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with European American manly arts making their own way across the country to form and strengthen judo centers in various states The authors have utilized their scholarly and practical experience to present a rare view of judo as it traversed the Pacific to enrich American culture Their writings should clarify the early history of judo in America and bring both Kendo Alexander C. Bennett, 2015-07-31 Kendo is practitioners and armchair scholars a deeper appreciation for the art the first in depth historical cultural and political account in English of the Japanese martial art of swordsmanship from its beginnings in military training and arcane medieval schools to its widespread practice as a global sport today Alexander Bennett shows how kendo evolved through a recurring process of inventing tradition which served the changing ideologies and needs of Japanese warriors and governments over the course of history Kendo follows the development of Japanese swordsmanship from the aristocratic aesthetic pretensions of medieval warriors in the Muromachi period to the samurai elitism of the Edo regime and then to the nostalgic patriotism of the Meiji state Kendo was later influenced in the 1930s and 1940s by ultranationalist militarists and ultimately by the postwar government which sought a gentler form of nationalism to rekindle appreciation of traditional culture among Japan's youth and to garner international prestige as an instrument of soft power Today kendo is becoming increasingly popular internationally But even as new organizations and clubs form around the world cultural exclusiveness continues to play a role in kendo's ongoing evolution as the sport remains closely linked to Japan Emerging Karl Friday, 2018-04-19 Japan Emerging provides a comprehensive Japan's sense of collective identity survey of Japan from prehistory to the nineteenth century Incorporating the latest scholarship and methodology leading authorities writing specifically for this volume outline and explore the main developments in Japanese life through ancient classical medieval and early modern periods Instead of relying solely on lists of dates and prominent names the authors focus on why and how Japanese political social economic and intellectual life evolved Each part begins with a timeline and a set of guiding questions and issues to help orient readers and enhance continuity Engaging thorough and accessible this is an essential text for all students and scholars of Japanese history Zen Stories of the Samurai Neal Dunnigan, 2005-01-01 Intriguing encounters between Zen practitioners and samurai warriors are recaptured in this breviloquent collection of short stories drawn from the literature of feudal Japan These encounters deal with the nature of immediacy and its role in understanding the essence of human existence For the martial artist faced with a conflict the Zen state of mind without distractions and illusions can determine the difference between life and death The warrior experience as revealed in these traditional stories is retold in a style that is relevant and graspable to the contemporary American martial artist No particular religious background is required to appreciate these stories but rather a curiosity about what allows people to achieve extraordinary performance when faced with life and death circumstances Zen ink paintings by John Hrabushi offer a meditative and intellectual cross training throughout the collection Foreword by noted Aikido Shihan Lorraine DiAnne

The Lone Samurai William Scott Wilson, 2013-03-12 An expert on samurai history paints a vivid multi faceted portrait of

feudal Japan and Miyamoto Musashi the legendary swordsman who wrote the classic martial arts treatise The Book of Five Rings Born in 1584 Miyamoto Musashi was the legendary samurai known throughout the world as a master swordsman spiritual seeker and author of the classic book on strategy The Book of Five Rings Over 350 years after his death Musashi and his legacy still fascinate readers worldwide inspiring artists authors and filmmakers In The Lone Samurai respected translator and expert on samurai culture William Scott Wilson presents both a vivid account of a fascinating period in feudal Japan and a portrait of the courageous iconoclastic samurai who wrestled with philosophical and spiritual ideas that are as relevant today as they were in his time For Musashi the way of the martial arts was about mastery of the mind rather than simply technical prowess and it is this path to mastery that is the core teaching in his Book of Five Rings This special volume includes supplemental material on Musashi s legacy as a martial arts icon his impact on literature and film and the influence of his Book of Five Rings The Samurai and the Sacred Stephen Turnbull, 2011-08-20 A comprehensive study into the spiritual world of the Samurai from the cult of revenge and suicide to Zen and martial arts The fierce loyalty and self sacrificing attitude of the Samurai have made them both a legend and a cult Yet although their military prowess and skills in the martial arts have been studied exhaustively an understanding of their belief system still eludes many This original and exciting work examines the spiritual world of the samurai from their attachment to Japan's mainstream religions of Shinto and Buddhism to their involvement in Confucianism Christianity and folk religion Samurai expert Stephen Turnbull examines important topics such as Zen and the martial arts modern militarism the cult of the sword revenge and suicide hara kiri and the kamikaze pilots the suicide bombers of their day He also looks at the fascinating issue of Japanese religious terrorism as well as the growing cult status of the Samurai both in Japan and in the West Heian Japan, Centers and Peripheries Mikael S. Adolphson, Edward Kamens, Stacie Matsumoto, 2007-02-28 This exceptionally rich set of essays substantially advances our understanding of the Heian era presenting the period as more fascinating multi faceted and integrated than it has ever been before This volume marks a turning point in the study of early Japanese culture and will be indispensable for future explorations of the era Andrew Edmund Goble University of Oregon As a Japanese historian I enthusiastically recommend Heian Japan Centers and Peripheries the first multi author English language academic work to offer a synthetic treatment of the Heian period Japan's emperor system is the last remaining sovereignty of its kind in human history and this volume is indispensable when considering what sovereignty itself means in the present To that end the classical patterns established in the Heian period are superbly analyzed in this volume through the dual approach of centers and peripheries Hotate Michihisa Historiographical Institute University of Tokyo The first three centuries of the Heian period 794 1086 saw some of its most fertile innovations and epochal achievements in Japanese literature and the arts It was also a time of important transitions in the spheres of religion and politics as aristocratic authority was consolidated in Kyoto powerful court factions and religious institutions emerged and adjustments were made in the Chinese style system of ruler ship At the same time the

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Japanese Women and Sport Robin Kietlinski, 2011-12-01 This book is available as open access through the Bloomsbury Open Access programme and is available on www bloomsburycollections com In Japanese Women and Sport Robin Kietlinski sets out to problematize the hegemonic image of the delicate Japanese woman highlighting an overlooked area in the history of modern Japan Previous studies of gender in the Japanese context do not explore the history of female participation in sport and recent academic studies of women and sport tend to focus on Western countries Kietlinski locates the discussion of Japanese women in sport within a larger East Asian context and considers the socio economic position and history of modern Japan Reaching from the early 20th century to the present day Kietlinski traces the progression of Japanese women s participation in sport from the first female school for physical education and the foundations of competitive sport through to their growing presence in the Olympics and international sport Martial Arts in Latin Societies Augusto Rembrandt Rodríguez-Sánchez, Joaquín Piedra, George Jennings, 2025-02-06 This is the first book to explore martial arts and combat sports in Latin societies Covering well known and rarely studied forms of fighting systems it considers how the schools of thought organisation and stylistics of martial arts can shine new light on the culture history and social issues of Latin countries and postcolonial societies Featuring the work of leading international martial arts scholars from around the world some of whom are experienced practitioners some apprentices and some cultural critics of the martial arts the book adopts a multidisciplinary approach including anthropology cultural and media studies history physical education and sociology It includes fascinating and in depth case studies of topics as diverse as Capoeira and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu martial arts in urban Argentina traditional wrestling forms from the Amazon region and Spain boxe populare in Italy armed combat in the Philippines and women's wrestling in Spain This book is fascinating reading for anybody with an interest in the sociology history culture or politics of sport exercise or physical culture as well as Latin American European or Asian studies or any of the diverse and broad traditions of martial arts Journeys to Japan; Review & Analysis Kalman Dubov, The Grand Voyage

on the Holland America flagship Amsterdam to Asia and the Pacific remains one of the most memorable adventures I have had the privilege of being part of I was thrilled to join the ship in San Diego California listening to world class scholars offering in depth lectures on the places we would visit and to then see these countries first hand This volume reviews the port of San Diego the point of departure and the ship's visits to several ports of call in Japan While these ports were interesting research on Japan's long reach of history offers up many troubling aspects of this unique people I pondered their history and unique way of looking at themselves and the rest of the world How is it possible for example for a people to create the highest forms of etiquette and graceful decorum and to then conduct themselves with utter contempt for basic morality towards others During World War Two the massacres committed by the Japanese army in nearly every quadrant of their military and political reach during the Showa Empire begs the question of how common decency and ethical behavior can be so thoroughly absent as if it never existed Even today the Japanese government refuses to acknowledge or offer a public apology for wartime acts done during this period I explore this very troubling issue wondering where the lines of civility and conformity begin and end The Japanese are a strange people and I was frustrated at these two extremes of exemplary behavior and simultaneous contempt of others It is my contention that a refusal to acknowledge the past in conjunction with a reappraisal of what went wrong in that previous leadership will eventually and inevitably force this issue into the present There is therefore a huge divergence between the Germans and the Japanese The former reappraised their horrific past recognizing that a change from that past is a mandatory aspect of their social discourse Even a Nazi salute in Germany is outlawed and a criminal offense In contrast the Japanese have barely tolerated criticisms of its own leaders during that period of darkness This is a troubling volume in which I explore with an open mind wondering if there is an answer to these troubling questions In the Shinto Directive formulated and implemented by General MacArthur following Japan's unconditional surrender formalized belief in the emperor's divinity was outlawed Today beautiful Shinto shrines dot the Japanese countryside Citizens can be seen washing hands and rinsing their mouths before entering these sacred spaces then lighting incense while offering a prayer Inevitably I wonder as to the moral component of a people who are outwardly decorous even recreating the common toothpick into a form of exceptional grace while being unable to acknowledge common humanity There are also modern aspects of Japanese society that are difficult to comprehend Thousands of Japanese youth for reasons that defy common sense give up on themselves and their future by adopting the hikikomori lifestyle living in their parent s home not interacting with their peers and even refusing to emerge from their bedrooms for decades Parents tolerate this odd behavior refusing to confront their child even refusing to acknowledge the presence of their child as the years pass Similarly are the jouhatsu people who suddenly and without the slightest outward change suddenly and inexplicably disappear Desperate to find the loved one the government refuses to assist because of Japanese strict privacy laws I describe these aspects of Japanese society together with others similarly different from Western society These are aspects of the Asian

face that inscrutable and essentially unknown quantum so different from that of the West Knowing the facts together with the statistics accompanying those facts does not imply understanding the As a Westerner I review these manifestations without understanding the Japanese soul its core identity and substance I can therefore only recount the facts and leave the rest to the reader These questions aside I very much enjoyed walking Japanese streets riding its trains and seeing its people I also had occasion to chat with several Japanese who expressed surprise at my awareness of their culture while I was unable to adequately answer my queries And they too seemed perplexed by my queries confounded by the imponderables dividing the Western the Eastern way of living a life **Handbook to Life in Medieval and Early Modern Japan** William E. Deal, 2007 This book is an introduction the Japanese history culture and society from 1185 the beginning of the Kamakura period through the end of the Edo period in 1868 Taijiquan and The Search for The Little Old Chinese Man A. Frank, 2006-11-13 This book is an ethnographic study of the martial art of taijiquan or tai chi as it is practiced in China and the United States Drawing on recent literature on ethnicity critical race theory the phenomenology of race and globalization the author discusses identity in terms of sensual experience and the transmission receipt of knowledge For the Transmission of High-Level Combative Skills, Vol. 1 Michael DeMarco, M.A. et al., 2015-08-31 We all know the meaning of the word kata Even to nonpractitioners it is a familiar karate practice Plus the word has long been incorporated into the English language For this reason I choose to write the plural as katas and not follow the Japanese tradition where kata can be both singular or plural By doing this I ve ruffled feathers already since many hold such a sacred bond with the time and place where karate took shape Trouble with one word Now how about the whole Okinawan martial tradition as passed on through katas A kata is much like a family jewel that has passed down through generations It holds a significance that is difficult to decipher and many dispute the meaning of every micromovement it contains Who created it What are the applications Is kata practice outdated Is there more than we can see and understand You bet It is precisely because of the confusion and misunderstandings regarding the place of kata in the karate tradition that we are thrilled to present a two volume e book on this subject If katas are learning tools that pass down knowledge of a valued art then the authors included in this anthology can certainly facilitate the learning process for all interested in karate Each author has excellent experience in the field having studied directly under masters often on the largest island in the Ryukyu island chain In addition to their long years of physical participation in the school of hard knocks their depth of scholarly research into the encompassing culture allows their writings to illuminate many aspects of kata practice that normally go unnoticed In our quest to better understand the full significance of kata practice we must take a serious look at why old masters formulated the routines How can kata practice better our health and promise to hone our self defense skills Each chapter in this anthology deals with the principles that guide kata practice Hopefully the reading will reveal some of the secrets to improving techniques As with other martial traditions some insights cannot be shared through written word Like good teachers may the chapters here

inspire you to look deeper into kata practice Routledge Handbook of Premodern Japanese History Karl F. Friday, 2017-07-14 Scholarship on premodern Japan has grown spectacularly over the past four decades in terms of both sophistication and volume A new approach has developed marked by a higher reliance on primary documents a shift away from the history of elites to broader explorations of social structures and a re examination of many key assumptions As a result the picture of the early Japanese past now taught by specialists differs radically from the one that was current in the mid twentieth century This handbook offers a comprehensive historiographical review of Japanese history up until the 1500s Featuring chapters by leading historians and covering the early I mon Yayoi Kofun Nara and Heian eras as well as the later medieval periods each section provides a foundational grasp of the major themes in premodern Japan The sections will include Geography and the environment Political events and institutions Society and culture Economy and technology The Routledge Handbook of Premodern Japanese History is an essential reference work for students and scholars of Japanese Asian and World History Rediscovering Budo Roald Knutsen, 2021-10-25 In an environment where Budo has lost much of its original spirit in the inevitable process of changing attitudes towards sport Roald Knutsen reappraises and reaffirms the profound and intrinsic importance of the underlying warrior culture and its real legacy Technical knowledge rests entirely in the dojo this book is intended to show those interested something of the roots that underpin the true Bujutsu and Budo and to throw some light on the other complex influences from the past that have enriched so many of the surviving traditions A number of these roots are purely warrior based in nature others are intellectual or even esoteric If a student is only searching for technique then this book will be of limited value But for those inclined to look below the surface there is much to commend it Indeed it will be widely welcomed by more serious Budo practitioners as well as interested observers who are looking for a return to first principles concerned more about substance than style and thereby gain valuable insight into the mind set of Japan's unique warrior culture **Teaching and Learning Japanese Martial Arts Vol. 1: Scholarly Perspectives** Michael DeMarco, 2017-03-05 In contrast to the overabundance of writings about martial arts that are often promotional and misinformative there are rare works by scholars that are praiseworthy for their sincere unbiased approach to writing This is the very definition of scholarly This two volume anthology brings together the best scholarly works published in the Journal of Asian Martial Arts on the topic of teaching and learning Japanese martial arts In this volume you ll find ten chapters that dive deep into Japanese martial traditions combining aspects of history and culture that explain how teaching methods developed and evolved Dr Harrison Pepper's chapter sets the tone with a focus on the fundamental student teacher relationship that is responsible for the transmission of any art She uses sociological and performance studies to analyze the martial art's maturing process Understanding the teacher student relationship is vital for all involved Japanese combative arts Since Japan was ruled by a warrior class for nearly 700 years it is necessary to understand the method by which warriors were educated through the ryuha system Nyle Monday's chapter presents this system Dr Lewis Hershey

explores the way in which a martial art can serve as a vehicle for non discursive intercultural exchange in the teaching process His chapter provides a discussion of the importance of embodying the feeling or aesthetic of a particular system as a way of knowing and understanding martial techniques. The next three chapters were originally prepared for a meeting of the Association for Asian Studies Dr Paul Varley states that most who have written about martial arts practice are not trained scholars and their writings vary greatly in quality He discusses the state of writing in this field and introduces the other authors Dr Cameron Hurst discusses the characteristics of the martial arts that place them squarely into the category of artistic ways along with such familiar arts as Noh the tea ceremony and flower arranging This reflects the family headship system of instruction to carry on the school's traditions Dr Karl Friday defines the term ryuha as branch of the current representing the onward flow of a stream of thought the branches betoken the splitting off that occurs as insights are passed from master to students generation after generation His chapter shows how ryuha exist to hand on knowledge with pattern practice kata being the core of transmission Is it warrior s individualism that is prized in modern conformity ridden Japanese culture or is this an erroneous interpretation of the idealized warrior image by Westerners In the next chapter Dr Wayne VanHorne's research is persuading showing that the ultimate goal of the training is to foster individuals to contribute to the betterment of the collective society with social responsibility In the following chapter Dr John Donohue analyzes the organizational components of traditional martial arts training and relates them to modern pedagogical theories He concludes that the instructional theory embedded in martial arts training is at least as sophisticated and highly developed as are the techniques and philosophies of these systems In the next chapter he examines kata training as 1 a cultural activity that has been shaped by the structural characteristics of Japanese culture and kata training as 2 a highly structured and effective mechanism for imparting technical skill in the martial arts Kim Taylor provides the final chapter dealing with progressive instruction found in many kata based martial arts Using iaido sword drawing as an example he demonstrates how a set of practice can build one kata after the other from simple to more complex ideas and provide a deeper understanding of the entire set If you are interested in Japanese martial traditions you will find much in these ten chapters that clarify why the arts are taught according to a longstanding tradition and also why there have been evolutionary changes in the instructional methods There is sound logic for the old traditions as well as for the changes The scholarly research presented in this anthology will improve a teacher s way of instructing and help a student understand what to expect out of his or her studies

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