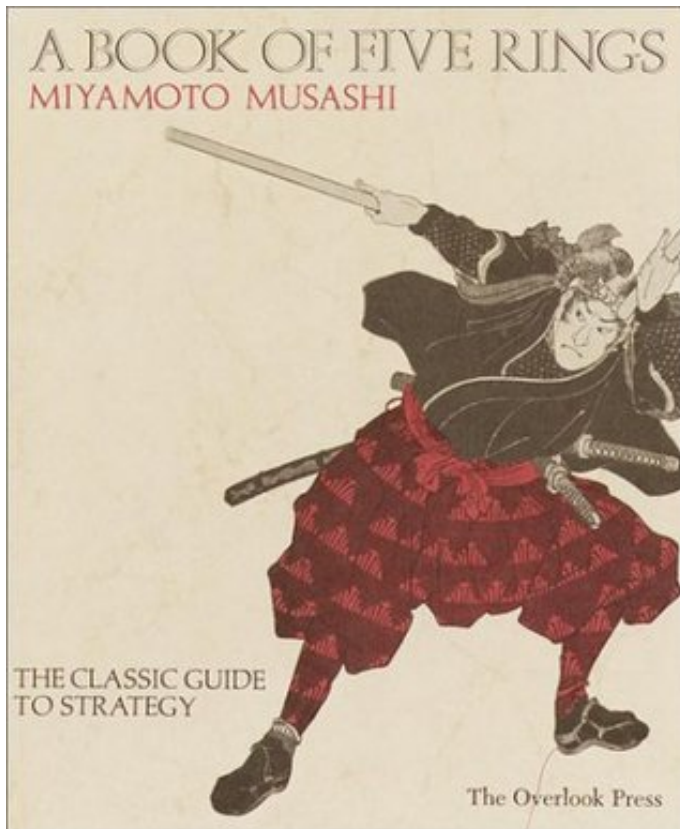


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# Miyamoto Musashi

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## Description

Translated by V. Harris. Japan's answer to the Harvard MBA...Written over three centuries ago by a Samurai warrior, the book has been hailed as a limitless source of psychological insight for businessmen-or anyone who relies on strategy and tactics for outwitting the competition.

## Insightful reviews

Robert: This book, written by a famous Japanese duelist, tells one of his relatives how to win with the sword. It is divided into five "Rings" based on five "Elements". He concentrates on Strategy and does not talk about the best guard to take or other technicalities. Many people find this book to be immoral as it espouses winning at all costs in a deadly pursuit. I regard it more as a-moral. Musashi simply never considers the question. He is simply putting down his concept of Strategy. Perhaps the moral onus is on the reader of the book?

Students of Zen would do well to read the book, particularly the final Ring - entitled The Void. Afterward the perceptive student would take up an individual sport - not necessarily fencing, tennis would do just as well - and give up trying to solve koans. After all, even the Masters say that the more you study Zen the further from enlightenment you get and there can be little doubt that Musashi was a master.

This translation from the original Japanese also contains an insightful introduction.

Duc Thinh: Ng? Luân Th? có n?m ph?n, n?i dung tóm t?t nh? sau:

- ??a quy?n: bàn v? ??o trong binh pháp, nh?ng ?i?u c? b?n và c?t lõi. ?ây là ph?n quan tr?ng nh?t. Ch? khi nào hi?u ???c tinh th?n và ??o c?a ki?m phái, khi ?ó m?i bàn t?i ki?m pháp. ??a quy?n ?? c?p ??n nh?ng v?n ?? t? nh? nh?t ??n l?n nh?t. Tinh th?n c?a Musashi là nh?ng vi?c l?n thì d? th?y nh?ng nh?ng vi?c nh? l?i khó th?y. Tuy nhiên nh?ng ?i?u nh? nh?t m?i là nh?ng ?i?m c? b?n ?? b?t ??u, sau ?ó m?i ??t ???c nh?ng ?i?u l?n lao. Nh?ng v?n ?? trong binh pháp ???c liên k?t v?i nh?ng v?n ?? ??n gi?n trong cu?c s?ng ?? ng?i ??c hi?u rõ h?n tinh th?n c?a Nh? Thiên Nh?t L?u.

- Th?y quy?n: bàn v? cách xây d?ng tinh th?n cho ng?i t?p Niten Ichiryu, c?ng nh? nh?ng v?n ?? c? b?n ?? rèn luy?n thân pháp, ki?m chiêu. Th?y ? ?ây là n??c, tinh th?n, thân th?, ???ng ki?m uy?n chuy?n nh? n??c thì ??u v?i m?t ng?i c?ng gi?ng nh? ??u v?i v?n ng?i.

- H?a quy?n: bàn v? chi?n thu?t và ki?m th? trong th?c chi?n. Nh?ng k? thu?t này ??u ???c Musashi cho là ??n gi?n nh?ng mu?n tinh thông ph?i th?u hi?u ???c m?c ?ích c?t lõi và t?p luy?n th??ng xuyên. R?t nhi?u kinh nghi?m th?c ti?n trong giáp chi?n ???c nêu ra và gi?i thích ? ?ây. ??u s? c?ng gi?ng nh? th? rèn, ph?i có kh? luy?n m?i mong t?c chi?n t?c th?ng. "Ng?i ch? có th? chi?n ??u v?i cách mà ng?i t?p luy?n".

- Phong quy?n: bàn v? ki?m ??o c?a nh?ng môn phái khác. Nh?ng ?u khuy?t ?i?m ???c ??a ra và phân tích. Ki?m s? không th? nào th?ng ??i ph??ng n?u không hi?u rõ h?.

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• Không quy?n: bàn v? b?n ch?t c?a binh pháp. Kí?m s? ph?i d?a vào thiên nhiên. Hi?u rõ quy lu?t c?a thiên nhiên s? hi?u rõ quy lu?t c?a t?ng tr?n ?ánh. Ph?n này không bàn lu?n c?n k? v? k? thu?t mà nói nhi?u h?n vì t? t??ng và tri?t lý trong kí?m ??o.

V?i Ng? Luân Th?, sách ch? chú tr?ng ??n m?t v?n ?? duy nh?t – ?ánh là ph?i th?ng. “Kí?m s? ch? có m?t m?c tiêu duy nh?t là chí?n ??u, và m?c tiêu duy nh?t ?? chí?n ??u là chí?n th?ng”. Tuy ph?n l?n sách ?? c?p ??n chí?n tr?n và kí?m pháp, nh?ng l?ng vào ?ó là nh?ng tri?t lý và t? t??ng r?t tân k? c?a Musashi.

Mình không th? nói nhi?u h?n v? giá tr? c?a Ng? Luân Th? ???c, mình ch? có th? nói, quy?n sách không ch? h?u ích cho nh?ng ng??i luy?n võ, các doanh nhân, mà còn h?u ích cho t?t c? m?i ng??i. B?i theo mình ngh?, m?i con ng??i là m?t kí?m s?, mà tr?n chí?n l?n nh?t là cu?c ??i c?a h?.

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Joshua: In a word, excellent.

As a precursor to the Book of Five Rings one should be aware of the Japanese mind. The Buddhist principle of emptiness is also helpful, albeit not necessary. In the Book of Five Rings Musashi gives the pupil the understanding of how to win in battle.

Musashi lived in the hieght of the Japanese Reniassance. There were wars thus the need for warriors. But, there was vast amounts of culture, arts, drama, even tea ceremonies. There are allusions to all these aspects of culture, but ultimately, martial arts is the focus here. It is not a learners guide to structure or even a style of martial arts, rather The Book of Five Rings is a contemplative guide to the mindset of a warrior.

The essence of his work is simple, win, be victorious. Know the mind and rhythm of your enemy and train constantly. Be vigilant.

All that said, Musashi's work can be applied to any walk of life, not just the warrior's way. This is the true genius of Musashi. I believe I will revisit this one from time to time.

S.N. Arly: this can be a paintings in translation. the unique used to be written someday within the 1600's, but it could actually have simply been written this year. there are lots of translations of Musashi's work, a few reinterpreted for different arenas corresponding to business. This model retains the focal point on approach for the scholar of how of the warrior. it truly is appropriate to martial artists who make the most of guns in addition to those that do not. i'll suggest it to complex students, simply because most of the time it's a bit a lot for beginners. As a 5th measure black belt in Shorin-Ryu Karate, i discovered the ebook of Water and the booklet of fireside such a lot useful. One should still be aware that Musashi lived in a period and tradition within which it used to be applicable for him to kill his enemies, and hence the booklet makes a speciality of embracing the mentality and willingness to kill your opponent. In our smooth world, we do need to remember that there are occasions and locations the place lethal

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strength is suitable and occasions while it is going to get you locked up. it can be priceless to replacement "defeat" for "kill," typically simply because you can still defeat others in a struggle as definitely as killing them, and the fundamental process is the same.

Mikekite: in case you do not know find out how to use a sword, do not bother. This e-book is frequently touted by means of enterprise leaders as a technique book, in a lot an analogous means that solar Tzu's publication 'The paintings of War' is touted. The comparability is impractical. Sun-Tzu was once way more a thinker than Musashi. I took laido for three years ahead of i may learn this book. it really is solid for strategy, yet you aren't getting the metaphors with no studying the sword first.

Kristi: regardless of Musashi's many admonitions to "investigate this thoroughly," I worry that i haven't performed so sufficient to actually comprehend or savour the profundity of The publication of 5 Rings; however, it was once fascinating to learn this paintings approximately swordsmanship and method and to consider the ways in which it's been utilized to company and maybe different features of eastern life. i am not going to disclaim the truth that it used to be tough to determine past the direct references to sword struggling with and martial arts at times--fundamentally, that is what this e-book is about, even if defeating one's opponent is a profoundly mental and non secular job besides for Musashi. yet fairly within the fireplace bankruptcy the place he starts to delve into the artwork of defeating many foes, the applying to the industry used to be a lot more straightforward to divine. The emphasis on initiative and rhythm and precise remark are all very pertinent to many points of pageant and negotiation. Still, i've got a sense i'd have to learn this e-book conscientiously a couple of extra occasions to be able to fairly snatch it. In that sense, it truly is diversified from Bushido The Soul of Japan, that is a lot more uncomplicated to work out as a advisor to one's manner of life. (Bushido The Soul of Japan was once additionally written in English, which can relief its portability.) It was once tougher for me to leap from the literal conflict method parts of The publication of 5 earrings to bigger themes. I'd suggest this to humans attracted to martial arts, the japanese "way," eastern history, "traditional" rules of eastern culture, and perhaps company strategy. yet these drawn to the latter are going to need to battle through loads of tall approximately stances and swords ahead of you get your kernels of wisdom. This ebook was once learn for a consultation of the Nitobe Kokusai Juku.

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