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*Introducing a new  
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*book gives a clear and detailed exposition of once closely guarded techniques. Rejecting the secretive approach that characterizes much of martial arts writing,*

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*the author draws upon biomechanical theory to explain logically and scientifically how the techniques of Wing Chun kung-fu work. After an explanation of the*

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*theory behind the various Wing Chun moves, the reader is led step-by-step through each of the forms. Chi gerk and chi sao, the Wing Chun sticky-hand and sticky-*

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*leg techniques, are explained and liberally accompanied by 183 photographs detailing the important moves. An additional section devoted to weight and*

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*power training for the martial artist makes this book invaluable, not just for those interested in Wing Chun kung-fu, but for practitioners of any*

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*In order to understand Bruce Lee, we must look beyond Bruce Lee to the artist's intricate cultural and historical contexts. This work*

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*begins by contextualising Lee, examining his films and martial arts work, and his changing cultural status within different times and places. The*



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*text examines Bruce Lee's films and philosophy in relation to the popular culture and cultural politics of the 1960s and 1970s, and it addresses the*

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*resurgence of his popularity in Hong Kong and China in the twenty-first century. The study also explores Lee's ongoing legacy and influence in the West,*

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*considering his function as a shifting symbol of ethnic politics and the ways in which he continues to inform Hollywood film-fight choreography. Beyond*

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*Bruce Lee ultimately argues Lee is best understood in terms of "cultural translation" and that his interventions and importance are ongoing.*

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*If you are interested in practicing a martial art for health, this anthology is highly practical for this purpose. The content will inspire readers to*

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*adapt ways to enrich their martial art practice to reach a higher standard of health. Whenever considering health, one's diet should be a*

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*priority. The chapter by Roberto Nurchis shows how the kind of foods ingested have a negative or a positive influence on martial performance. General conditioning*

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*exercise are illustrated in Oga-Baldwin's chapter. These exercise are in line with traditional qigong/stretching exercises. Netherton and*



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*Durstine's chapter addresses the sports-medicine views of the physiology of warm-up exercises. The authors examine changes in blood flow and body*

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*temperature and the impact of these changes on muscle tissue as an individual goes through the warm-up process. Porta and McCabe show a number of supplementary*

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*weight training practices derived from Miyagi Chojun in Okinawa. These exercises are designed to strengthen bodies and maintain overall*

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*flexibility to properly perform the techniques. Julio Anta looks to ancient Shaolin Temple physical conditioning traditions for inspiration. His chapter*

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*introduces iron ring and hard qigong exercises that are based on fundamental principles also found in modern training methods, such as weightlifting. The*

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*chapters by Smith, Bradley, and Mancuso all deal with a variety of breathing techniques necessary for energy and stamina. Some breathing methods are definitely*

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*more appropriate for the fighting arts, while other methods are more applicable as adjuncts to various physical and mental disciplines.*

*While Bradley looks to a*

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*particular Korean system and Mancuso has a focus on Chinese practices, Smith utilizes an in depth multi-cultural approach. Niiler's chapter concerns the*



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*potential for leg injuries from jumping kicks. He uses examples of Chinese wushu flying kicks, but the scientific information and advice he provides*

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*will benefit anyone who practices jumping maneuvers. Last but not least are two very valuable chapters by Allen Pittman, one chapter dealing with the*

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*legs and the other with the trunk. The cross-cultural and scientific points of view he presents are extremely insightful. They are not only conducive for*

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*superb body conditioning, but will certainly lead to improved combative technique. Pittman's chapters along with the other authors are useful*

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*and effective for modern practitioners of martial arts.*

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chi"nd Japanese "jijutsu", to  
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***techniques introduced in Basic Forms and Principles are shown in combat situations. The combat applications of Wing Chun's sticky-hand, sticky-leg, and grappling and throwing techniques are shown in detail***

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reality. Chinese martial arts masters of the past did indeed write such works, along with manuals for the general public. This collection introduces Western readers to the rich and diverse tradition of these influential texts, rarely available to

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Authors Brian Kennedy and Elizabeth Guo, who coauthor a regular column for Classical Fighting Arts magazine, showcase illustrated manuals from the Ming Dynasty, the Qing Dynasty, and the

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Demon warrior puppets, sword-wielding Taoist priests, spirit

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mediums lacerating their bodies with spikes and blades—these are among the most dramatic images in Chinese religion. Usually linked to the propitiation of plague gods and the worship of popular military deities, such ritual practices have an

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obvious but previously unexamined kinship with the traditional Chinese martial arts. The long and durable history of martial arts iconography and ritual in Chinese religion suggests something far deeper than mere historical coincidence. Avron

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Boretz argues that martial arts gestures and movements are so deeply embedded in the ritual repertoire in part because they iconify masculine qualities of violence, aggressivity, and physical prowess, the implicit core of

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Chinese patriliney and patriarchy. At the same time, for actors and audience alike, martial arts gestures evoke the mythos of the jianghu, a shadowy, often violent realm of vagabonds, outlaws, and masters of martial and magic arts. Through the

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direct bodily practice of martial arts movement and creative rendering of jianghu narratives, martial ritual practitioners are able to identify and represent themselves, however briefly and incompletely, as men of prowess, a reward otherwise denied

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those confined to the lower limits of this deeply patriarchal society.

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ritual practice to the lives and desires of men on the margins of Chinese society. This work is a significant contribution to the study of Chinese ritual and religion, the history and sociology of Chinese underworld, the history and

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strength. The secret behind its power lies in the cultivation and practical application of internal energy—ch'i, There are basically three soft-style martial arts: T'ai-chi, already well known worldwide, and Hsing-I and Pa-kua, relative newcomers to the

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West. Although they are not essentially fighting arts but living arts, they are devastating as systems of self-defense. This martial arts book outlines the history of Hsing-I—a style of boxing given form (Hsing) by the mind (i)—and gives a

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**enterprise of maiming  
and killing seems almost  
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martial arts have long  
been associated with  
traditional medicine. But,  
how can the art of healing**



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**how creative arts are simultaneously conserved and advanced within a traditional Chinese lineage, and clarifies the differences between the separate, but parallel,**

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**proponents of Daoism  
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China to shape a unique  
martial arts tradition and  
how this ancient system  
evolved into modern**

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ample use of entertaining  
anecdotes taken from his  
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and “old school” boxer.**

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history of this exciting  
martial art have been  
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"Pioneer" — as a noun is defined as "a person who is among the first to explore or settle a new

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country or area." As a verb, it means "develop or be the first to use or apply (a new method, area of knowledge, or activity)." This anthology gives the reader the experience of the explorers who went to foreign lands to discover

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and learn about a specific field of knowledge and skills:the Asian martial arts.The eight chapters included here share a common root in the pioneers' desire to travel far and wide in search for practical martial arts useful in

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the street as well as for commando units. The pioneers discussed in this anthology experienced lives submerged in foreign cultures, lives compounded by the difficulties of communicating in foreign

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languages, changing diets, and often being in hostile living conditions. Their lives are far from the associations we usually associate with martial arts now steeped in pure exercise for health, or tournament

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Looks at southern Chinese martial arts traditions and how they have become important to local identity and narratives of resistance. This book explores the social history of southern Chinese martial arts and their contemporary importance to local identity and narratives of resistance.

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Hong Kong ' s Bruce Lee ushered the Chinese martial arts onto an international stage in the 1970s. Lee ' s teacher, Ip Man, master of Wing Chun Kung Fu, has recently emerged as a highly visible symbol of southern Chinese identity and pride. Benjamin N. Judkins and Jon Nielson examine



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the emergence of Wing Chun to reveal how this body of social practices developed and why individuals continue to turn to the martial arts as they navigate the challenges of a rapidly evolving environment. After surveying the development of hand combat traditions in Guangdong

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West as kung fu, Robert Smith presents Chinese boxing (ch'uan shu) as an art "that combines the hardness of a wall and the softness of a butterfly's wings." His lively, pragmatic account conveys the discipline and insights acquired in ten years of study and travel in Asia. Smith describes his

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work with t ' ai chi master Cheng Man-ch ' ing, and connects ch ' uan shu with the softer aspects and inner power of that popular practice. Fifty black and white photos illustrate this informative and personal account of the Chinese boxing tradition.

Kobudo, the famous armed Okinawan

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fighting art that utilizes common farming implements in combat, and Te, the ancient Okinawan art of armed and unarmed combat, are two of the world's most widely practiced yet least-understood martial arts. This book studies the individual Kobudo and Te systems as they are practiced in

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Okinawa today and discusses their various histories and the lives of the masters who have most influenced them. Spiritualism in the Okinawan arts is also covered in detail, as the author masterfully describes the mix of Zen and native beliefs that are vital to these arts, yet a component that has

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