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The Guildsmen Steve Lewis 2013-06-27 After a terrible war, medieval England is under the watchful eye of The Guild, formed centuries past to ensure that society has a chance to rebuild slowly and safely. Adept at playing many roles, its powerful Guildsmen - at times warriors, wizards or spies - serve as judges and executioners to protect the fragile society. Their plans are thrown into turmoil by an invading force that no-one saw coming...a Japanese fleet, bringing with it fanatical samurai, deadly ninjas and powerful sorcerers. Worse, they have managed to awaken their long-dead heroes, including the Miyamoto Musashi, Japan's greatest swordsman, and the fearsome Winter Dragon. Unable to stop the initial Japanese attacks, the Guild recalls some of England's own dead heroes: William the Conqueror, Merlin and Robin Hood joining the fight against the invaders. Arden and Carron, two of the Guild's finest, are forced by the Guild Council to sit back and watch as the invaders spread across England. As the situation becomes more desperate, and the old English heroes fall, the two friends are forced into the forefront of the war, taking command in one last stand that they hope will break the invading armies once and for all.

Sword of the Samurai Eric A. Kimmel 2000-11-01 Eleven adventure stories set in the exciting and fascinating period of ancient Japan.

Old Rose and Silver Myrtle Reed 1909 This is a pre-1923 historical reproduction that was curated for quality. Quality assurance was conducted on each of these books in an attempt to remove books with imperfections introduced by the digitization process. Though we have made best efforts - the books may have occasional errors that do not impede the reading experience. We believe this work is culturally important and have elected to bring the book back into print as part of our continuing commitment to the preservation of printed works worldwide.

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.

To Stand in the Breach Lliam 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. Lliam Morgan takes the reader through adventure after adventure while unraveling our calling, not to be right, but to be obedient.

Think Big Grow Bigger Riccardo Proetto 2015-12-28 If you ever read "Rich dad poor dad" and "Think and Grow Rich" you would love to read "Think Big Grow Bigger." This book will help you to understand exactly your sequence of Actions that cause results. You'll enjoy in changing the sequence to gain better results. You'll enjoy to add some actions or delete that... you'll enjoy testing other sequences. The incredible fact is that you'll have the chance to recognize and apply the sequence of wealthy people. The Stickies Strategy (r) is really powerful!!! What happen If you need some help? The Author, Riccardo Proetto, is here to help you with seminars, courses and coaching. He applied this theory for himself. In 2009 he lost everything. Something like some million euros, house... car.. everything. The problem: Even if he has frequented courses and seminars for himself, that is always a good thing, no one has explained to him how to avoid the same mistakes. He used a lot of strategies, listened a lot of guru... but what his was looking for was not the cure. He wanted the healing. He wanted to help people and himself to avoid mistakes, to accelerate the learning process, to recognize the actions sequence of everything: wealthy style, healthy style... The good news is that he found the solution and the funny thing is that everything is based on personal meanings. The result: the system is always applicable. If you'll have the opportunity to participate at one of his seminars you'll listen with your ears and you'll see with your eyes how is his story. Inside Of This Book You'll Discover The Results To These Shocking Tests: 80% of modern millionaires were able to get there on annual incomes of \$55,000 or less. Even meager savings eventually add up to thousands or millions of dollars..... (this one is almost dumb, cause it's SO easy) (Page 9) Net Worth Formula Simplified The rich have a net worth often double or triple the amount. The average American has less than half. The goal is to double your net worth. (Page 9) Sense of Spending The truly rich hold off gratification, knowing that what is trendy, popular or a must have today may not last until tomorrow. (Page 11) How interest affects your debt Pay more than the minimum on loans. The more you pay now, the less you pay later.(Page 13) Today millionaires spend more time selecting what to buy than buying the product itself. They look for the best bargain before laying their money down. (Page 15) THE STICKIES STRATEGY (r) ... I've seen during these years that our personal meaning of things is the real engine that let us go forward or backward. So I've developed the Stickies Strategy. You can find your exact sequence of actions through the "meanings" and improve or change that one...(Page 54) ...extra Steps: How to Use Your Passion to Succeed Over time, we often forget the passions of our childhood or even the ones we discover as we age." Take a stroll down memory lane and make a list. What would you do if you had all of the money you needed and didn't have to worry about paying your bills?"

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!

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

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.

Bushido, the Soul of Japan Inaz? Nitobe 1901

HOW TO STUDY AND TEACHING HOW TO STUDY F. M. McMURRY 1909

Cultural Imprints Elizabeth Oyler 2022-02-15 Cultural Imprints draws on literary works, artifacts, performing arts, and documents that were created by or about the samurai to examine individual "imprints," traces holding specifically grounded historical meanings that persist through time. The contributors to this interdisciplinary volume assess those imprints for what they can suggest about how thinkers, writers, artists, performers, and samurai themselves viewed warfare and its lingering impact at various points during the "samurai age," the long period from the establishment of the first shogunate in the twelfth century through the fall of the Tokugawa in 1868. The range of methodologies and materials discussed in Cultural Imprints challenges a uniform notion of warrior activity and sensibilities, breaking down an ahistorical, monolithic image of the samurai that developed late in the samurai age and that persists today. Highlighting the memory of warfare and its centrality in the cultural realm, Cultural Imprints demonstrates the warrior's far-reaching, enduring, and varied cultural influence across centuries of Japanese history. Contributors: Monica Bethe, William Fleming, Andrew Goble, Thomas Hare, Luke Roberts, Marimi Tateno, Alison Tokita, Elizabeth Oyler, Katherine Saltzman-Li

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.

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.

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.

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.

Free Roll Brandt Tobler 2017-05-22 Have you ever wondered: What it's like to daily bet hundreds of thousands of dollars working for some of the largest professional gamblers in Las Vegas? ... How to spend a summer house sitting one of the biggest stars in the world's 11,000 square-foot mansion - without an invitation from it's celebrity owner ... Whether the life of crime - specifically, running a shoplifting ring in a middle American mall - pays? ... What causes a son to finally say enough is enough ... and decide "Today is the day I am going to kill my dad." Comedian Brandt Tobler has the answers in this funny, touching and sometimes downright unbelievable memoir of a small town Wyoming-kid turned "mail-fia" don, turned nationally touring comic. Brand tells his life story with candor, detailing the many pit stops, wrong turns, crazy connections and lucky breaks he experienced along the way to his comedy career, all while trying to balance a toxic relationship with his unreliable jailbird dad. In these pages Brandt will make you laugh (he better - it's his job!) and believe as he does that, when it comes to defining family, blood isn't always thicker than water. -- back cover.

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.

Iga and Koka Ninja Skills Antony Cummins 2013-07-01 'A retainer of our domain, Renpeido Chikamatsu Hikonoshin Shigenori, each morning washed his face and hands, dressed himself in Hakama and prayed in front of the kamidana alter ...His prayer was thus: "Please afford me success in war." He kept to this routine all through his

life.' Through patient and scholarly detective work, Antony Cummins and the Historical Ninjutsu Research Team have unearthed a Shinobi treasure. The 18th-century military historian Chikamatsu recorded the oral traditions of the Ninja and passed on those skills in lectures he gave at his Renpeido school of war in Owari domain during the early 1700s. Chikamatsu wrote specifically about the Shinobi of Iga and Koka, regions from which warriors were hired all over the land in the days of war. The lost scrolls are filled with unknown Shinobi teachings, skills that include infiltration, assassination, explosives, magic and commando tactics, including an in depth commentary on Sun Tzu's famous 13th chapter, 'The Use of Spies'.

Masaru Michael T. Cibenko 2021-11-15 In the mid-16th century AD, Christianity arrived in Japan. Heralded by daring Jesuits from Spain and Portugal zealous to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the four corners of the earth, Christianity soon took root in that distant land. At that time, Japan was fractured among warring states as feudal lords known as daimyo vied for supremacy. From the first day, the Catholic faith found surprising acceptance among Japanese of all social status and within fifty years, Japanese converts known as Kirishitans numbered in the hundreds of thousands. But with the advent of a unified Japan under the powerful Tokugawa shogunate in the early 17th century, things began to change. While the Tokugawa shoguns appreciated European weapons and trade goods, they had little use for the foreign religion, whose success came to be viewed with increasing suspicion and hostility. Shiro Nakagawa comes from a family of recent converts living near Hitoyoshi castle on the island of Kyushu. A young man of the samurai class, Shiro studies to be a healer, but has also heard the call to become a Catholic priest. His plans for the future, however, are disrupted when the Shogun in Kyoto orders all churches closed throughout Japan. All gaijin priests are to be expelled from the country. All Christian practices and images are summarily banned. This order leads to widespread persecution, abuse and even slaughter of Christians throughout the islands. When the small church of Saint Michael in Hitoyoshi is closed, its priest Fr. Olivera arrested, and his friend Kumiko brutally attacked, Shiro knows he must take action. Along with his boyhood friend, Tomi, Shiro embarks on a mission to rescue Fr. Olivera and defend the helpless Kirishitans of southern Kyushu. Along with an army of ronin and outraged villagers, Shiro captures the castle at Yatsushiro, sheltering tens of thousands of Christian refugees. But even as the spark of justified resistance begins to burn, Shiro and his comrades know that it's only a matter of time before the Shogun's army descends upon Yatsushiro in full force deploying new and terrifying European weapons. Masaru is an historical novel which paints the travails of the first Japanese Christians in brilliant colors. Author Michael T. Cibenko utilizes his expert knowledge of Japanese culture and language to create a memorable and authentic epic of early Christian Japan which entertains the reader while effortlessly conveying a lesson on this fascinating and complex period of history.

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.

Shimabara Douglass Bailey 2015-08-05 It is a tumultuous period in feudal Japan. The samurai have wrested power from the emperor, and the nobles are conniving to take it back. The protestant Dutch and Portuguese and Spanish Catholics are competing for trading privileges, but the shogun is suspicious that the church is planning to replicate the conquest of the new world in Japan. Alcalá, an elusive renegade Jesuit, is colluding with the ruthless Prince Sanjo to foment a Christian rebellion. The church wants Alcalá stopped. Jan Kriek, a newly ordained priest, is sent to Japan stop him. He is aided by Maria, the daughter of the Christian lord Arima, who sends her to Lisbon with a dire warning of impending disaster. Accompanying her on the return voyage, Kriek finds himself torn between his Jesuit vows and his blossoming love for Maria. The key to a successful Christian uprising is a hidden treasure pilfered from the shogun's gold mines. The search for the gold leads to deadly conflict between agents of shogun the conspirators who seek to depose him. When Shogun's heir is captured by Prince Sanjo, the shogun's chief counselor sends his son Gozen and adopted daughter Aya, both masters of the sword, to find and retrieve him. It is a decision that has unforeseen and fateful consequences. The characters that inhabit this novel are fascinating, and the absorbing story of intrigue, betrayal and forbidden love culminates in the infamous battle of Shimabara, a battle that changes the course of Japanese history for centuries.

Red Thunder David Matheson 2010-11 Steeped in authentic cultural traditions and spiritual beliefs, this rich and wonderful historical novel follows the times and trials of a family band of the Schi'tsu'umsh Indians, now called the Coeur d'Alene Tribe in northern Idaho. Through a boy named Sun Bear and his sister, Rainbow Girl, the band's oral stories are told as it struggles to hold onto what is precious and sacred about life.

Samurai Sudoku PuzzleMadness 2017-06-16 Bored of Sudoku? Looking for something new? This book is the new challenge you are looking for! 101 Samurai Sudoku puzzles from the popular PuzzleMadness website. Containing 101 graded Samurai Sudoku puzzles there is something for everyone! Printed on high-quality paper that will easily withstand the constant erasing and re-writing that a Samurai Sudoku puzzle requires. The 101 puzzles are broken down as... 25 easy puzzles. Perfect if you've never played Samurai Sudoku before! 25 medium puzzles. A little more challenge. 26 hard puzzles. 25 tough puzzles. Perfect for those who are experienced Samurai Sudoku puzzlers looking for extra challenge. Every puzzle has a unique solution and can be solved by logic alone - no guessing required. Full answers are given in the book. Samurai Sudoku is very similar to standard Sudoku, but the puzzle is made up from 5 individual interlinked Sudoku puzzles. To solve a Samurai Sudoku puzzle you need to look at each Sudoku grid individually as well as consider the whole puzzle.

Spilling the Tea Ashley Rivera 2017-10-04 A collection of short stories along with poems to express a college woman's encounters with the three most important men in her life thus far. In this book the reader will go on a journey living the love and heart breaking experiences the author writes of and eventually being guided to the self loving woman she is today. These poems represent love, honesty, heart break, and realization.

Samurai Ben Hubbard 2014-06-02 The true nature of the samurai warrior is an elusive and endlessly fascinating enigma for those in the west. From their inauspicious beginnings as barbarian-subduing soldiers, the samurai lived according to a code known as bushido, or 'Way of the Warrior'. Bushido advocated loyalty, honour, pride and fearlessness in combat. Those who broke the code were expected to perform seppuku, or suicide through belly-slitting. By its very design, seppuku aimed to restore honour to disgraced warriors by ensuring the most painful of deaths. But as the samurai grew into large warrior clans, the bushido virtues of loyalty and honour fell into question, as control was seized and the emperor supplanted by a powerful military ruler, the shogun. Samurai tells the story of the ensuing centuries-long struggle for power between the clans, as Japan's martial elite rose and fell.

Války samuraj? Roman Kodet 2015-01-01 Samurajové byli vojenskou vrstvou zásadním zp?sobem formující d?jiny Japonska. Od druhé poloviny 12. století vedly jednotlivé rody t?chto japonských vále?níků? proti sob? nesmi?itelné války. Japonsko tak periodicky zažívalo výbuchy násilí následované obdobími míru a relativní stability. Na konci 15. století se však zem? propadla do anarchie a války každého s každým. Po století krvavých konflikt? bylo Japonsko op?tovn? sjednoceno t?emi velkými vále?níky – Odou Nobunagou, Tojotomim Hidejošim a Tokugawou Iejasuem. Následující období bylo naprostým kontrastem k p?edchozím neutuchajícím válkám, Japonsko zaznamenalo více než ?tvrť tisíciletí trvajcí mír. Dosáhlo toho však také za cenu izolace zem?. Když si však Spojené státy a evropské velmoci vynutily otev?ení Zem? vycházejícího Slunce, ot?ášlo to jejím politickým systémem. Vnit?ní konflikty provázející obnovení moci císa?e (Restaurace Meidži) znamenaly definitivní te?ku za dominanci samuraj?, jež trvala více než 800 let. B?hem tohoto dlouhého období bylo Japonsko sv?dkem vzestupu a následného úpadku a pádu mocných rod?, nes?etných bitev a obléhání, p?íbh?h? v?mosti a state?nosti, ale také zrady a neschopnosti. Samurajové tak dodnes p?edstavují významnou sou?ást japonských d?jin a stále hrají významnou roli v japonské i sv?tové kinematografii a literatu?e. D?dictví jejich válek je tak živé i dnes. 37. svazek edice Polozapomenuté války PhDr. Roman Kodet, Ph.D. (*1981)Vystudoval obor historie-obecné d?jiny na Filozofické fakult? Univerzity Karlovy v Praze, kde na Ústavu sv?tových d?jin roku 2012 obhájil diserta?ní práci v?nující se vztah?m Rakouska-Uherska a Osmanské ?íše. Od roku 2009 p?sobí na Kated?e historických v?d Fakulty filozofické Západo?eské univerzity v Plzni. Ve své odborné ?innosti se v?nuje d?jinám Japonska a mezinárodním vztah?m v 19. a na po?átku 20. století. Je autorem monografie Rakousko-Uhersko a Osmanská ?íše p?ed první sv?tovou válkou a ?ady odborných a populariza?ních studií v ?eských i mezinárodních ?asopisech. Jako výkonný redaktor se spolupodílí na vydávání mezinárodního ?asopisu West Bohemian Historical Review.

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 disrupt 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.

Samurai War Stories Antony Cummins 2013-04-01 Enter the world of seventeenth-century Japanese warfare and the warrior elite, the Samurai. Samurai War Stories: Teachings and Tales of Samurai Warfare is a collection of three major texts, published in an English translation for the first time. These works include writings on three distinct military strata: the Samurai; the Ashigaru or foot soldier; and women in war. Including 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.

Hagakure: The Book of the Samurai Yamamoto Tsunetomo 2015-06-08 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 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 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.

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.

The Book of Samurai Antony Cummins 2015-10-20 The first installment in a multi-volume guide on the lost arts of the samurai—presented in the English language for the very first time Antony Cummins and Yoshie Minami have brought the teachings of the famed samurai school Natori-Ryu back to life through The Book of Samurai series. This first installment is a translation of two secret scrolls and establishes the Fundamental Teachings of a samurai student, revealing the basic traditions of Natori-Ryu. The first scroll, Heika Jodan, contains 290 lessons that define the baseline for samurai during times of peace—a time which is considered as preparation for war. It focuses each student on expanding their own ability and conduct, giving them the mind-set needed for any battles to come. The second scroll, Ippei Yoko, moves the student onto the field of battle. It provides them with an understanding of what is expected during a campaign of war and the necessary guidance for samurai who are to take up arms for the first time. These first two Natori-Ryu documents are an in-depth and detailed account of the practicality of samurai warfare, opening up the lost world of these Japanese warriors to all modern readers.

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-Ry? 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 Sanj?r? Masazumi are presented here: Heieki Y?h?, which offers advice for every possible martial situation, from moving troops to besieging a castle to fighting on the open battlefield; and Heigu Y?h?, 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 Sanj?r? Masazumi, also known as Issui-sensei, who was to become the most influential grandmaster of the Natori-Ry? 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 Y?h?, 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 Y?h?, 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.

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.

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.

The Japanese Art of War

Thomas F. Cleary 1992 Discusses the impact of ancient Japanese philosophy and the ancient strategies of the art of war on Japanese attitudes and behavior in social, business, political, and personal life

Confederate Winter Kurt M. Vetter 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...

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