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secrets of the samurai is the definitive study of the martial arts of feudal japan explaining in detail the weapons techniques strategies and principles of combat that made the japanese warrior a formidable foe the work begins with a panoramic survey of the tumultuous early struggles of warlords contending for political ascendancy and then outlines the relentless progression of the military class toward absolute power in addition to illustrating actual methods of combat the authors discuss in detail the crucial training necessary to develop a warrior s inner power and to concentrate all his energies into a single force secrets of the samurai is an essential text for anyone with an interest in japanese combat techniques weaponry or military history this edition also contains a new foreword by adele westbrook and numerous previously unpublished illustrations by oscar ratti chapters include the bushi the heimin the centers of martial instruction

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chivalry is a flower no less indigenous to the soil of japan than its emblem the cherry blossom nor is it a dried up specimen of an antique virtue preserved in the herbarium of our history it is still a living object of power and beauty among us to many people the word samurai conjures images of menacing masks long blades and elaborate armour however this classic text by inazo nitobe reveals the greater depths to samurai culture they were not simply warriors but an aristocratic class who practiced literary and military arts in equal measure essential to this way of life was the samurai s moral code and the quality of bushido roughly translated as chivalry the way of the samurai provides an intriguing exploration of bushido and other valued qualities such as rectitude or justice courage politeness veracity honour loyalty and self control it also explores the samurai s more violent traditions such as the chilling act of hara kiri or self immolation this mixture of chivalric principles with brutal warfare is fascinating while many aspects of samurai culture have disappeared its principles still have resonance in modern japanese society and around the globe

a graphic novel version of the classic book that first introduced westerners to the samurai ethos this graphic novel version of the cult classic bushido brings the timeless secrets of the samurai to life originally published in 1905 bushido was the first book to introduce westerners to the samurai ethos written by inazo nitobe one of the foremost japanese authors and educators of the time it describes the characteristics and virtues that are associated with bushido honor courage justice loyalty self control and explains the philosophy behind how samurai were educated and trained the connection between the sword and the samurai seppuku and the position of women in samurai culture among other themes to this day bushido is considered a must read for anyone who wants to understanding the soul of japan and navigate their world with integrity and honor

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fallen master the philosophy of bushido the way of the warrior the code of conduct that embraced the ideals of honor and loyalty and governed the samurai way of living the decline of the samurai and their transformation from rough battle hardened warriors to highly educated philosopher poets illustrated with 125 archival prints and photos the nobility and grandeur of the samurai is brilliantly showcased in this book readers will enjoy immersing themselves in the samurai s world as historian jonathan lopez vera traces the fascinating story of the rise and fall of these enigmatic warriors throughout japanese history

for more than 700 years japan was dominated by a military caste the samurai to the western mind these fearsome warriors samurai the masterless ronin and the assassin ninja have always been a source of mystery and wonder combining the idealism of chivalry with military fanaticism the ways of the samurai digs beneath the myth and reveals a truth even more amazing about the men who practiced a discipline drawn from zen and confucian ethics bushido the way of the warrior

this fully illustrated new book describes and analyses the weapons and equipment traditionally associated with the samurai japan s superlative warriors it examines the range of weapons used by them at different times and in different situations beginning with the rise of the samurai during the 10th century this lively study traces the introduction of edged weapons cutting and piercing and missile weapons bows and guns over the next 500 years the book shows clearly how they were employed by individual samurai using many previously untranslated primary texts and explains how their use spread more widely among low class troops pirates and rebels it also shows how schools of martial arts took over and changed the weapons and their uses during the peaceful edo period 1615 1868

in eighteenth century japan tsunetomo yamamoto created the hagakure a document that served as the basis for samurai warrior behavior its guiding principles greatly influenced the japanese ruling class and shaped the underlying character of the japanese psyche from businessmen to soldiers bushido is the first english translation of this work it provides a powerful message aimed at the mind and spirit of the samurai warrior with bushido one can better put into perspective japan s historical path

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

there are eight virtues of bushido the code of the samurai justice courage benevolence politeness sincerity honor loyalty and self control these virtues comprise the essence of japanese cultural beliefs which are still present today inazo nitobe one of japan s most respected scholars explores the ethical code of the samurai and contextualizes it within japan s traditions of buddhism shintoism and confucianism he then compares and contrasts eastern values with those present in western societies written in english and first published in 1905 this classic introduction to japan s samurai culture has been a best seller for decades focus on asian studies says it is a must for an understanding of the soul of japan

in the first samurai you ll discover the amazing true story of taira masakado japan s first samurai hero this account traces the roots of masakado s bloody feud with local rivals including his uncles and brothers in law it explains how apparently trifling squabbles grew into years of bitter provincial warfare involving thousands of highly trained samurai filled with harrowing battle scenes portraits of early japan and astounding legends of masakado s celebrated life after death the first samurai is a must read for anyone interested in the samurai early japanese history and a whopping good tale well told book jacket

modern japan offers us a view of a highly developed society with its own internal logic eiko ikegami makes this logic accessible to us through a sweeping investigation into the roots of japanese organizational structures

alphabetically arranged entries along with primary source documents provide a comprehensive examination of the lives of japan s samurai during the tokugawa or edo period 1603 1868 a time when japan transitioned from civil war to extended peace the samurai were an aristocratic class of warriors who imposed and maintained peace in japan for more than two centuries during the tokugawa or edo period 1603 1868 while they maintained a monopoly on the legitimate use of

violence as a result of the peace the samurai themselves were transformed over time into an educated cultured elite one that remained fiercely proud of its military legacy and hyper sensitive in defending their individual honor this book provides detailed information about the samurai beginning with a timeline and narrative historical overview of the samurai this is followed by more than 100 alphabetically arranged entries on topics related to the samurai such as ritual suicide castles weapons housing clothing samurai women and more the entries cite works for further reading and often include sidebars linking the samurai to popular culture tourist sites and other information a selection of primary source documents offers firsthand accounts from the era and the volume closes with a selected general bibliography

examines the samurai tradition which encompasses seven hundred years of japanese history and describes the armor weapons traditions and famous battles of the samurai

immerse yourself in the world of the samurai with this classic text translated and interpreted for the modern reader code of the samurai is the four hundred year old summary of the rules and expectations embodied in bushido the ancient japanese way of the warrior bushido has played a major role in shaping the behavior of modern japanese government corporations society and individuals as well as in shaping modern japanese martial arts within japan and internationally this accessible and enjoyable translation is by thomas cleary the foremost translator of asian martial classics accompanied by the powerful line drawings of master illustrator oscar ratti and a number of color photos a new foreword by alexander bennett a leading expert on samurai history explains the lasting importance of this classic work and its place within the canon of japanese literature this accesible classic is an indispensable resource to the corporate executive student of the asian culture martial artist and those interested in eastern philosophy or military strategy as well as for those simply interested in japan and its people

enter the fascinating world of the samurai and discover how these highly skilled warriors lived and served their masters the nobility of medieval japan understand the way of the warrior the samurai s code of conduct find out how a samurai learned his skills and see the weapons and armor that samurai used in battle

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can a japanese samurai of impeccable lineage in edo period japan get away with being gay can he break all the rules of society and get away with it it all started when an aging samurai took an eccentric interest in a teenage peasant boy who had the unusual gift of writing one day he brought his son lord okimoto to the peasant s house immediately when their gazes met the samurai s son and the teenage peasant a forbidden love affair formed an affair which broke all the rules of japan s edo period society and a feudal class so sharply defined that it could cut like a knife four centuries later an ancestor of lord okimoto finds a diary written by his peasant lover unfolding the anguished tale of a forbidden life went wrong leaving behind a trail of broken hearts shattered dreams and destroyed lives the tale of the gay samurai who put duty and obligations above his poignant love travels one whole circle to arrive to the 21st century in a final twist to this intriguing story of how two young men dared to break all the rules in conservative unforgiving 18th century japan

inventing the way of the samurai examines the development of the way of the samurai bushidō which is popularly viewed as a defining element of the japanese national character and even the soul of japan rather than a continuation of ancient traditions however bushidō developed from a search for identity during japan s modernization in the late nineteenth century the former samurai class were widely viewed as a relic of a bygone age in the 1880s and the first significant discussions of bushidō at the end of the decade were strongly influenced by contemporary european ideals of gentlemen and chivalry at the same time japanese thinkers increasingly looked to their own traditions in search of sources of national identity and this process accelerated as national confidence grew with military victories over china and russia inventing the way of the samurai considers the people events and writings that drove the rapid growth of bushidō which came to emphasize martial virtues and absolute loyalty to the emperor in the early twentieth century bushidō became a core subject in civilian and military education and was a key ideological pillar supporting the imperial state until its collapse in 1945 the close identification of bushidō with japanese militarism meant that it was rejected immediately after

the war but different interpretations of bushidō were soon revived by both japanese and foreign commentators seeking to explain japan s past present and future this volume further explores the factors behind the resurgence of bushidō which has proven resilient through 130 years of dramatic social political and cultural change

immerse yourself in the fascinating world of the samurai with the great age of the samurai the warrior s long journey from ancient japan to modern times this new book by renowned author hermann candahashi offers a comprehensive and fascinating journey through the history of one of the most famous warrior classes in the world experience the thrilling battles the strict codes of bushido and the impressive cultural contributions of the samurai that have shaped japan forever from the turbulent times of feudalism to the peaceful edo period and the profound transformation during the meiji restoration discover how the samurai established themselves not only as warriors but also as philosophers poets and officials learn how their values and principles continue to influence and inspire modern japanese society this book is a must read for anyone interested in history culture and the unique traditions of japan the great age of the samurai sheds light on the versatile roles of the samurai and shows how they have left their mark on the past and present let yourself be carried away by a captivating narrative and learn the true essence of the samurai spirit whether you are a history buff martial arts enthusiast japan lover or simply curious this book has something for everyone become part of an epic journey and discover the warrior s long journey from ancient japan to modern times join me on an epic excursion through the centuries of japanese history and discover the fascinating world of the samurai this book takes you through the times when honor bravery and unwavering loyalty shaped the life of the warrior caste for anyone interested in japan s mysterious and glorious past this book offers a detailed and lively portrayal of historical developments be inspired by the wisdom and indomitable spirit of the samurai and discover how their values and traditions endure in the modern world the great age of the samurai is more than just a historical narrative it is a tribute to one of the most impressive warrior cultures the world has ever seen follow me into a world full of courage honor and tradition yours hermann candahashi

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