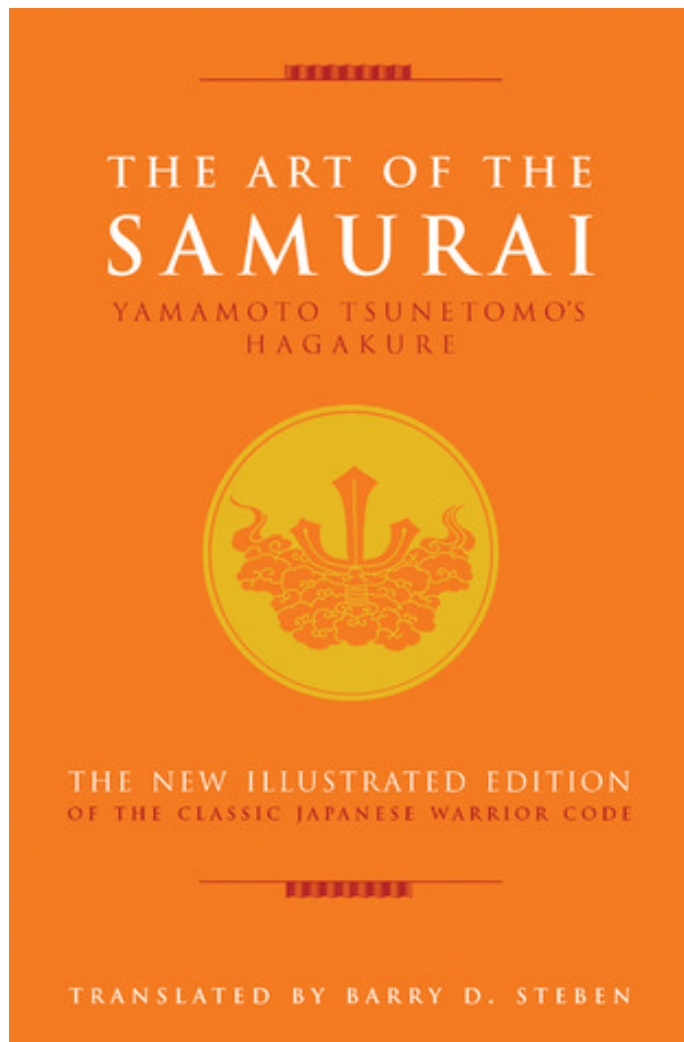

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Description

300 years ago, the former samurai Yamamoto Tsunetomo wrote *Hagakure*, a masterpiece on the art and values of these much-revered Japanese fighters; ever since, warrior chiefs have preserved it as a moral and practical treatise for themselves and their *samurai* retainers. Once closely guarded and shown to just a chosen few, it is now available to us all in this visually breathtaking new version.

Whereas Machiavelli's *The Prince* shows how to succeed amid treacherous political intrigues and Sun Tzu's *The Art of War* reveals battle strategies for bloodless victory, *Hagakure* offers fascinating insight into Japanese "warrior-ness"—a mindset steeped in Zen-Confucian philosophy. Yamamoto Tsunetomo tells his readers how to foster courage, serve selflessly, become a skilled master of your own destiny, and infuse life in the here and now with beauty—while still acknowledging its transience. His timeless wisdom and profound aphorisms reflect important principles that still apply to life today.

This illustrated edition of the classic text is an essential and stunning addition to any home library.

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Oscar: I read a selection of parts from *Hagakure* in the final year of high school for my end paper. Now, I picked up this illustrated hardcover copy in Dutch, which will make for a nice reference. It turns out its nearly 300 pages contain only a modest selection of the original work, so I wonder how many *Hagakures* are actually completely unabridged.

The book is deservedly a classic of Japanese philosophy, and it gives a valuable contrast to works like Musashi's *Book of Five Rings*, who emphasises other parts of samurai philosophy. To put it briefly, Musashi is all about victory, while Tsunetomo's all about death.

I found this a very worthwhile version, though it would probably better to purchase the English original translation, which has the same layout. My version is translated two times, something which is rarely if ever an ideal situation. Regardless, it gets across the general messages of *Hagakure* quite well, and the aforementioned layout is pure bliss. A heavy hardcover, pages adorned with coloured natural patterns, and loads of beautiful Japanese art and photography.

Barney: So, want to read a book written by a mid-level clerk about samurai that never existed in his own time? A book whose message was corrupted by the militaristic rulers of Japan following

the Meiji Restoration?

If so, you've found the book you are looking for. This is a steamy pile, so bring some fresh gloves. If your black belt instructor is making you read this, hit him (or her) in the knee with it and ask for your money back. This is a prime example of how something awful can be made uniquely terrible in the right hands.

Aman Mittal: Hagakure or 'In the Shadows of Leaves' is a strong e-book with robust phrases prepared in a way of brief anecdotes gathered over a interval of years overlaying a wide selection of topics in general offering an perception at the behaviour of a samurai (warrior). even though it's not regarded as a philosophical book, because the major anecdotes are extra within the kind of teachings for a warrior, those uncomplicated teachings are nonetheless acceptable this present day in numerous modes of existence and to profit and practice those uncomplicated teachings, you're a warrior during your existence combating the norms of society and one's personal confidently. There is far wisdom to be came upon right here from how you can behavior your self whereas in public view, and standpoint on self-discipline. The book's practical philosophy additionally comprises deep knowledge within the kind of tales and sayings which makes it unique. This philosophy is fresh since it has much less to do with how one thinks, and every little thing to do with how one acts. The e-book is deservedly a vintage of eastern philosophy, and emphasizes on different components of samurai philosophy because it offers glimpse of what a real Samurai can be like.

Adam: there's a lot wisdom to be came upon the following that continues to be appropriate this day in lots of diversified arenas, from how one can behavior your self whereas in public view, to standpoint on self-discipline. whereas it really is primarily a guide for the code of the samurai, which might make it appear at the start like a dated topic that might merely curiosity historians and people drawn to martial arts, it really is just like Miyamoto Musashi's "Book of 5 Rings" in strong volume of the perspectives nonetheless carry actual within the smooth world. it's not as a lot antiquated because it is timeless, and is worthy a minimum of one read.

H: "If one dedicates those 4 vows to the gods and Buddhas each morning, he'll have the power of 2 males and should by no means slip backward. One needs to aspect ahead just like the inchworm, bit through bit. The gods and Buddhas, too, first began with a vow." A samurai's magazine of anecdotes and aphorisms i have been rereading for years. It ability anything various to me every one time, although the teachings are frequently a similar ones i have forgotten. it truly is awesome how those classes follow themselves to no matter what my lifestyles is presently focusing on.

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