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*A Collection of Thoughts, Sayings and
Meditations on the Way of the Samurai "It is
said that what is called "the spirit of an
age" is something to which one cannot return.
That this spirit gradually dissipates is due
to the world's coming to an end. For this
reason, although one would like to change
today's world back to the spirit of one*

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hundred years or more ago, it cannot be done. Thus it is important to make the best out of every generation." – Tsunetomo Yamamoto, Hagakure: The Book of the Samurai A formerly secret text known only to the Samurai, Hagakure is a classic text on Bushido--the Way of the Warrior. More than just a handbook for battle, Hagakure is a text that filled with teachings that still apply in business, political and social situations today. This Xist Classics edition has been professionally formatted for e-readers with a linked table of contents. This eBook also contains a bonus book club leadership guide and discussion

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questions. We hope you'll share this book with your friends, neighbors and colleagues and can't wait to hear what you have to say about it.

Miyamoto Musashi (1584?1645) was the legendary samurai known throughout the world as a master swordsman, spiritual seeker, and author of the classic book on strategy, the *Book of Five Rings*. Over 350 years after his death, Musashi and his legacy still fascinate us and continue to inspire artists, authors, and filmmakers. Here, respected translator and expert on samurai culture William Scott Wilson has created both a vivid account of a

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fascinating period in feudal Japan and a portrait of the courageous, iconoclastic samurai who wrestled with philosophical and spiritual ideas that are as relevant today as they were in his time. For Musashi, the way of the martial arts was about mastery of the mind rather than simply technical prowess—and it is this path to mastery that is the core teaching in his Book of Five Rings. This volume includes supplemental material on Musashi's legacy as a martial arts icon, his impact on literature and film, and the influence of his Book of Five Rings.

A real-life samurai's Zen teachings on sword

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training as a spiritually transformative practice—essential reading for aspiring martial artists and strategic thinkers alike

The legendary seventeenth-century swordsman Yagyu Munenori was the sword instructor and military and political adviser to two shoguns—and a great rival to Miyamoto Musashi. Despite his martial ability and his political power, Munenori's life was spent immersed in Zen teachings. These teachings formed the framework for his deeply spiritual approach to sword fighting. Munenori saw in the practice of the sword a way to transform the student into a total human being. The

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Life-Giving Sword is Munenori's manifesto on his approach. His central themes are the "life-giving sword"—the idea of controlling one's opponent by spiritual readiness to fight rather than by actual fighting—and "No Sword," which is the idea that the mind must be free of everything, even the sword itself, in order to get to the place of complete mastery. Munenori's ideas are applicable not only to martial arts but to business and human relations as well.

This is a book that's long overdue: One that provides information that has never before been published, compiled or analyzed in a way

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that's designed to help fighters. This is a guide to the science of kicking and punching that can settle the debates about which techniques are the most effective and why. It will help a fighter to fight, an instructor to teach and martial artists to advance by working things out for themselves. There is no magic involved in the martial arts. The force and power that is displayed by an expert fighter is the consequence of rigorous training in the accurate application of physical laws. Understanding how to use these laws of physics to create massive impact forces will provide a personal insight into

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the practice of correct technique and form. This unique piece of work will act as a technical reference that provides the facts and figures that fighters seek, including records of the maximum force and speed achieved by some of the best present day warriors, helping to answer many of the most difficult questions in the martial arts.

Secrets of the Samurai

The Swordsman's Handbook

A Fighters Guide to the Physics of Punching and Kicking for Karate, Taekwondo, Kung Fu and the Mixed Martial Arts

The Secret Garden

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A Secret Journey

Nali

A Flower Coloring Book

For the uninitiated, My Secret Life In The Light, will help you begin to understand, how to connect with your internal Light Spirit, to become one with The Light and to travel in The Light. Some of the never changing Universal Truth, found only in the Light, is unveiled. OX discloses what Pure Light Love is all about and how you can use it for your benefit and for the benefit of humanity. A lifelong Universal

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Light Journeyer, OX wants to encourage as many Light Seekers, Believers, Journeyers and Ambassadors, to join together into powerful interconnected circles of Light Love. Worldwide united love will destroy the controllers of humanity, the Illuminati. OX states Light Love is worse for the evil alien Illuminati than kryptonite is for Superman. This is an amazing book filled with previously secret true stories of miracles and horrors! Finally, OX reveals what is available to you in The Light, with its hope, sharing,

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caring, peace, delight and love. My Secret Life In The Light will offer you the opportunity to control your happiness, improve your current life, prepare for your destiny and your eternity, along with show you how to help save humanity and perhaps to rescue the planet Earth. In this process, you will learn how to become OMNIPOTENT!

With the combination of Coach Melvin's Dynamic Application of Internal Awareness(tm) (DAIA) Method, Dr. Totton's 100-day method to condition your body's

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neural pathways to establish a new habit which then becomes automatic, and with Dr. Painter's method of committed practice of Li Family Yixingong (Standing Meditation) to produce profound results at the neurological level, novices to advanced practitioners gain the ability to access your inner core, tapping into an area that can positively affect your overall well-being, prevent stress from taking hold, and give you perpetual mental-physical rejuvenation.

Art Hilmo was a teenage boy in Norway when

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the Nazis invaded and began to take the Jewish families to concentration camps. Knowing their lives were at stake, Art's family decided they would risk everything to help these poor Jewish people.

NALI By Esther Henry In an era of darkness, mystery, tropical jungles and cannibalism, Nali tries to buck the ancient traditions, only to find herself deeply entrenched in them. As a young girl full of dreams, she is given to a tribal elder in marriage and quickly learns that her girlhood dreams could be shattered

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overnight. The rain forest held a secret refuge that only Nali knew, where she took her dreams and her delusions. Will she be forced to succumb to a subservient role the rest of her life, or can she overcome the hopelessness that comes with isolation, ignorance and tradition? Deep in the heart of New Guinea lies the village of Mendoka, beautifully camouflaged from the rest of the world. Although the village has yet to be discovered, the outside world would soon have an influence on their lives. An

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interruption to their peaceful simplicity would both terrify them and cause them to search for answers. Readers will be able to follow the lives of those who lived in a much simpler time and become immersed in the culture that controlled their everyday existence.

Benevolent

The Book on Internal STRESS Release

The Martial Arts of Feudal Japan

Immovable Wisdom

The Unfettered Mind

The Life of Miyamoto Musashi

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Secrets in the Hands of the Beholder

Do you want to finally, once and for all get to the place that you have always dreamed you would be by now? Do you want to experience love, joy, and peace that you have only imagined possible? Do you want to live free from fear and full of faith? In this book, I share my journey with you from my childhood to manhood. I will take you into my struggles and pain with my identity and sexuality, and through it you will be able to see yourself and identify with me. More than that, you will be

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able to feel the spirit and energy of freedom that comes as you read the pages and walk with me to a peaceful place of success and authenticity. This is not a writing for the sake of writing, but this book was a must that as you encounter the stories and principles herein, you yourself will be taking through the depths of your own life to help you to get to the desired place where you walk in true wealth and abundance that can only be realized through self-awareness and self-discovery.

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You were created for a lifestyle of excellence...not a life of mediocrity And what's amazing is you're equipped with everything you need to make that lifestyle yours. You can reach your goals. You can live your dreams. You already have what it takes to be happy and successful right inside of you. ...so, why aren't you?! Making changes is one of the hardest things any of us ever tries to do. It's so easy to get stuck, using strategies that don't work anymore and not knowing what to do to keeping moving in the right direction. If you

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*'re frustrated with where you are in your life...
If you're tired of getting the same old results...
If you're ready to do what it takes to create
your life as you want it to be... Then, The
Excellence Lifestyle Guide may be just what
you're looking for. Discover how you can *
Stop counting on "luck" to get you where you
want to go in life * Start proactively doing
what it takes to have more, do more and be
more * Take advantage of simple, effective
principles for living the life of your dreams -
principles they never taught you in school!*

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*You have tremendous control over the path your life is on but, like many people, you may not have any idea how to use it to your advantage! That's where The Excellence Lifestyle Guide can help. Author Jan Marie Mueller shares insights on many topics, including * How the world really works...and why people struggle achieving the success they desire * Why most people never achieve a life of excellence...and how you can be different * How to harness the amazing power of your thoughts to guide your life in the*

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*direction you want it to go * The importance of knowing who you really are - and what you can do to figure it out * How to master your mindset and use it to achieve the life of excellence you deserve to be living * The one key resource you need to succeed at anything - and how to get it (Tip: It's more important than either time or money!) * Three of the BIGGEST secrets to success...and much, much more! What you think and believe about yourself and the world around you defines your reality. Learning to effectively use the*

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principles outlined in The Excellence Lifestyle Guide will help you transform your life in ways you've only dreamed of up until now.

Everyone can have success. Everyone can enjoy the excellence lifestyle. If your life isn't quite where you believe it should be, Jan Marie challenges you to discover the secrets to becoming your best self and start putting the skills she shares to work in your life today. Life is too short for constant struggle and frustration. Use the principles inside this book to begin living the lifestyle of excellence you

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deserve! Scroll up and get your copy today. This classic samurai-era text fused Japanese swordsmanship with Zen and influenced the direction that the art has taken ever since. Written by the seventeenth-century Zen master Takuan Soho (1573–1645), The Unfettered Mind is a book of advice on swordsmanship and the cultivation of right mind and intention. It was written as a guide for the samurai Yagyu Munenori, who was a great swordsman and rival to the legendary Miyamoto Musashi. Takuan was a giant in the

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history of Zen; he was also a gardener, calligrapher, poet, author, adviser to samurai and shoguns, and a pivotal figure in Zen painting. He was known for his brilliance and acerbic wit. In these succinct and pointed essays, Takuan is concerned primarily with understanding and refining the mind—both generally and when faced with conflict. The Unfettered Mind was a major influence on the classic manifestos on swordsmanship that came after it, including Miyamoto Musashi's Book of Five Rings and Yagyu Munenori's Life-

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Giving Sword.

Even when in the darkest despair a rose can grow! Knowing that God is with you to offer hope and comfort. Author Emily Frazier life serves as an example that after much confusion that is hope bestowing happiness, peace, and fulfillment in the mist of absolute desolation. A rose will grow anywhere reaffirms that all things work together for the Glory of God, even when you think the secret of the beholder would take you out in misery. Learning to walk by faith even when you don't

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see it and reclaim your life. Ignore the intensity of the past feelings or your emotions surrounding the circumstances get ready to encounter breakthrough from unpleasant thought and emotions. Reclaiming your life requires tapping into those painful places that were hidden from the forefront but it time to start rejoicing! Fulfill your reason for living beyond limitations!

The Way of the Living Sword

Parting the Clouds - the Science of the Martial Arts

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The Simple Dog Book

London Bones: Book One

*Writings from a Zen Master to a Master
Swordsman*

8 Secrets to Getting the Life You Desire

The Secret Teachings of Yagyu Munenori

**The legendary seventeenth-century
swordsman Yagyu Munenori was the sword
instructor and military and political
adviser to two shoguns—and a great rival
to Miyamoto Musashi. Despite his martial
ability and his political power,**

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everything, even the sword itself, in order to get to the place of complete mastery. Munenori's ideas are applicable not only to martial arts but to business and human relations as well.

How the samurai cultivated Zen, relating its teaching of a free and spontaneous mind to the experience of a warrior in individual combat, and finding philosophical strength in Zen as they prepared themselves for death.

Have you ever questioned life and wonder why you? Can you hear yourself saying, "Is

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there more to life than this?" I can identify this with you. Did you know? Our brain process approximately 70,000 thoughts on an average day. Often many wonder why so many give up and quit in life. In this book I will show you how to rise above mediocrity. No more settling for less than God's best and only fantasizing about your heart desires - Its time you Rise Above, Now.

Vivia is a hag, one of the last of her race, and can die, visit the underworld and return at will. She has a job she

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loves-helping London's most vulnerable
supernaturals, even if her colleague
Malcolm drives her round the bend on a
daily basis. Then Malcolm is outed as a
zombie and, along with his teenage son
Ben, flees the police. When Malcolm is
captured, he is only able to pass on one
message before his dead brain degrades
completely: 'He killed me.' As Ben remains
missing, the police find decades-old
corpses hidden near Malcolm's house, and
Vivia begins to realise there's a lot more
at stake than just a possible

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Silent Enemies

Self Made Bitch

Legacies of the Sword

The Book of Five Rings

**The Demon's Sermon on the Martial Arts and
Other Tales**

Secrets of the Sword 1

The Huguenot Sword

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After helping my steady dragon Zav with his family

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problems, I thought life would get back to normal. As normal as it can be when you're a hit woman responsible for hunting down bad guys. That was before a strange artifact showed up in a bog and turned my ancient dwarven sword into a magical beacon. Now my enemies can sense it from hundreds of miles away. More than that, every club-toting, over-muscled orc, ogre, and troll who would like a magic sword can sense it. Usually, fighting off opportunists wouldn't be a problem (they don't call me Ruin Bringer without reason), but even I can only handle so many attacks at a

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time. And Zav isn't as much help as you'd think, since he's busy on a quest for a ring.No, it's not a Lord of the Rings kind of quest. My boss put it in Zav's head that since we're mated in the dragon way, we should also be married in the human way. Now, he's off to find the perfect engagement ring. Given his taste in human footwear, I may be in trouble for more reasons than my marked sword.Not only is there no chance of my life getting back to normal any time soon, but if I can't figure out how to fix my sword, I'll be dead long before I can get married.

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This 17th-century text written for the education and guidance of Japanese warriors delineates the ethics, morality and daily duties of a class of people dedicated to honor and courage. William Scott Wilson holds a master's degree in Japanese language and literature.

'I found with years of human/dog training and reading many books on training, sometimes, the simplest things were missing from the human/dog instructions. Answering many calls to assist families and their dogs, I decided to put all the 'most asked for' solutions in one place.' Roxane Knott This is a

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guide to help you with your new, or long standing, Canine family member. If you are delving into the adventures of dog ownership or looking for ways to get over those doggie hurdles with some straight talking then this is a great book for you. It gives you all the simple, little tips to fill in the missing spaces of those major dog training techniques.

Zen and the Way of the Sword

The Courageous Story of Art Hilmo

The Life-Giving Sword

Secret Teachings from the House of the Shogun

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Arming the Samurai Psyche *Igensho: The Book of Dignity* *The Musashi Field Manual*

From the bestselling authors of Musashi's Dokkodo, Sun Tzu Said, and Sensei Mentor Teacher Coach... Make Musashi's powerful precepts your own! Shortly before he died in 1645 Miyamoto Musashi, the venerable "Sword Saint" of Japan, passed along his wisdom. He called this treatise Dokkodo, which translates as "The Way of Walking Alone." Dokkodo was a short essay, a mere 21 passages, yet both profound and lifechanging for the lucky few who were able to fathom and follow it. When scrutinized it proves as extraordinary today as when Musashi first wrote it centuries ago. Musashi

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blazed the trail, now you have the privilege of following in the Sword Saint's footsteps. This manual serves as a portal. In using it you will grow stronger, wiser, and more insightful. The structure is open-ended and expansive, helping you discover new insights and opportunities from Musashi's words. In this fashion, The Musashi Field Manual aligns your heart and mind. It guides you toward insightful discernment and enduring self-improvement. As a result, you will walk away stronger and more prepared for all of life's tests. About the Authors: Miyamoto Musashi (1584 - 1645) was arguably the greatest swordsman who ever lived, a legendary figure whose methods of thought and strategy have been studied and adopted across a wide spectrum of society, from martial artists to military leaders to captains of industry. Nicknamed

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kensei, or "Sword Saint," for his unmatched prowess in battle, Musashi founded the unconventional Hy h Niten Ichi-Ryu style of swordsmanship, which directly translates as "Two Heavens as One," or more simply as "Two-Sword Style." Kris Wilder, BCC was inducted into the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame in 2018. He holds black belt rankings in karate, judo, and taekwondo, conducting seminars across the United States, Canada, and Europe. A Nationally Board-Certified Life Coach and prolific author, Kris has lectured at Washington State University and Susquehanna University. He has also been interviewed by CNN, FOX, The Huffington Post, Thrillist, Nickelodeon, The Howard Stern Show, and more. Lawrence Kane, COP-GOV, CSP, CSMP, CIAP was inducted into SIG Sourcing Supernova

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Hall of Fame in 2018 for pioneering leadership in strategic sourcing, procurement, supplier innovation, and digital transformation. He has been studying and teaching martial arts since 1970, often putting what he learned into action while working stadium security part time. A bestselling author, he has been interviewed by FOX News, The Jim Bohannon Show, Computerworld, Forbes, Art of Procurement, Police Magazine, and more. Iain Abernethy, who wrote the foreword, has been involved in the martial arts since childhood. He holds the rank of 7th Dan black belt with the British Combat Association (one of the world's leading groups for close-quarter combat, self-protection and practical martial arts), the British Combat Karate Association, and the English Karate Federation. One of the

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leading exponents of applied karate, Iain has written a number of critically acclaimed books on the practical application of traditional martial arts and is well known for his work on the pragmatic use of the techniques and concepts recorded in traditional kata.

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

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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

Bella is a lucky girl - she has a good job, an unbreakable circle of friends, and a fiance better than her wildest dreams. So, why does she want to ruin the best thing that ever happened to her by letting someone from her past meddle

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in her life? Mike is consumed with the need to marry Bella and make her his as soon as possible. There is nothing he wouldn't do for the woman he loves, but letting her go is the one thing he'd rather avoid. Their love was fast, and their relationship was built over the miles. But does that mean that their future wasn't meant to be? When lies surface, and trust is shaken, will they choose each other? Or will someone else capture their happily ever after?

Cordosa, a small village in Brazil's most southern state of Rio Grande do Sul, is experiencing traumatic illness and loss of life from unknown causes. The population of landless farmers is slowly deteriorating. Jake Parker, ex U.S. Army Intelligence Officer, is assigned as a photojournalist to investigate the possible causes. What he soon discovers is

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that he will be watched, manipulated and harassed by high ranking United States government officials who will stop at nothing to gain revenge within their own ranks. With lives hanging in the balance, Jake finds himself in the middle of an undetected world of spiritual warfare and a congressional war filled with greed and corruption. As a beautiful young Deaf woman stumbles into the scandal, the hunt begins, and Jake Parker must figure out how to save her life as well as his own.

General Principles of Martial Art

Death Before Dragons, Book 7

Excellence Lifestyle Guide & Workbook

Budo Mind and Body

Training Secrets of the Japanese Martial Arts

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My Secret Life in the Light

Hagakure: The Book of the Samurai

This is a translation of an important classic on Zen swordfighting. Yagyu's Buddhist spirituality is reflected in his central idea of the 'life-giving sword' - the notion of controlling an opponent by the spiritual readiness to fight, rather than during the fight. This is a translation of an important classic on Zen swordfighting. Yagyu Munenori was so widely renowned that he was appointed official sword instructor to two Tokugawa shoguns. (The position was always coveted by Miyamoto Musashi, but he never succeeded in gaining the post). Yagyu's

THE Translation of this venerable Piece of Antiquity is

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undertook upon a double Score; being designed as well to entertain the Curiosity of the Learned, as to supply the Defects of the Ignorant. If the original Language would have been more acceptable to the one, it would have been less intelligible to the other. I cannot, without uttering a Falsity, venture to affirm that so singular and valuable a Piece will be made Public, at least as yet: And in the mean Time I shall flatter myself, that this little Essay may contribute in some sort or other to the diversion, if not Instruction, of People in every Condition of Life. If this is well received, the other Parts will make their Appearance at proper Distances of Time. I publish no more at present, because I would not be thought to

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impose too much upon any one's Patience; as for losing my own Labour, I am under no bad Apprehensions about that; for the Reader cannot reject with a greater Disdain, than I have translated with Pleasure, the Contents of this Book.

You have found the key to the secret garden, now open the gates and marvel at the uniqueness of each plant and flower petal! Shower these flowers with colors and try to understand how individual lines and forms create unique patterns that deserve your focus and attention. So what are you waiting for? Secure a copy of this coloring book today!

Tell em to hold on, a real bitch is coming.' Kahyla James

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was an ordinary girl with dreams of one day making it big. And she was well on her way, especially with a street gangsta like Anthony 'Boston' Dixon training her to be a self made bitch. But when she was betrayed by the people that she loved the most it forced her to take actions into her own hands and show the city just how ruthless she could be. Ride with Kahyla as she navigates the streets showing the gangsta's that the penalty for betrayal is still death.

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Rise Above Now

The Sword Saint's Secrets for Winning the Tests of Life

The Secret Dead

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Always You

The Kashima-Shinryu and Samurai Martial Culture

The Rose and the Sword

Gaby LeFevre is a suburban, Midwestern firecracker, growing up in the 80s and 90s and saving the world one homeless person, centenarian, and orphan at a time. With her crew of twin sister, Annie, smitten Mikhail, and frenemy Mel, she's a pamphlet-wielding humanitarian, tackling a broken world full of heroes and heroines, villains and magical seeds, and Northwyth stories. Beginning with a roadkill-burying nine-year-old and a gas-

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leak explosion, it follows Gaby as she traverses childhood and young adulthood with characteristic intensity and a penchant for disaster. Meanwhile, the large cast of compelling characters entertains and the Northwyth legends draw you into their magic. Introduction by Sato Hiroaki Long considered a classic of tactical wisdom, this book is an extraordinary synthesis of the ideas and experiences of three swordsmen: Hidetsuna, Muneyoshi and Munenori. During their lifetime in the 16th and 17th centuries they witnessed historic events which transformed Japan from a feudal state at war to a stable and

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powerful shogunate. At its simplest level a guide to swordsmanship but also a profound philosophical and psychological guide to strategy. Illustrated.

For Faith. For Friendship. For Freedom. In the time of Louis XIII and Cardinal Richelieu, when being a Protestant could mean death, The Huguenot Sword roamed the streets of Paris by night, defending those faithful to the young heretical religion. The nobility scorned them as ruffians, to the oppressed Protestants they were saviors, but to the Cardinal Guards they were a pestilence needing to be terminated. The situation

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becomes desperate when those in power launch a bold plan to destroy the group. One wrong move can be fatal. But the ordeal of Paris pales in comparison to the possible annihilation of their faith and people at the battle of La Rochelle.

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

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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, Matura Seizan, Issai Chozanshi, and Yamaoka Tesshu.

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The Way of the Living Sword is the final installment in D.E. Tarver's popular Warrior Series. It stands beside The Book of Five Rings by Miyamoto Musashi as one of the greatest writings of the warrior mind. In The Way of the Living Sword, Munenori gives an in-depth explanation of the connection between physical martial arts and the mental process of Zen. While Munenori and Musashi were both avid students of Zen, Munenori was more fascinated by the academic aspects of the philosophy. Munenori stretches the consciousness of

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even the most enlightened martial artist. Martial arts devotees will experience many flashes of revelation as Tarver explores the various aspects of Munenori's approach. Read and grow! 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.

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Can a rose survive in winter? Rebecca Veritas is eager to pursue her dreams as a clinical psychologist. After receiving a full scholarship for an internship, she leaves the quiet suburban town of Cedar Heights for the big city of Los Angeles. As she adjusts to her new surroundings, she finds solace in a mysterious antique bookstore. Yet, as her thoughts still linger on someone from her past, she is unaware that the present has the potential to haunt her the most. As time passes, a growing sense of unease quickly transitions into more disturbing events that make her question if all is as it seems. When circumstances take an eerie turn, Rebecca will find herself a player on a larger scale than she had ever anticipated, a scale that could cause one to pay the ultimate price. In this riveting sequel to *I Thirst*, the

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adventures of Rebecca Veritas, the young, introspective dreamer with an inclination toward random insanity, continue. Along with Sun Tzu's The Art of War, The Book of Five Rings is considered to be one of the most insightful texts on the subtle arts of confrontation and victory to emerge from Asia. It analyzes the process of struggle and mastery over conflict that underlies every level of human interaction. For Musashi, the way of the martial arts was a mastery of the mind rather than simply technical prowess-and it is this path to mastery that is the core teaching in The Book of Five Rings. This brilliant manifesto is written not only for martial artists but for anyone who wants to apply the timeless principles of this text to their life.

The Lone Samurai

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The Journey to Authenticity

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The Secret History of Pythagoras

Chozanshi was a swordsman with a deep understanding of Taoism, Buddhism, Confucianism and Shinto. "The Demon's Sermon" is a masterful syncretic treatment of these philosophies and religions, bringing their central leanings to bear on the essence of the martial arts. The demon delivering the sermon is the long-nosed half-man, half-bird Tengu, a terrifying but not necessarily malevolent figure who inhabits the recesses of

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Mount Kurama. Opening this volume is a selection of short, humorous tales from Chozanshi's "The Hayseed Taoist" ("Inaka Soshi"). The stories are lessons about spontaneity and non-attachment, and prime the reader philosophically for 'Theemon'. The final section is a translation of "The Mysterious Technique of the Cat" ("Neko no Myojutsu"), also from "The Hayseed Taoist" and an additional favourite of the martial artists of Japan. The section summarises the entire work and adroitly illustrates Lao Tzu's dictum that "The master acts, relying on nothing." Budo is about learning more than how to fight;

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true budo is a way of seeking and uncovering meaning in life. Here, Nicklaus Suino, one of the leading iaido teachers in North America, gives expert advice on how to get the most from training in traditional Japanese martial arts such as iaido, kendo, aikido, judo, kyudo, and karate-do. He reveals the essential components of budo training, including:

- how to determine the principles behind techniques
- how to develop physical strength, technical strength and strength of character
- how to discipline your mind to really focus and be in the present moment

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The Zen Master Takuan Sono (1573-1645) was a master of calligraphy, painting, gardening, martial arts, and the teacher of the Shogun Iemitsu, Yagyu Tajima-no-Kami (founder of Japan's greatest swordsmanship school) and Miyamoto Musashi (author of The Book of Five Rings).