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Anyone who has studied taiji long enough to gain proficiency in the fundamental practices, probably has read enough to also grasp the general history and theory of the art. What we read influences our ideas about what the word “taiji” represents as a practice. For this reason, it is beneficial to look outside the mainstream writings to gain a broader view of the rich tradition taiji encompasses. A look at some of the lesser-known lineages can illustrate facets of taiji that would have otherwise been overlooked or under appreciated. In the first chapter in this anthology, Wong Yuenming details the Li Family Taiji style as it developed from the teachings of Yang Luchan. Sources state that Yang Luchan gave his student Wang Lanting classics writings from Yang’s teacher Chen Changxing, manuals, secret instructions, “heart transmissions,” and various notes. Wang’s gifted disciple, Li Ruidong, formulated a curriculum that was uniquely immense, including training regimens he inherited at the turn of the century. Cai Naibiao’s chapter focuses on a “gatekeeper” of Wu Family Style Taijiquan, Wu Daxin. He was the grandson of Wu Jianquan (1870-1942), the founder of this lineage. Daxin was particularly famous for his taiji saber skills. The author is a lineage holder living in Hong Kong and was able to provide much information and insights into the life and contributions of Wu Daxin. Training in Sun Lutang’s taiji style presents not only an extremely healthy exercise, but also an effective system of combat as author Jake Burroughs discusses in chapter three. This is a concise yet inclusive overview of Sun Family Taiji boxing, including the historical background, real-world applications, and the theory involved in this often overlooked system of taiji. Burroughs is assisted in photographic presentations by Tim Cartmell. The final chapter

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presents a branch of Yang Style as taught by Xiong Yanghe (1888-1981), who was a leading scholar/practitioner in Taiwan over the decades. Information assembled here provides a comprehensive overview of Xiong Style Taiji. Included are Xiong's lineage, his preservation of the system, and its significance for the understanding taijiquan as a martial art and exercise for health.

Xing Yi Quan Xue (The Study of Xing Yi Quan) was written by Sun Lutang in 1915. This book gives clear instructions not only in the basics of Xing Yi Quan and the important principles for beginners, but also clearly teaches and illustrates the major forms of the style including the Five Elements, Wu Xing Lian Huan Quan, the 12 Animals, Za Shi Chui, as well as the paired practice routines of the Five Elements and An Shen Pao. Sun Lutang mastered all three internal styles of Chinese Boxing: Taiji Quan, Bagua Quan, and Xing Yi Quan. His teachers included: Guo Yunshen (Xing Yi Quan), Cheng Tinghua (Bagua Quan), and Hao Weichen (Taiji Quan). Later in life he founded his own style of Taiji: Sun style Taiji Quan.

This book examines the relationships between sport, nationalism and nation building in China. By exploring the last 150 years of Chinese history, it offers unparalleled depth and breadth of coverage and provides a clear grasp of Chinese sports nationalism from both macro and micro perspectives. Beginning with a discussion on the role of sport in the Qing Dynasty's Self-Strengthening Movement (1861-1895), the book examines how sport contributed to the shaping of the early forms of Chinese nationalism in the late 19th century. It identifies and defines the core functions of sport in the Chinese Nationalist Revolution which successfully transformed China from a culturally bound empire to a modern nation state in 1911. The following section, on the Republic of China Era (1912-1949), explores the interactions between

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sport and the construction of Chinese nationalism and national consciousness, illustrating how sport played its part in the building of the newly established nation state. Moving on to the Communist China Era (1949-present), the book scans the whole spectrum of both modern and contemporary Chinese nationalism and interprets the most important issues on the course of China's nation building, explaining why sport is so tightly bound up with nationalism and patriotism, and how sport became an essential part of nationalists', politicians' and educationalists' strategy to revive the Chinese nation.

"Did you know that the martial arts include such former Western pursuits as dueling, gunfighting, and gladiatorial combat? Nearly 100 articles by scholars discuss specific martial arts, countries, and concepts such as religion and spiritual development common to martial arts traditions of the world. Definitions of unfamiliar terms and an index that notes the historical figures and classic texts discussed within articles help to make this set a scholarly corrective in an area often informed by the movies."--"Outstanding Reference Sources," American Libraries, May 2002.

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This is tgl books 20th Anniversary, with a new edition of Li Tianji's The Skill of Xingyiquan. This is still one of the most complete books on Xingyiquan, with a good variety, and the classic texts of Xingyiquan included.

The combat techniques of Tai Ji, Ba Gua, and Xing Yi were forbidden during China's Cultural Revolution, but the teachings of grandmaster Wang Pei Shing have survived. This comprehensive guide, written by one of his students, selects core movements from each practice and gives the student powerful tools to recognize the unique strategies and skills, and

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to develop a deeper understanding, of each style. It contains complete instructions for a 16-posture form to gain mastery of combat techniques. The book helps practitioners achieve a new level of practice, where deeply ingrained skills are brought forth in a more fluid, intuitive, and fast-paced fashion.

Xing Yi Quan is an old combat style from China which is still popular, especially amongst bodyguards. This new book on Xing Yi takes an in-depth look at the advanced fighting strategies of Tai (Flycatcher) and Tuo (Crocodile) Xing which were added to the art by Master Li Neng Ran.

Famed for promoting health and longevity, as well as for its effectiveness as a fighting art, Xingyi is practiced by enthusiasts in China and in the West. Designed as a primer or introductory reader and filled with photos, illustrations, and descriptive text, this authentic manual introduces the Five Elements of Xingyi—Splitting Fist, Drilling Fist, Smashing Fist, Pounding Fist, and Crossing Fist—outlining the basic theory and history of the art. Coming directly from an eighth-generation practitioner of a famous lineage, *The Xingyi Boxing Manual* is a distillation of the knowledge and experience of many of the major figures in the history of Xingyi boxing. Translator John Groschwitz includes previously unavailable materials from the complete original book making this revised and expanded edition an essential guide for today's practitioner of this traditional martial art. From the Trade Paperback edition.

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Ancient Chinese Inventions provides an illustrated introduction to the numerous scientific and technological inventions to which China can lay claim.

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What would you like to obtain from your research and practice of an Okinawan martial art? For an academic, it would be to obtain historical and cultural facts and details. For a practitioner, it would be to gain expertise in the combative skills. If you're interested in both, this three-volume anthology (paperback) is assembled for your convenience to facilitate your endeavors. These volumes assemble a wealth of material originally published during the two decades when the Journal of Asian Martial Arts was in print. Hundreds of pages and photographs present the richness of Okinawan martial traditions, from the original combatives to those influenced by Chinese and mainland Japanese martial art styles. The variety of topics shown in the table of contents indicate the depth and breath in the chapters, along with the authors who are well-known for their meticulous research and practical skills in specific arts. These three volumes dive deep into the history and culture of Okinawan martial arts. You'll find coverage of the actual artifacts—the material culture related to weaponry and training methods. Instructions from the masters details both open-hand techniques as well as with weapons. The chapters offer insights the lives of many masters over

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the past few centuries, giving the *raison d'être* for these unique fighting arts—their reason for being. Many streams of arts have contributed to the martial traditions found on the small island: Naha-te, Shuri-te, Fukien White Crane, Shorin, Goju, Motobu, Shotokan, Isshin, Kyokushin, Pwang Gai Noon, Shito, Uechi, and the list continues... Along with the various styles come the associated training methods, such as conditioning exercises with weights and creatively designed apparatus, such as the punching post (*makiwara*), or stone lever and stone padlockshaped weights. Some become battle-hardened by active and passive breaking of objects (*tameshiwari*), including wooden boards, baseball bats, rocks, and ice. The extensive use of weaponry is found in many Okinawan styles, often associated with their farming and fishing occupations. Such a blend of history and culture make the Okinawan fighting traditions a fascinating field of study. Besides being such vital sources of information, these three volumes will prove enjoyable reading and permanent at-hand reference sources in your library. Famed for its clear-minded, unstoppable practitioners, the martial art of Xingyi is known for both its street fighting quality and its spiritual practice. Written in China before World War II and never previously available in English, this is an invaluable illustrated guide for today's practitioner of this traditional martial art. Coming directly from an eighth-generation practitioner of a famous lineage, this

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book is a distillation of the knowledge and experience of many of the major figures in the history of Xingyi boxing. It offers a rare and unique perspective on the martial and healing aspects of the internal art of Xingyi Quan.

The name Sun Lu Tang rings familiar to almost anyone who has studied one or more of the major "internal" styles of Chinese martial arts. Because Sun was highly skilled in Xing Yi Quan, Ba Gua Zhang, and Tai Ji Quan, he wrote five different books on these subjects and synthesized the three arts to invent Sun Style Tai Ji Quan. His name has become well known wherever Chinese martial arts are practiced. Sun Lu Tang's treatise on Xing Yi Quan, published in 1915, was his first work and it was the first book published publically in China which integrated the theories of martial arts with Chinese philosophy and Daoist Qi cultivation theories. In addition to the original text of Sun's Xing Yi Quan book, this English translation also includes a detailed biography of Sun Lu Tang and an interview with his daughter, Sun Jian Yun. Book jacket.

The Xingyi Boxing Manual, Revised and Expanded Edition Blue Snake Books Readers are introduced to the action-packed and fascinating world of kung fu. This book provides a history of the discipline as well as details on the different styles. Step-by-step instructions and accompanying photographs help readers learn the positions and fundamental techniques. As the book progresses, the

moves become more and more varied and complex. Formal exercises encourage students to practice what they have learned, keep track of personal progress, and improve their mastery of the discipline. The book also includes a glossary, a further reading section with books and websites, and an index.

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 adapt ways to enrich their martial art practice to reach a higher standard of health. Whenever considering health, one's diet should be a 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 exercise are illustrated in Oga-Baldwin's chapter. These exercise are in line with traditional qigong/stretching exercises. Netherton and Durstine's chapter addresses the sports-medicine views of the physiology of warm-up exercises. The authors examine changes in blood flow and body 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 weight training practices derived from Miyagi Chojun in Okinawa. These exercises are designed to strengthen bodies and maintain overall flexibility to properly perform the techniques. Julio Anta looks to ancient Shaolin Temple physical conditioning

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traditions for inspiration. His chapter introduces iron ring and hard qigong exercises that are based on fundamental principles also found in modern training methods, such as weightlifting. The chapters by Smith, Bradley, and Mancuso all deal with a variety of breathing techniques necessary for energy and stamina. Some breathing methods are definitely 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 particular Korean system and Mancuso has a focus on Chinese practices, Smith utilizes an in depth multi-cultural approach. Niiler's chapter concerns the potential for leg injuries from jumping kicks. He uses examples of Chinese wushu flying kicks, but the scientific information and advice he provides will benefit anyone who practices jumping maneuvers. Last but not least are two very valuable chapters by Allen Pittman, one chapter dealing with the 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 superb body conditioning, but will certainly lead to improved combative technique. Pittman's chapters along with the other authors are useful and effective for modern practitioners of martial arts.

The ancient Chinese martial art of Xingyi Quan is known for its explosive internal power. Closely related to both Taiji Quan and Bagua Quan, Xingyi is regarded as

the most esoteric, and the most dangerous of the fighting arts, though the purposes of consistent practice include health and spiritual development. This in-depth guide is the first to cover the history and traditions of the art in such a comprehensive way, describing the essential Xingyi Quan movements, and their effects, in fully illustrated form, and including the author's research with the Song Xingyi Quan clan in China. The book contains a comprehensive teaching guide to the practice of Santi Shr and the Five Element Fists, the core exercises of this potent fighting system, as well as explanations of the underlying principles which give Xingyi Masters their great depth of skill and refined understanding of combat strategy. The reader will also find clearly illustrated teachings of all the Twelve Animal Forms, linking forms, two person sets, basic skills, and the weapons training. This authoritative book will be an illuminating and complete guide for anyone interested in the internal martial arts, especially those practicing or teaching Xingyi Quan or wanting to learn more about it.

Kung Fu has evolved from a traditional means of defence to become a system of attacking and defending oneself, with or without weapons, exercising the body and maintaining good physical and mental health. As such, these practices have found an international following. Yet what has remained a largely unexplored area is the scientific principles behind these martial arts. This book not only

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covers the brief history of Chinese martial arts, but also brings together the wisdom of a Kung Fu grand master with a scientist and teacher to explain the scientific reasons why Kung Fu is the powerful practice that it is. Using the principles of physics, biomechanics and biology, with a number of drawings showing some basic postures of Kung Fu, the authors present a deep understanding of how the styles, the specific movements and methods of attack and defence operate.

If personal achievement is what you are looking for, Xing Yi (Hsing I) Kung Fu for Success is what you need. Drawing upon lessons taught in Xingyiquan (Hsing I Ch'uan), one of the three major forms of internal martial arts from China, this book will reveal a new psychology of success that has hitherto been unknown to the world. Other than introducing to you what this ancient art is all about, Xing Yi (Hsing I) Kung Fu for Success will also show you the way to self-esteem, confidence, and a mental tenacity that only the very best will possess. You are more than what you think, and you are stronger than what you can ever imagine. Are you anywhere close to what you can potentially be? If you are not, it is time to get this book.

Delve into the amazing world of the internal "yin" martial arts. Learn about health and your Ch'i. Understand the difference between internal and external Iron

palm. The mysterious Cinnabar palm, and training methods revealed. Plus, an in-depth look at the origins of both arts, with detailed instructions. Now harness the incredible power of Tai Ch'i Boxing and understand why it is called "The Grand Ultimate Fist."

The book provides highlights on the key concepts and trends of evolution in History of Chinese Martial Arts, as one of the series of books of "China Classified Histories".

Baguaquan and xingyiquan are two styles that complement each other as yin does yang. Bagua is known for its circular movements and its practice of circle walking. Xingyi embodies characteristic linear movements said to be derived from the logical strategies for using spear and staff. How fortunate we are to include writings in this anthology by leading authorities on these styles. Separated into three sections, the first features bagua. Allen Pittman presents five variations of the single palm change, followed by an overview of the Yin Fun bagua lineage and an interview with He Jinbao focusing on training, fighting skills, teaching and learning. Travis Joern examines how a martial artist can apply the theoretical aspects of the Book of Changes to bagua training. Hong Dzehan (son of Hong Yixiang, stellar master of the three internal systems) then shares some of his personal experiences and favorite bagua techniques. Section two contains

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chapters on xingyi. The interview with Luo Dexiu questions the proper way to study xingyi from the beginning to the advanced levels. Robert Yu compares American boxing with xingyi's pragmatic fighting techniques and in the following chapter he recounts in detail how it was to study under Hong Yixiang in Taiwan nearly forty years ago. Stanley Henning gives a travelogue of a trip to Shanxi Province (the home of xingyi) and then discusses Che Style xingyi training methods as thought by Dr. Wu Chaoxiang, including the five element theory, twelve animal forms, two-person routines, and spear training. The third section presents some commonalities in what many refer to as the internal arts: bagua, xingyi, and taiji. The chapter on Fu family style beautifully details how they incorporated the essential elements of taiji, xingyi, and bagua into their majestic sixiangquan (four image boxing). Marcus Brinkman relates many of the unique insights and experiences he had during his extensive study with Lo Dexiu and Hong Yixiang, including internal development and fighting applications. Tim Cartmell provides the final chapter which explains the key concepts of “sticking and following” as they apply to the throwing methods of the Chinese internal martial arts. The rich content in this anthology comes from the rare academic and hands-on experience of those presented in chapters here. Readers will no doubt benefit from the practical practice tips as well as the other cultural details these

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wonderful authors share.

Harmoniously merging the mind and the body, Hsing-I Ch'uan is simultaneously one of the most simple and most complex of the Chinese martial arts. The five forms, based on the Chinese concept of the five elements, provide a toolbox of techniques that the skillful Hsing-I practitioner uses to box with himself, channeling ch'i into spirit and spirit into mindful stillness. From this synthesis of external and internal forces springs new energy and true ability. Engagingly written and amply illustrated with black and white photographs, Robert W. Smith's primer includes the history and meaning of Hsing-I, detailed instruction in the five forms and twelve animal styles, and cogent advice from the masters. First published almost 30 years ago, Hsing-I: Chinese Mind-Body Boxing was among the first books on Hsing-I and remains one of the best.

Today, the martial arts of Bagua Zhang, Taiji Quan, and Xing/Xin Yi Quan are the best known of the Neijia arts and are often practiced together. The origins of these so-called “Big Three Internal Martial Arts” are both mysterious and controversial. These convoluted origins are often interconnected and interrelated and span through many other Chinese martial arts. Often times some aspects of one style's boxing routines served as a root to the development of another style, though their relationship may have become long forgotten today. During the Qing

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Dynasty (1644 to 1912), many famous Chinese martial artists arose who practiced not only all three arts of Bagua, Taiji, and Xingyi, but also some form of Long Fist Boxing as well, such as Shaolin Quan and Tongbei Quan. It is important to understand the roots of one's style, so that one can see how the movements developed over time and perhaps learn why there are done the way they are now done. It is an interesting, long winding road exploring who taught what to whom, when and why. This book was developed from over 30 years of research and it is a book about what my opinion is that the research reveals. Hopefully it will lead others to do more research and many new books will arise tracing the historical and stylistic and often mysterious evolution of the Chinese Martial Arts. It is very surprising to find out how the different styles are connected to each other in many different ways.

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This book unravels the mystery behind Chinese martial arts, or wushu, an exotic branch of traditional Chinese culture. It traces how the rough and ready brawls of Chinese cavemen matured into the polished gongfu of Shaolin and Wudang warriors. But the art of gongfu is more than just martial abilities - it is also about a philosophy and chivalry code. This volume sheds light on the legend of Bruce Lee and the Yue Maiden Sword.

In every century there are unique individuals whose fate makes them standing symbols of unique merit and accomplishment. Robert W. Smith's *Martial Musings* stands out as the sole literary work which offers readers a special perspective of martial arts as they evolved during the 20th century. Smith personally escorts the reader on a martial arts tour. He starts with his own initial involvement in the arts, then launches outward, across the nation, over to Asia, and eventually home again. Some of the topics covered in the book include martial arts theory and practice, portrayals of leading Asian instructors, profiles of Westerners who

studied the arts and brought them back to their respective countries and an historical record of the evolution of fighting arts in the West. *Martial Musings* represents the fourteenth book Smith has written on the subject and is a broader, somewhat historical, semi-autobiographical commentary on martial arts in the 20th century. But, what makes this book such a joy to devour is the literary relish Smith stir-fries in with the book's basic ingredients. He astutely couples combatives with literary panache, and a ready wit. In short, *Martial Musings* introduces the reader to the individuals who shaped martial arts in the 20th century. The hardbound book has 398 pages and over 300 illustrations with a full-color cover and two-color text pages.

Translation of Sha Guozhen's *Classic on Two-Person Xingyi Practice*
Wushu, the Chinese martial art form known as kung fu in the West, embodies traditional Chinese culture and reflects the self defense and fitness practices of the Chinese people. The core philosophy of wushu is drawn from Confucian, Taoist and Buddhist principles and the Eastern philosophy that humans are an integral part of nature. In this illustrated introduction Wang Guangxi discusses the theory, schools, weapons and development of this distinctive and captivating branch of Chinese culture from ancient times to the present day, including its representation in literature and film.

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The book includes two parts. The first part is the author's interpretation of the entire content of Mr. Sun Lutang's Xingyi Boxing, and the second part is a collection of articles by Mr. Lu Feixue on the research of the match of Daoism and the Internal Boxing. Xingyi Boxing is a summary of the comprehensive system of Xingyiquan by Mr. Sun Lutang, a great master of internal boxing, and a reveal of the secret of the core of Xingyiquan. However, Xingyi Boxing is hard to understand because the text in the book is concise and incorporates the study of the Taoist life. Mr. Lu Feixue explains the book word-for-word by his own experience to reveal the truth of the boxing in the ancient millennium to the world. This is another painstaking work of Mr. Lu Feixue following Lu Feixue's Reveal of the Internal School of Martial Arts.

While Chinese acupuncture and herbalism enjoy widespread popularity in the West, traditional Chinese exercise techniques—with the exception of qi gong—have rarely been taught outside China. This book is designed to change that. Written by Jun Wang, a doctor of Chinese medicine, Cultivating Qi draws on classic Chinese texts to introduce these body-mind healing exercises to Western readers. In simple, accessible language, Wang presents three specific qi exercises: the Yijin Jing, a popular form of calisthenics associated with both Chinese Buddhist and Daoist traditions; Taiji Neigong, a series of 34 movements

adapted from the Wu-Hao style of Taiji Quan; and the “Six Healing Breaths,” which combines spoken sounds with movements associated with the six major vital organs of Chinese medicine. Written for beginning students of Chinese medicine as well as laypersons, healthcare practitioners, and martial artists, *Cultivating Qi* includes clear explanations of Chinese medical terminology—and provides the original Chinese characters for more advanced students—as well as step-by-step instruction in the three exercises. Accompanied by 100 photographs, these exercises are suitable for all ages and activity levels, and most of them take no more than 10 to 15 minutes to complete.

A modern classic, *Shang Yun-Xiang Style Xingyiquan* is essential for Xingyiquan practitioners and a useful guide for any practitioner of the Chinese martial arts. While focusing on Shang-style Xingyiquan (derived from author Li Wen-Bin's training under Grandmaster Shang Yun-Xiang), this book clearly breaks down the fundamentals of those movements and forms found in all of Xingyiquan (and other internal martial arts). Rather than simply presenting the traditional, often-cryptic poetry or "songs" to impart martial concepts, Li goes into great detail to explain to readers of all levels the finer points of Xingyi training. Featuring hundreds of original photographs and step-by-step explanation of movements, *Shang Yun Xiang Style Xingyiquan* is an excellent companion to Xingyiquan

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Jonathan Bluestein's Research of Martial Arts is a book about the true essence of martial arts. It includes neither instruction on deadly killing techniques, nor mystical tales of so called super-human masters. Rather, it is a vast compilation of seriously thought-out observations made on the subject by the author, as well as many other martial artists and scientists, with a slight touch of history and humour. The goal of this project had from the start been to surpass the current standard in the martial arts literary market, and offer readers worldwide something which they have never seen before. In essence, a book in which are found countless answers for martial arts practitioners which they cannot be read elsewhere, which address commonly discussed martially-related topics with breadth and depth unparalleled in other works to this day (in any language). It holds among its pages no less than 220,000 words, containing knowledge which would be coveted by many. The aim of this book is to present the reader a

coherent, clear-cut, and in-depth view of some of the most perplexing and controversial subjects in the world of martial arts, as well as providing a healthy dose of philosophical outlook on these subjects (from various individuals). At its core is the author's aspiration to build a stronger theoretical foundation for the discussion of martial arts, while addressing matters in innovative ways, which I have come to believe, would help people to better grasp the nature of these arts. There are books by authors who will tell you that some aspects of the martial arts are too complex for concrete, coherent and defined explanations. Others have used ambiguous terminology to explain what they could not pronounce otherwise. This is no such book. This book was written to provide you with the solid, applicable answers and ideas that you could actually understand, and take away with you. This book is mainly comprised of three parts: | Part I: From the Inside Out – External and Internal Gong Fu | This is essentially mostly a very long & thorough discussion of martial arts theory and practice. Traditional and modern concepts and methods are discussed through the mediums of Physiology, Biology, Anatomy, Psychology, Philosophy (Western and Oriental alike), sports science, and the author's personal experiences. The Internal Martial Arts of China receive a special, lengthier treatment in this part of the book. | Part II: Contemplations on Controlled Violence | This one is of a Philosophical and

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Psychological nature, and contains the author's thoughts on the martial arts and their manifestation in our daily lives, with guest-articles by various martial arts teachers. | Part III: The Wisdom of Martial Spirits: Teachers, and the Things They Hold Dear | This part includes various interesting and comprehensive interviews with distinguished martial arts masters, spanning dozens of pages each. Every one of the interviewees is a person whose views and ideas are thought provoking and well-worth reading. The teachers interviewed in this book are: Master Chen Zhonghua (Chen Taiji Quan) Master Yang Hai (Xing Yi Quan, Bagua Zhang and Chen Taiji Quan) Shifu Strider Clark (Tongbei Quan, Wu style Taiji, Shuai Jiao and more) Shifu Neil Ripski (Traditional Drunken Fist and many others) Sifu James Cama (Buddha Hand Wing Chun and Southern Praying Mantis) Itzik Cohen Sensei (Shito-ryu Karate) No matter the age, rank, status or experience – this book was written for everyone who see themselves part of the martial arts community. It is my sincere hope that any person who reads this book will benefit from the time he or she had spent doing so. May this work encourage others to continue intelligent writing and research in the field, as I was pushed forth and built upon the knowledge others have shared before me. May you have a pleasant reading experience! =]

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Huang Bo Nien's Xingyi Fist and Weapon Instruction was the first manual to systematically adapt a traditional Chinese martial art for modern military training. When it was first published in Chinese in 1928, it was heralded as an exciting new approach to martial arts; today, it remains an important work for close combat enthusiasts, traditional martial artists, and Chinese and military historians alike. While organized as a means of progressive training—from empty-hand fighting to combat with weapons—no actual applications are given in Huang's original manual. Building upon a new translation of Huang's text, *The Xingyi Quan of the Chinese Army* also expands and illustrates his instructions with xingyi training drills and combat applications taught to select units of the Chinese army prior to and during World War II. These applications are not speculative reconstructions, but are based on actual training methodology from the Central Military Academy at Nanjing, taught to the author by Colonel Chang Xiang Wu. Also included are theory sections and background material from the Chinese army training for empty-hand and two-handed saber—material never before published in any book on xingyi.

Secret training manuals, magic swords, and flying kung fu masters—these are staples of Chinese martial arts movies and novels, but only secret manuals have a basis in reality. Chinese martial arts masters of the past did indeed write such

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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 the English-speaking reader. 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 Republican period. Aimed at fans, students, and practitioners, the book explains the principles, techniques, and forms of each system while also placing them in the wider cultural context of Chinese martial arts. Individual chapters cover the history of the manuals, Taiwanese martial arts, the lives and livelihoods of the masters, the Imperial military exams, the significance of the Shaolin Temple, and more. Featuring a wealth of rare photographs of great masters as well as original drawings depicting the intended forms of each discipline, this book offers a multifaceted portrait of Chinese martial arts and their place in Chinese culture.

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