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Mixed martial arts (MMA)—unarmed fighting games permitting techniques derived from a variety of martial arts and combat sports— has exploded from the fringes of sport into a worldwide phenomenon, a sport as controversial as it is compelling. This is the first book to pay MMA the serious philosophical attention it deserves. With contributions from leading international scholars of the philosophy of sport and martial arts, the book explores topics such as whether MMA qualifies as a

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martial art, the differences between MMA and the traditional martial arts, the aesthetic dimensions of MMA, the limits of consent and choice in MMA and whether MMA can promote moral virtues. It also explores cutting-edge practical and ethical topics, including the role of gender in MMA, and the question of whether trans athletes should be allowed to compete in the women's divisions. The contributors to this anthology take down, ground and pound, and submit many essential questions about this fascinating recent development in the culture of sport and spectacle. This is important reading for anybody with an interest in combat sports, martial arts, or the philosophy, sociology, culture or history of sport. The speed and brutality of a

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predatory attack can shock even an experienced martial artist. The sudden chaos, the cascade of stress hormones?you feel as though time slows down. In reality, the assault is over in an instant. How does anyone prepare for that? As a former corrections sergeant and tactical team leader, Rory Miller is a proven survivor. He instructs police and corrections professionals who, in many cases, receive only eight hours of defensive tactics training each year. They need techniques that work and they need unflinching courage. In *Training for Sudden Violence* Miller gives you the tools to prepare and prevail, both physically and psychologically. He shares hard-won lessons from a world most of us hope we never experience. Train

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in fundamentals, combat drills, and dynamic fighting. Develop situational awareness. Condition yourself through stress inoculation. Take a critical look at your training habits. "You don't get to pick where fights go," Miller writes. That's why he has created a series of drills to train you for the worst of it. You will defend yourself on your feet, on the ground, against weapons, in a crowd, and while blindfolded. You will reevaluate your training scenarios?keeping what works, discarding what does not, and improving your chances of survival. Miller's "internal work," "world work," and "plastic mind" exercises will challenge you in ways that mere physical training does not. Sections include: Stalking Escape and evasion The predator mind

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Personal threat assessment This is a fight for your life, and it won't happen on a nice soft mat. It will get, as Miller says, "all kinds of messy." Training for Sudden Violence prepares you for that mess.

For intermediate and advanced students, seizing techniques applied in real combat scenarios. A raucous, irreverent look into the Buddhist and Martial Arts worlds Can we be martial arts practitioners and Buddhists at the same time? Can these practices actually complement each other, in mindfulness? How do we reconcile Buddhist concepts like non-violence with a fighting practice like judo, karate or jiu jitsu? Long-standing martial arts instructor and meditator Jeff Eisenberg addresses

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these and other questions in his own inimitable style, employing autobiographical anecdotes, along with martial arts fighting strategies, koan and sutra teachings, and Buddhist folk stories. **Fighting Buddha** outlines why the true test of a martial artist's skill and of a Buddhist's application of mindfulness is during a situation that is the least conducive for it—usually not inside the Dojo or Zendo. Challenging the belief that fighting martial arts styles are not conducive to a meditative practice, the book discusses the difference between violence and the use of force as it relates to the Buddha's teaching of "cause no harm", exploring the common misunderstanding that meditative moments are exclusive to only

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select activities. Further topics are the struggles of beginning training and practice, the importance of identifying goals, choosing a teacher and training in support of these goals. And, far from being the often-perceived ending, Jeff concludes that enlightenment and the black belt are really only a beginning.

Just Breathe

**A Brief History of the Martial Arts
Dynamic Decision Making Under
Threat of Violence**

**The Life and Teachings of a Filipino
Martial Arts Master**

Martial Arts and Well-being

**Principles-Based Instruction for
Self-Defense (and Maybe Life)**

72 Practical Drills

Sonny Umpad's Eskrima

Jonathan Bluestein's Research of

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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

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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

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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

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and 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

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(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! =]

Rory Miller is one of the leaders in the modern self-defense industry. His previous books, especially Meditations on Violence, Facing Violence and Conflict Communications, have changed the dialogue on violence and

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conflict. His ability to clarify seemingly complex problems and develop practical solutions have made him an instructor with a world-wide following. In Principles Based Instruction Miller delves deep into teaching methodology. Why do current methods fail under pressure? What might work? With information on teaching problem students and elite teams, designing curriculum and evaluating sources, Principles is a unique and necessary book for anyone dealing with or training for, high-risk, chaotic situations. Including life.

Since ancient times, some observant people have made the revered Book of Change (Yijing) their lifelong study. Change is the fundamental principle found in every aspect of our lives. Change is the Way of the universe. Confucian and Daoist texts are filled

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with anecdotal and philosophic discourse related to this theme. There is little wonder why we find the concept of change in the diverse Chinese martial traditions. This anthology presents articles from the Journal of Asian Martial Arts that are related to the theme of change. This does not mean that the authors are writing solely about philosophic ideas such as yin-yang, taiji, five phases (wuxing), or the eight hexagrams (bagua). From the content of these articles you will see how the views, needs, purposes and understandings of Chinese martial arts have changed over the centuries. By expounding on these themes, each author demonstrates how the actual practice of martial arts has changed in tandem with these fluctuating views. Supported by in depth research, interviews, and field experience, the

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nine articles included here offer us a view of Chinese martial arts from many angles. Of course effectiveness is one of the criteria for skills that are valued as being truly martial. To improve the effectiveness, some leading practitioners gained insights from nature, particularly from the animal kingdom. Also, in both ancient and modern times, Chinese practitioners borrowed from other styles. The concept of “mixed martial arts” is nothing new. There have been spinoffs to the warrior arts. Even centuries ago the martial arts were utilized in entertaining “flowery” performances, as in Peking opera. The variety of martial movements were certainly conducive for good health so there is a long tradition of incorporating these in exercises practices solely for health and longevity. In the early twentieth century,

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martial arts became a political tool for boosting the spirit of country, vitalizing the “sick man of Asia.” Perhaps the most notable change in Chinese martial arts can be seen in the modern sportification of it. Motivated by rank, trophies, and money, the combative elements have been forsaken in favor of competition and show. Originally practical, techniques have been transformed into pure acrobatics. This special anthology provides an encompassing overview of the development and variety of Chinese martial arts. You will come to appreciate the ancient roots and the forces that have influenced how and why these arts are practiced today. Life out at the edges can be rough, scary and at times dangerous. *Campfire Tales From Hell* is a collection of essays from people who have been

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there, done that -- some of whom had to fight for their title of 'survivor.' Some are professionals, calmly going to work knowing a bad day means someone dies -- and that 'someone' could be them. Others came through by being smarter, more aware, better trained or just having it more together than the other 'team.' Some of the authors looked into the abyss and spit in its eye when it looked back. Still others were normal people thrown into extraordinary circumstances. *Campfire Tales* is not a collection of macho stories. It's a primer for what you'll need to know to make it out there, on the edge. It's what to remember when you're dealing with dangerous people and difficult situations. It's what attitudes, knowledge and perspectives you'll need to get through. It's 'what I wish someone had told me when I started.' It's how

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Hollywood and fiction can -- and will -- get you killed or thrown into prison. It's what you need to know to fill the holes in your self-defense or defensive tactics training. In a different direction, writers can learn from the people who actually do what they're writing about. But most of all, *Campfire Tales From Hell* is a collection of stories and wisdom that tells you, 'you too can get through.'

Chinese Martial Arts: Changing Views and Practices

Martial Arts Studies

Comprehensive Applications of Shaolin
Chin Na

Mastering Breathwork

Squaring the Octagon

Preparing for the Unexpected

Musings on Martial Arts, Survival,
Bouncing, and General Thug Stuff

Asian Martial Arts

In 1895, the newly formed

Greater Japan Martial Virtue Association (Dainippon Butokukai) held its first annual Martial Virtue Festival (butokusai) in the ancient capital of Kyoto. The Festival marked the arrival of a new iteration of modern Japan, as the Butokukai's efforts to define and popularise Japanese martial arts became an important medium through which the bodies of millions of Japanese citizens would experience, draw on, and even shape the Japanese nation and state. This book shows how the notion and practice of Japanese martial arts in the

late Meiji period brought Japanese bodies, Japanese nationalisms, and the Japanese state into sustained contact and dynamic engagement with one another. Using a range of disciplinary approaches, Denis Gainty shows how the metaphor of a national body and the cultural and historical meanings of martial arts were celebrated and appropriated by modern Japanese at all levels of society, allowing them to participate powerfully in shaping the modern Japanese nation and state. While recent works have cast modern

Japanese and their bodies as subject to state domination and elite control, this book argues that having a body – being a body, and through that body experiencing and shaping social, political, and even cosmic realities – is an important and underexamined aspect of the late Meiji period. Martial Arts and the Body Politic in Meiji Japan is an important contribution to debates in Japanese and Asian social sciences, theories of the body and its role in modern historiography, and related questions of power and agency by

suggesting a new and dramatic role for human bodies in the shaping of modern states and societies. As such, it will be valuable to students and scholars of Japanese studies, Japanese history, modern nations and nationalisms, and sport and leisure studies, as well as those interested in the body more broadly. This book is the most comprehensive and authoritative reference ever published on the wide range of martial arts disciplines practiced in cultures around the world. • Includes the

***scholarship of 67 expert,
international contributors •
Presents 30 images of martial
arts in practice • Offers
bibliographic lists at the end
of each section pointing to
further reading in print and
online • Includes a
comprehensive index in each
volume***

***Techniques learned in the dojo
rarely work in a real fight. Here
the author of *A Bouncer's
Guide to Barroom Brawling*
offers a practical solution.
Learn how to control the rush
of adrenaline into your system
and harness it effectively to
shut down the bully's antics or***

***pound him into the pavement
when all else fails.***

***Uncover the historical truth
about Buddhist warrior monks
with this informative and
enlightening book. Film,
television and popular fiction
have long exploited the image
of the serene Buddhist monk
who is master of the deadly
craft of hand-to-hand combat.
While these media overly
romanticize the relationship
between a philosophy of non-
violence and the art of
fighting, When Buddhists
Attack: The Curious
Relationship Between Zen and
the Martial Arts shows this link***

to be nevertheless real, even natural. Exploring the origins of Buddhism and the ethos of the Japanese samurai, university professor and martial arts practitioner Jeffrey Mann traces the close connection between the Buddhist way of compassion and the way of the warrior. This zen book serves as a basic introduction to the history, philosophy, and current practice of Zen as it relates to the Japanese martial arts. It examines the elements of Zen that have found a place in budo—the martial way—such as zazen, mushin, zanshin and

fudoshin, then goes on to discuss the ethics and practice of budo as modern sport. Offering insights into how qualities integral to the true martial artist are interwoven with this ancient religious philosophy, this Buddhism book will help practitioners reconnect to an authentic spiritual discipline of the martial arts.

The Most Apt Reviews

Meditations on Violence

Streetwise

Campfire Tales from Hell

Constructive Thoughts &

Practical Applications

Striking Beauty

Scaling Force

**What Dance Reveals about
Martial Arts Training**

Looks at the differences between martial arts and violence, with information on such topics as expectations of martial arts training, thinking critically about violence, and adapting training methods to reality.

This book disrupts disciplinary boundaries to make a case for the future direction and growth of martial arts studies as a unique field

This meticulously researched and eminently readable study considers the economic, political,

and religious factors that led Shaolin monks to disregard the Buddhist prohibition against violence and instead create fighting techniques that by the 21st century have spread throughout the world.

Martial Arts and Well-Being explores how martial arts as a source of learning can contribute in important ways to health and well-being, as well as provide other broader social benefits. Using psychological and sociological theory related to behaviour, ritual, perception and reality construction, the book seeks to illustrate, with empirical data, how individuals make

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sense of and perceive the value of martial arts in their lives. This book draws on data from over 500 people, across all age ranges, and powerfully demonstrates that participating in martial arts can have a profound influence on the construction of behaviour patterns that are directly linked to lifestyle and health. Making individual connections regarding the benefits of practice, improvements to health and well-being – regardless of whether these improvements are ‘true’ in a medical sense – this book offers an important and original window into the importance of

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beliefs to health and well-being as well as the value of thinking about education as a process of life-long learning. This book will be of great interest to a range of audiences, including researchers, academics and postgraduate students interested in sports and exercise psychology, martial art studies and health and well-being. It should also be of interest to sociologists, social workers and martial arts practitioners.

*A Guide to Avoiding and
Surviving Violence
The Shaolin Monastery
Risk, Failure, Play
Bull's Eye!*

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*Training for Sudden Violence
East Asian Fighting Styles, from
Kung Fu to Ninjutsu
Philosophy and the Martial Arts
Jiu-Jitsu Strategies and Tactics
for Self-Defense (Downloadable
Media Included)*

*HARDCORE SELF-DEFENSE is
totally unlike any other martial-arts
book you've ever read. It is the result
of a lifetime of experience by one
who walks the Warrior's Path. Jam-
packed with useful information, no
space is wasted with "filler material"
like training methods, foreign
terminology, or photographs of the
author pretending to spar. No, this
book gets right to the point and tells
you the best ways to defend oneself,*

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as well as commonly taught nonsense that will not work against a real opponent. This book is heavy on combat psychology and weaponscraft, and is intended for those who are truly serious about protecting themselves and their loved ones. Be warned, this book is NOT FOR THE MEEK!

Hailed by Tony Robbins as the “definitive breathwork handbook,” Just Breathe will teach you how to harness your breath to reduce stress, increase productivity, balance your health, and find the path to spiritual awakening. Big meeting jitters? Anxiety over a test or taxes? Hard time focusing? What if you could control your outcomes and change

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results simply by regulating your breath? In this simple and revolutionary guide, world-renowned pioneer of breathwork Dan Brulé shares the Breath Mastery technique that has helped people in more than fifty countries reduce anxiety, improve their health, and tap infinite stores of energy. Just Breathe reveals the truth that elite athletes, champion martial artists, Navy SEAL warriors, first responders, and spiritual yogis have always known—when you regulate your breathing, you can moderate your state of well-being. So if you want to clear and calm your mind and spark peak performance, the secret is just a breath away. Breathwork gives you the tools to

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achieve benefits in a wide range of issues including: managing acute/chronic pain; helping with insomnia, weight loss, attention deficit, anxiety, depression, trauma, and grief; improving intuition, creativity, mindfulness, self-esteem, and leadership; and much more.

Recommended “for those who wish to destress naturally” (Library Journal), Just Breathe will help you utilize your breath to benefit your body, mind, and spirit.

Marine Corps Reference Publication (MCRP) 3-02B. Marine Corps Martial Arts Program (MCMAP), is designed for Marines to review and study techniques after receiving initial naming from a certified Marine

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Corps martial arts instructor or martial arts instructor trainer. It is not designed as a self-study or independent course. The true value of Marine Corps Martial Arts Program is enhancement to unit training. A frilly implemented program can help instill unit esprit de corps and help foster the mental, character, and physical development of the individual Marine in the unit. This publication guides individual Marines, u leaders, and martial arts instructors/instructor trainers in the proper tactics, techniques, and procedures for martial arts training. MCRP 3-02B is not intended to replace supervision by appropriate unit leaders and martial arts

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instruction by qualified instructors. Its role is to ensure standardized execution of tactics, techniques, and procedures throughout the Marine Corps. Although not directive, this publication is intended for use as a reference by all Marines in developing individual and unit martial arts programs. For policy on conducting martial arts training, refer to Marine Corps Order 1500.59, Marine Corps Martial Arts Program (MCMAP). WARNING Techniques described in this manual can cause serious injury or death. Practical application in the training of these techniques will be conducted in strict adherence with training procedures outlined in this manual as well as by

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conducting a thorough operational risk assessment for all training.

Provides a range of options, from skillfully doing nothing to applying deadly force, designed to prevent violence or, if that is not possible, to defend oneself against it as effectively as possible.

*Disrupting Disciplinary Boundaries
Fighting Buddha*

*Learning How to Do What It Takes
When Your Life Is at Stake*

*Martial Arts of the World: An
Encyclopedia of History and
Innovation [2 volumes]*

*Sociocultural Change from World
War II to 2020*

*Martial Arts, Buddhism, Kicking Ass
and Saving It*

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A Manual for the Way a Modern Warrior Should Think History, Religion, and the Chinese Martial Arts

Can you defend yourself in the street with boxing techniques? Yes, you can, but there are critical differences between the ring and the pavement arena. For boxing to be an effective self-defense system, you must know which parts transfer directly and which ones you need to adapt. Most of all, you must know how to do that. Written by a self-defense expert with over thirty-five years of

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experience, this book teaches you exactly that. It covers everything you need to start your training, regardless if you are a beginner or if you already practice the sweet science. You will learn how to: Avoid going to jail by understanding how legal self-defense is different from sports fighting. Not break your fist when punching without gloves. Adapt boxing's footwork, punching and defensive techniques to the realities of the street. Get out of the clinch positions attackers

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most often use. Avoid common mistakes that boxers make when defending themselves. This first volume in the "Boxing for Self-Defense" series covers the fundamental information you need to efficiently defend yourself. It gives you the necessary knowledge to transform powerful ring-fighting techniques into devastating punches that can fight off aggressors. As the saying goes: You don't know punching, until you've been hit by a boxer. Buy this book today so you too can become a

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hard-hitting pugilist.

Bonus! You receive free access to an on-line resources page with more information, videos of boxing used in street encounters, gear to use and much more.

Folk tales of the Shaolin Temple depict warrior monks with superhuman abilities. Today, dozens of East Asian fighting styles trace their roots back to the Buddhist brawlers of Shaolin, although any quest for the true story soon wanders into a labyrinth of forgeries, secret texts

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and modern retellings. This new study approaches the martial arts from their origins in military exercises and callisthenics. It examines a rich folklore from old wuxia tales of crime-fighting heroes to modern kung fu movies. Centre stage is given to the stories that martial artists tell themselves about themselves, with accounts (both factual and fictional) of famous practitioners including China's Yim Wing-chun, Wong Fei-hong, and Ip Man, as well as Japanese

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counterparts such as Kano Jigoro, Itosu Anko and So Doshin. The history of martial arts encompasses secret societies and religious rebels, with intimate glimpses of the histories of China, Korea and Japan, their conflicts and transformations. The book also charts the migration of martial arts to the United States and beyond. Special attention is paid to the turmoil of the twentieth century, the cross-cultural influence of Japanese colonies in Asia, and the post-war rise of martial arts in

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sport and entertainment - including the legacy of Bruce Lee, the dilemma of the ninja and the global audience for martial arts in fiction.

Asian Martial Arts: Constructive Thoughts & Practical Applications represents an international gathering of friends who happen to be highly qualified martial art scholars and practitioners. This martial arts book is a collection of articles from practitioners who have come together in celebration of the 20-plus

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years that Journal of Asian Martial Arts has inspired scholarship to higher academic standards while encouraging all aspects of responsible practice. Each article was written specifically for Asian Martial Arts, with topics representing the rich variety found in the Asian martial traditions. Two veteran martial arts instructors and a renowned comic book illustrator deliver the ultimate course in self-defense. More than three million Americans are involved in a violent physical

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encounter every year. In these situations, knowledge is power, and few teachers are better equipped to deliver that knowledge than Lawrence Kane and Kris Wilder. Veteran martial arts instructors and masters in their field, Kane and Wilder have teamed up with DC Comics artist Matt Haley to produce a step-by-step guide revealing the secrets of surviving-and preventing-violent encounters. The defense begins by scanning the environment for dangerous situations and using

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verbal de-escalation to defuse tense situations. If a fight is unavoidable, the authors offer clear guidance for being the victor, along with advice on legal implications, including how to handle a police interview after the attack.

When Buddhists Attack
Martial Arts and the Body
Politic in Meiji Japan
Adrenaline Stress
Conditioning Through
Scenario-Based Training
Boxing for Self-Defense
Research of Martial Arts
STRONG ON DEFENSE: SIMPLE
STRATEGIES TO PROTECT YOU

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AND YOUR FAMILY FROM

What Every Young Man Needs
to Know about Fighting
Engagement

**This book stands alone as
an introduction to the
context of self-defense.**

**There are seven elements
that must be addressed to
bring self-defense training
to something approaching
'complete.' Any training
that dismisses any of these
areas leaves the student
vulnerable: The seven
elements are: Legal and
ethical implications;
Violence dynamics;
Avoidance; Counter-
ambush; Breaking the**

**freeze; The fight itself and
The aftermath. Any person
who desires a deeper
understanding of this thing
called violence needs to
read this book.**

**Sonny Umpad's Eskrima
provides insight on Maestro
Santiago "Sonny" Umpad's
life, philosophy, and
teaching methods, as well
as the structural
underpinnings of his
system. Born with the soul
of a warrior, the intellect of
a scholar, and a zealot's
devotion to his art, Maestro
Santiago "Sonny" Umpad
forged an enduring
contribution to the rich and**

colorful history of Filipino martial culture. In 1976, after immigrating to the United States, Sonny founded the school of Visayan Style Corto Kadena & Larga Mano Eskrima—rooted in his training in the Philippines and tested by a hard and dangerous life on the streets, Sonny's system was above all else practical. As Sonny's reputation as a talented fighter became well-known, he began to cross-train with masters of other martial arts, including Jesse Glover (Bruce Lee's first student)

and Wally Jay (founder of Small Circle Jujitsu). One of the most innovative and visionary exponents of the Filipino arts, Sonny pioneered the concept of "mixed martial arts" long before the term was in use. Instructor George Yore has assembled the writings of six of Sonny's students (including Wade Williams, 2012 nominee for the U.S. Martial Arts Hall of Fame) to create a biographic homage to this remarkable martial artist; basic techniques and applications are also demonstrated, accompanied by 130 step-by-

step photos. Practitioners of Filipino martial arts—as well as mixed martial artists and security specialists—will find valuable instruction in techniques and applications, while the thousands of people touched by Sonny's teachings will gain a new understanding of this notoriously reclusive master's life—and how his experiences informed the development of his system. In a civilized society, violence is rarely the answer. But when it is—it's the only answer. The sound

of breaking glass downstairs in the middle of the night. The words, "Move and you die." The hands on your child, or the knife to your throat. In this essential book, self-protection expert and former military intelligence officer Tim Larkin changes the way we think about violence in order to save our lives. By deconstructing our assumptions about violence-its morality, its function in modern society, how it actually works-Larkin unlocks the shackles of our own taboos and arms us with what we need to

know to prevent, prepare for, and survive the unthinkable event of life-or-death violence. Through a series of harrowing true-life stories, Larkin demonstrates that violence is a tool equally effective in the hands of the "bad guy" or the "good guy"; that the person who acts first, fastest and with the full force of their body is the one who survives; and that each and every one of us is capable of being that person when our lives are at stake. An indispensable resource, When Violence is the Answer will remain with

you long after you've finished reading, as the bedrock of your self-protection skills and knowledge.

This illustrated guide covers all aspects of self-defence and personal security in the street, car and home. In addition to providing explanations of the various combat and martial arts techniques, the author describes how to recognize an impending attack and how to deal with the attack.

**Hong Kong Martial Artists
Taking the Sweet Science
from the Ring to the Street**

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**Hardcore Self-Defense
The Curious Relationship
Between Zen and the
Martial Arts**

**Deconstructing Martial Arts
Living the Martial Way
When the Fight Goes to the
Ground**

**Connecting communities
and promoting health**

In this book, we have hand-picked the most sophisticated, unanticipated, absorbing (if not at times crackpot!), original and musing book reviews of "Meditations on Violence: A Comparison of Martial Arts Training & Real World

Violence." Don't say we didn't warn you: these reviews are known to shock with their unconventionality or intimacy. Some may be startled by their biting sincerity; others may be spellbound by their unbridled flights of fantasy. Don't buy this book if: 1. You don't have nerves of steel. 2. You expect to get pregnant in the next five minutes. 3. You've heard it all.

Draws on true stories of people who have been involved in criminal violence to illustrate how to develop a survival mindset and quick,

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immediate reactions in the case of a criminal attack This is the first substantial academic book to lay out the philosophical terrain within the study of the martial arts and to explore the significance of this fascinating subject for contemporary philosophy. The book is divided into three sections. The first section concerns what philosophical reflection can teach us about the martial arts, and especially the nature and value of its practice. The second section deals with the other direction

of the dialectical interplay between philosophy and the martial arts: how the martial arts can inform philosophical issues important in their own right. Finally, because many of the notable martial arts are of Asian origin, there are particularly close links between the arts and Asian philosophies – and Buddhism in particular – and therefore the last section is devoted to this topic. The essays in this collection deal with a wide range of philosophical issues: normative ethics, meta-ethics, aesthetics, phenomenology, the

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philosophy of mind, Ancient Greek and Buddhist thought. By demonstrating the very real nature of the engagement between the martial arts and philosophy, this book is essential reading for any serious student or scholar with an interest in the martial arts, Eastern philosophy, the philosophy of sport, or the study of physical culture.

This instructional Brazillian Jiu-Jitsu book with downloadable video offers a complete guide to ground fighting principles and techniques to use when the

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fight goes to the ground. In a street defense scenario, the ground is a dangerous place to be. While it's a good idea to actively learn defensive strategies for ground fighting, it is important to put those skills into the context of how you want to use them. Whether you're an experienced submission-grappling competitor, a traditional martial artist training in a stand up striking style, or law enforcement professional, Ground Defense provides you with an essential system of self-protection for street-

oriented ground scenarios. When the Fight Goes to the Ground establishes the risks and hazards of various ground defense scenarios, presenting effective strategies for neutralizing and minimizing them. You will learn a wide range of tools for defense, including the targeting of vital areas, body shifting/control techniques, and the concept of "weapons of opportunity." All of these techniques are easy to learn and apply, providing an adaptable skill set for anyone, regardless of size, strength or gender.

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These tools are then shown in various combinations, with examples of how to use them against specific types of attacks, including simple hold-downs, ground and pound, submission grappling pins, chokes, arm locks, leg locks, knife attacks and multiple assailant scenarios. In addition, this martial arts book gives you useful training suggestions and regimens, addressing graduated skill development, challenges presented by different body types, and safety practices at all levels of training.

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*Popular Culture Between
Asia and America*

Meditations on Violence

How to Win a Fight

*The Philosophy of Mixed
Martial Arts*

*The Little Black Book of
Violence*

*A Philosophical Look at the
Asian Martial Arts*

*The Practical Defense of
Chinese Seizing Arts for All
Styles*

*An Encyclopedia of History
and Innovation*

A step-by-step approach to
applying the Japanese warriors
mind set to martial training and
daily life.

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What is the essence of martial arts? What is their place in or relationship with culture and society? Deconstructing Martial Arts analyses familiar issues and debates that arise in scholarly, practitioner and popular cultural discussions and treatments of martial arts and argues that martial arts are dynamic and variable constructs whose meanings and values regularly shift, mutate and transform, depending on the context. It argues that deconstructing martial arts is an invaluable approach to both the scholarly study of martial arts in culture and society and also to wider

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understandings of what and why martial arts are. Placing martial arts in relation to core questions and concerns of media and cultural studies around identity, value, orientalism, and embodiment, *Deconstructing Martial Arts* introduces and elaborates deconstruction as a rewarding method of cultural studies.

"A man who has attained mastery of an art reveals it in his every action."--Samurai Maximum. Under the guidance of such celebrated masters as Ed Parker and the immortal Bruce Lee, Joe Hyams vividly recounts his more than 25 years of

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experience in the martial arts. In his illuminating story, Hyams reveals to you how the daily application of Zen principles not only developed his physical expertise but gave him the mental discipline to control his personal problems-self-image, work pressure, competition. Indeed, mastering the spiritual goals in martial arts can dramatically alter the quality of your life-enriching your relationships with people, as well as helping you make use of all your abilities.

The first book to focus on the intersection of Western philosophy and the Asian martial

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arts, *Striking Beauty* comparatively studies the historical and philosophical traditions of martial arts practice and their ethical value in the modern world. Expanding Western philosophy's global outlook, the book forces a theoretical reckoning with the concerns of Chinese philosophy and the aesthetic and technical dimensions of martial arts practice. *Striking Beauty* explains the relationship between Asian martial arts and the Chinese philosophical traditions of Confucianism, Buddhism, and Daoism, in addition to Sunzi's *Art of War*. It

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connects martial arts practice to the Western concepts of mind-body dualism and materialism, sports aesthetics, and the ethics of violence. The work ameliorates Western philosophy's hostility toward the body, emphasizing the pleasure of watching and engaging in martial arts, along with their beauty and the ethical problem of their violence.

Facing Violence

Real Fighting

The Marine Corps Martial Arts
Program

The Invention of Martial Arts

Zen in the Martial Arts

When Violence Is the Answer

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A Comparison of Martial Arts
Training & Real World Violence
Decried as mere
brutality on display and
celebrated as viscerally
real, combat sport has
escaped nuanced
reflection. Risk,
Failure, Play
illuminates the many
ways in which
competitive martial arts
differentiate themselves
from violence. Presented
from the perspective of
a dancer and writer, this
book takes readers
through the examination
of the politics of

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everyday as experienced through training in a range of martial arts practices such as jeet kune do, Brazilian jiu jitsu, kickboxing, Filipino martial arts, and empowerment self defense. The book suggests that play gives us the ability to manage difficult realities with intelligence and that physical play, with its immediacy and its heightened risk, is particularly effective at accomplishing this task. Despite its

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association with
frivolity and ease, play
is not the opposite of
danger, rigor, or
failure. Indeed, Risk,
Failure, Play
demonstrates the many
ways in which physical
recreation allows us to
manage the complexities
of our current social
reality. Risk, Failure,
Play intertwines
personalexperience with
phenomenology, social
psychology, dance
studies, performance
studies, as well as
theories of play and

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competition in order to produce insights on pleasure, mastery, vulnerability, pain, agency, individual identity, and society. Ultimately, this book suggests that play allows us to rehearse other ways to live than the ones we see before us and challenges us to reimagine our social reality. The book will be of interest to martial artists and martial arts scholars, dancers and dance researchers, sports

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studies scholars,
cultural theorists and
philosophers of everyday
life and sports
administrators.

"The Invention of
Martial Arts examines
the media history of
what we now call
'martial arts' and
argues that martial arts
is a cultural
construction that was
born in film, TV and
other media. It argues
that 'martial arts'
exploded into popular
consciousness entirely
thanks to the work of

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media. Of course, the book does not deny the existence of real, material histories and non-media dimensions in martial arts practices. But it thoroughly recasts the status of such histories, combining recent myth-busting findings in historical martial arts research with important insights into the discontinuous character of history, the widespread 'invention of tradition', the orientalism and imagined

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geographies that animate many ideas about history, and the frequent manipulation of history for reasons of status, cultural capital, private or public power, politics, and/or financial gain. In doing so, *The Invention of Martial Arts* argues for the primacy of media representation as key player in the emergence and spread of martial arts. This argument overturns the dominant belief that 'real

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practices' are primary, while representations are secondary. The book makes its case via historical analysis of the British media history of such Eastern and Western martial arts as Bartitsu, jujutsu, judo, karate, tai chi and MMA across a range of media, from newspapers, comics and books to cartoon, film and TV series, as well as television adverts and music videos, focusing on key but often overlooked texts

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such as adverts for 'Hai Karate', the 1970s disco hit 'Kung Fu Fighting', and many other mainstream and marginal media texts"--

This book examines the social, political, and cultural changes that have occurred in the practice of Chinese kungfu by martial artists in Hong Kong over the course of the last two decades of British rule and the first two decades of mainland Chinese rule.