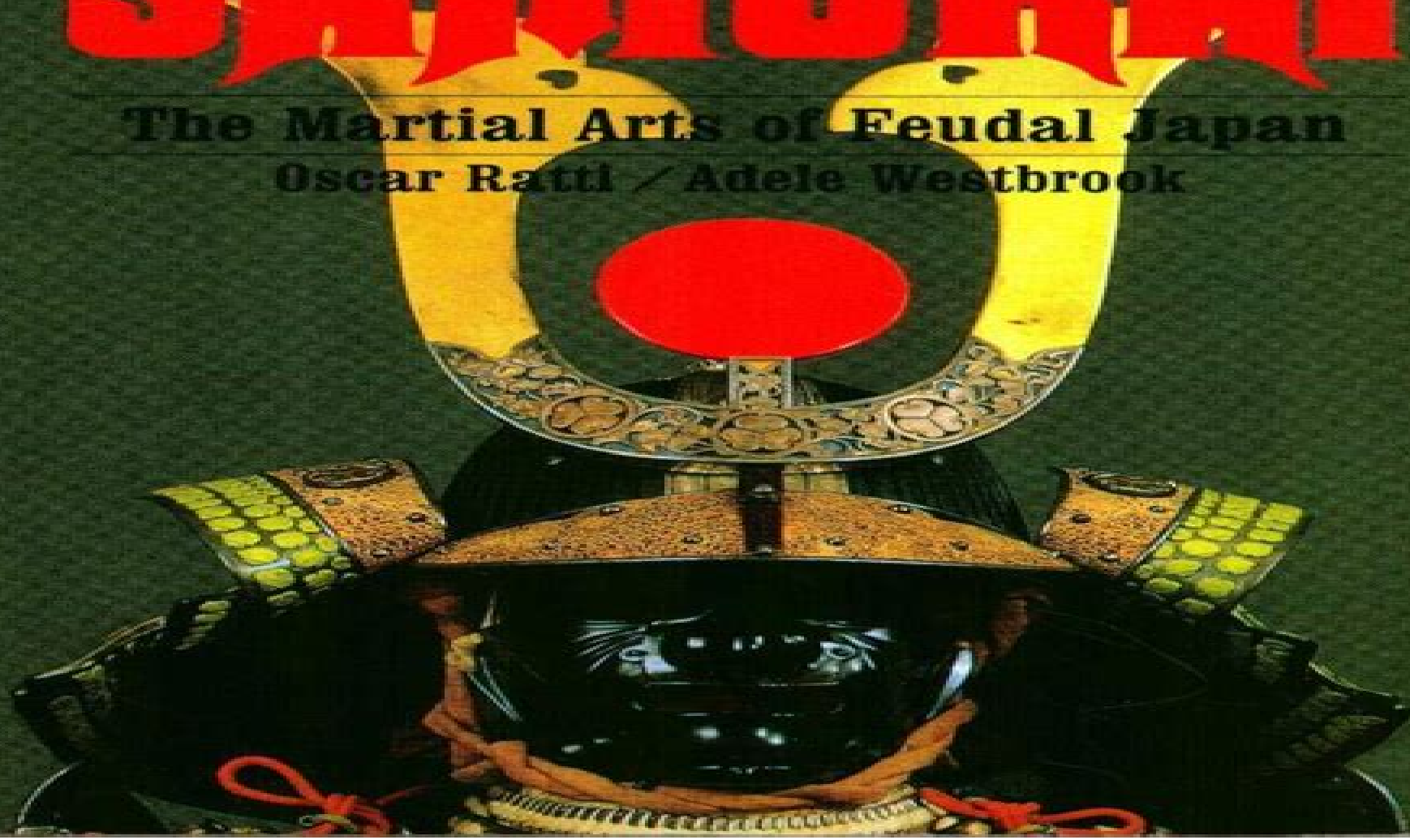


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Teaching and Learning Japanese Martial Arts: Scholarly Perspectives, Vol. 2 Michael DeMarco, 2017-03-21 In contrast to the overabundance of writings about martial arts that are often promotional and misinformative there are rare works by scholars that are praiseworthy for their sincere unbiased approach to writing This is the very definition of scholarly This two volume anthology brings together the best scholarly works published in the Journal of Asian Martial Arts on the topic of teaching and learning Japanese martial arts In this second volume you ll find eight chapters that dive deep into Japanese martial traditions combining aspects of history and culture that explain how teaching methods developed and evolved Chapter one asks What defines and gives meaning to the practice of karate The Dr Wingate looks to the ideology of karate as presented in the writings of founder Ginchin Funakoshi

and traditional Japanese martial arts as ways of self cultivation This ideology is often greatly different from the ideology held by modern practitioners This chapter explores the differences Next Dr Donohue comments on the ideological complex surrounding training in the Japanese martial traditions These systems while remaining relatively uniform through time have in fact been subject to considerable philosophical interpretation and emphasis Why many practice martial artists has little to do with the essential nature of these arts Dr Grossman presents a thesis in his chapter that we can arrive at a deeper understanding of any martial arts using aikido as an example if we consider it to be a symbolic form of communication as well as a martial art and utilize the science of semiotics to translate the message encoded in the body language of aikido techniques A photographic technical section illustrates this process The next chapter by Sakuyama Yoshinaga discusses the potential growth for learning in children How can adults provide the best learning environment The author believes that inspiration comes through subtle emotions of the human heart influencing others The theory is found in ancient samurai traditions and applied by the author in teaching Shorinji Kempo Chapter five by Dr Dykhuizen point out how Asian martial arts are being practiced in cultures other than those within which they originated Specific information concerning how practitioners from different cultures understand them becomes increasingly useful to martial artists and martial arts scholars This chapter summarizes findings of an investigation among aikido practitioners The Japanese Imperial family is said to have been given three symbols of authority by the gods a mirror a jewel and a sword Dr Donohue uses this symbolic structure to discuss varying perspectives on the Japanese martial arts Each aid in our understanding and appreciation of the multifaceted dimensions of the martial arts In his chapter Dr Edinborough examines how Japanese martial arts specifically the approach developed by Inaba Minoru can be functionally understood as a form of art Through referring to the aesthetic theories the article examines budo as a means of organizing experience recognizable alongside painting dance theater and literature The final chapter by Marvin Labbate looks close at the training hall Dressed in a uniform students line up in a ready position come to attention sit meditate and bow This ritualized pattern is performed at the beginning during and at the end of each class but what does it mean In this chapter each element of the ritualized pattern will be discussed to provide a clear understanding of its original intent If you are interested in Japanese martial traditions you will find much in these eight chapters that clarify why the arts are taught according to a longstanding tradition and also why there have been evolutionary changes in the instructional methods There is sound logic for the old traditions as well as for the changes The scholarly research presented in this anthology will improve a teacher s way of instructing and help a student understand what to expect out of his or her studies

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Okinawan Martial Traditions: Te, Tode, Karate, Karatedo, Kobudo - Vol. 1.1 Michael DeMarco,

M.A., et al.,2016-12-06 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 first of a 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 into the lives of many masters over the past few centuries giving the raison d tre 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

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Castles in Japan Morton S. Schmorleitz,2011-12-15 Behind the glossy facade of modern Japan there survive remnants some of them surprisingly well preserved of the country s feudal past of warlords and fighting samurai of shoguns and sequestered emperors of princes and peasants This book vividly presents the castles of Japan more than 80 of them altogether ranging geographically from Matsumae on the northern island of Hokkaido to

Kagoshima in southern Kyushu The author brings not only an immense knowledge but also a deep feeling for Japan and things Japanese to this sensitive study formed from both the historian's and the sightseer's perspectives Most of the Japanese castles he explains were built in several amazing decades at the end of the 16th century The Tokugawa shogunate was then consolidating its power and local lords were girding themselves for the onslaughts of enemies supplied with that recent acquisition from the West firearms Castle architecture among the most original of Japanese architectural forms manifested a diabolically shrewd defense capability An unwary enemy if unwary he were might charge into a veritable chamber of horrors stone dropping chutes hidden gates sharply curved passageways flooded moats trap doors and floor boards that squeaked to warn of an intruder's arrival In Japanese style many even contained special suicide courts

The Last Full Measure

Michael Stephenson, 2013-06-04 Behind every soldier's death lies a story What psychological and cultural pressures brought him to his fate What lies and truths convinced him to march toward his death Covering warfare from prehistory through the present day The Last Full Measure tells these soldiers' stories ultimately capturing the experience of war as few books ever have In these pages we march into battle alongside the Greek phalanx and the medieval foot soldier We hear gunpowder's thunder in the slaughters of the Napoleonic era and the industrialized killing of the Civil War and recoil at the modern automated horrors of both World Wars Finally we witness the death of one tradition of heroic combat and the construction of another in the wars of the modern era ranging from Vietnam to America's latest involvements in Iraq and Afghanistan Combining commanding prose impeccable research and a true sensitivity to the combatant's plight The Last Full Measure is both a remarkably fresh journey through the annals of war and a powerful tribute to the proverbial unknown soldier

Suicidal Honor Doris G. Bargen, 2006-09-30 On September 13 1912 the day of Emperor Meiji's funeral General Nogi Maresuke committed ritual suicide by seppuku disembowelment It was an act of delayed atonement that paid a debt of honor incurred thirty five years earlier The revered military hero's wife joined in his act of junshi following one's lord into death The violence of their double suicide shocked the nation What had impelled the general and his wife on the threshold of a new era to resort so drastically so dramatically to this forbidden anachronistic practice The nation was divided There were those who saw the suicides as a heroic affirmation of the samurai code others found them a cause for embarrassment a sign that Japan had not yet crossed the cultural line separating tradition from modernity While acknowledging the nation's sharply divided reaction to the Nogi's junshi as a useful indicator of the event's seismic impact on Japanese culture Doris G Bargen in the first half of her book demonstrates that the deeper significance of Nogi's action must be sought in his personal history enmeshed as it was in the tumultuous politics of the Meiji period *Suicidal Honor* traces Nogi's military career and personal travail through the armed struggles of the collapsing shogunate and through the two wars of imperial conquest during which Nogi played a significant role the Sino Japanese War 1894 1895 and the Russo Japanese War 1904 1905 It also probes beneath the political to explore the religious origins of ritual self sacrifice in cultures as different as ancient Rome and today

s Nigeria Seen in this context Nogi's death was homage to the divine emperor But what was the significance of Nogi's waiting thirty five years before he offered himself as a human sacrifice to a dead rather than living deity To answer this question Bergen delves deeply and with great insight into the story of Nogi's conflicted career as a military hero who longed to be a peaceful man of letters In the second half of *Suicidal Honor* Bergen turns to the extraordinary influence of the Nogis deaths on two of Japan's greatest writers Mori gai and Natsume S seki gai's historical fiction written in the immediate aftermath of his friend's junshi is a profound meditation on the significance of ritual suicide in a time of historical transition Stories such as *The Sakai Incident* *Sakai jiken* appear in a new light and with greatly enhanced resonance in Bergen's interpretation In S seki's masterpiece *Kokoro* Sensei the protagonist refers to the emperor's death and his general's junshi before taking his own life Scholars routinely mention these references but Bergen demonstrates convincingly the uncanny ways in which S seki's agonized response to Nogi's suicide structures the entire novel By exploring the historical and literary legacies of Nogi gai and S seki from an interdisciplinary perspective *Suicidal Honor* illuminates Japan's prolonged and painful transition from the idealized heroic world of samurai culture to the mundane anxieties of modernity It is a study that will fascinate specialists in the fields of Japanese literature history and religion and anyone seeking a deeper understanding of Japan's warrior culture

Robots That Kill Judith A. Markowitz, 2019-04-11 This book describes real world killer robots using a blend of perspectives Overviews of technologies such as autonomy and artificial intelligence demonstrate how science enables these robots to be effective killers Incisive analyses of social controversies swirling around the design and use of killer robots reveal that science alone will not govern their future Among those disputes is whether fully autonomous robotic weapons should be banned Examinations of killers from the golem to Frankenstein's monster reveal that artificially created beings like them are precursors of real 21st century killer robots This book laces the death and destruction caused by all these killers with science and humor The seamless combination of these elements produces a deeper and richer understanding of the robots around us

Legacies of the Sword Karl F. Friday, Seki Humitake, 1997-07-01 Western scholars and educators are generally far less familiar with the samurai in his original and ostensibly primary role as warrior and masters of arms than in his other functions as landowner feudal lord literature or philosopher Yet any attempt to comprehend fully the samurai without considering his military abilities and training bugei is futile With verve and wit Karl Friday combines the results of nearly two decades of fieldwork and archival research to examine samurai martial culture from a broad perspective as a historical phenomenon as a worldview and as a system of physical spiritual and moral education

Ultimate Fighting and Embodiment Dale C. Spencer, 2013-06-19 Mixed martial arts MMA is an emergent sport where competitors in a ring or cage utilize strikes punches kicks elbows and knees as well as submission techniques to defeat opponents This book explores the carnal experience of fighting through a sensory ethnography of MMA and how it transgresses the cultural scripts of masculinity in popular culture Based on four years of participant observation in a local

MMA club and in depth interviews with amateur and professional MMA fighters Spencer documents fighters training regimes and the meanings they attach to participation in the sport Drawing from the philosophical phenomenology of Martin Heidegger Maurice Merleau Ponty and Jean Luc Nancy this book develops bodies centered ontological and epistemological grounding for this study Guided by such a position it places bodies at the center of analysis of MMA and elucidates the embodied experience of pain and injury and the sense and rhythms of fighting

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