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Dynamic Aikido This introduction to aikido aims to train the reader to sense theirpponent's intentions
and turn his movements to your own advantage.

The Essence of Karate A family relocates to a small house on Ash Tree Lane and discovers that the inside
of their new home seems to be without boundaries

Aikido This book explores the practices in a Zen Buddhist temple located in Northwest Ohio against the
backdrop of globalization. Drawing on the previous studies on Buddhist modernization and westernization,
it provides a better understanding of the westernization of Buddhism and its adapted practices and
rituals in the host culture. Using rhetorical criticism methodology, the author approaches this temple as
an embodiment of Buddhist rhetoric with both discursive and non-discursive expressions within the
discourses of modernity. By analyzing the rhetorical practices at the temple through abbots' teaching
videos, the temple website, members' dharma names, and the materiality of the temple space and artifacts,
the author discovers how Buddhist rhetoric functions to constitute and negotiate the religious identities
of the community members through its various rituals and activities. At the same time, the author
examines how the temple's space and settings facilitate the collective the formation and preservation of
the Buddhist identity. Through a nuanced discussion of Buddhist rhetoric, this book illuminates a new
rhetorical methodology to understand religious identity construction. Furthermore, it offers deeper

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insights into the future development of modern Buddhism, which are also applicable to Buddhist practitioners and other major world religions.

The Art of Guweiz Instant New York Times bestseller · Hilarious stories and advice about the ups and downs of growing up, from a popular YouTube artist and storyteller. Like any shy teen turned young adult, YouTube star James Rallison ("The Odd 1s Out") is used to being on the outside looking in. He wasn't partying in high school or winning football games like his older brother. Instead, he posted comics on the Internet. Now, he's ready to share his hard-earned advice from his 21 years of life in the funny, relatable voice his fans love. In this illustrated collection, Rallison tells his own stories of growing up as the "odd one out": in art class with his twin sister (she was more talented), in the middle school locker room, and up to one strange year of college (he dropped out). Each story is filled with the little lessons he picked up along the way, serious and otherwise, like: * How to be cool (in seventh grade) * Why it's OK to be second-best at something, and * How to survive your first, confidence-killing job interviews Filled with fan-favorite comics and never-before-seen material, this tongue-in-cheek take on some of the weirdest, funniest parts of life is perfect for both avid followers and new converts.

Aikido Positive Aikido is available on bookshelves around the globe. This book, an in-depth look at our school's special brand of technique, strategy, philosophy as well as unique history, took about 15 years to compile, but will soon be offered in print by the world's leading on-demand publisher. Trafford Holdings Ltd is privately-held corporation, registered in British Columbia, Canada. There are over 120 shareholders, including many authors and all the permanent employees. It was incorporated in 1991. In late 1995, Trafford opened its doors and website. They are the first company in the world to offer an "on-demand publishing service," and they are the best. The production of "Positive Aikido" has gone through numerous stages. The hand-drawings describing each of the positive techniques in traditional Aikido were begun in 1987 with the intention of providing new students with a reference guide - at the time to be photocopied for students in the U.S. and later possibly for the U.K. students as well. That plan, however, never took hold as more and more drawings were produced. The drawings of the first four groupings were finished in 1991 and in 1993, the second four groupings were added, along with some transcripts from a recorded conversation between Sensei Ellis and Rogers on a long roadtrip between Dallas, Texas and Alamogordo, New Mexico. Rogers made his 1st Dan during that trip, and Positive Aikido picked up a lot of its histories and background information. Still, it was no more than a shep of papers cobbled together from various sources. In 1999, however, with the advent of digital photography, Rogers decided to augment the drawings with some digital photos and possibly put together a proper booklet for

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students in all the Ellis Schools. The photos, however, required some supporting text - and there was a lot of other material which needed to be conveyed as well. The transcripts were rewritten and cleaned up a bit and the photos were digitally processed for the first four forms. During another visit to New Mexico, Sensei and his assistant Anita Wilson along with Sensei's son did the demonstrations needed for the last four forms. Later, the first four forms were re-shot with Sensei Rogers and one of his first U.S. students, Jeff Glaze of New Mexico. By this time, "Positive Aikido" was being developed as a book. The agent and publishers we first contacted agreed, but the material was still fairly rough. More photos were shot and extensive digital work was done on them to clarify technique. Additional sections were added to describe combat strategy and the philosophy behind "Positive Aikido". Sections on ethics and morals within the arts were developed along with material dealing with the selection of a martial art for beginners. And of course, the history section was strengthened and sharpened. Lastly, a complete reorganization of the material was accomplished with an addition of a section on pins and control and weapons (jo and sword). The finished work is comprised of more than 1000 photos, 600 hand-drawings and complex explanations and tips to make the techniques of Aikido work properly. It includes detailed writing on the "Positive" mindset as well as complete sections geared to beginners, intermediate students and advanced practitioners. Although several traditional publishers expressed interest in printing the book, and initial negotiations were entered into with one California-based company, the advent of "print-on-demand" technology and the resulting new publishing market, made for a better alternative. Of this book as it stands now, the authors say this. There are a lot of books on Martial Arts out there, and this one fits in the crowd well - but it also stands alone in the sheer comprehensiveness of the work. It is a nearly complete representation of a single school's technique - it is a historical marker - a book of strategy - an ethical guide - a technical manual - and it is a chart, graph and manifest of all the

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Chapter 4 Aikijo practice
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Chapter 6 Moving with the jo. Tai sabaki
Chapter 7 Suburi jo
Epilogue
Dictionary of Japanese terminology

Samurai Ellis Amdur's writing on martial arts has been groundbreaking. In Dueling with O-sensei, he challenged practitioners that the moral dimension of martial arts is expressed in acts of integrity, not spiritual platitudes and the deification of fantasized warrior-sages. In Old School, he applied both academic rigor and keen observation towards some of the classical martial arts of Japan, leavening his writing with vivid descriptions of many of the actual practitioners of these wonderful traditions. His

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first edition of *Hidden in Plain Sight* was a discussion of esoteric training methods once common, but now all but lost within Japanese martial arts. These methodologies encompassed mental imagery, breath-work, and a variety of physical techniques, offering the potential to develop skills and power sometimes viewed as nearly superhuman. Usually believed to be the provenance of Chinese martial arts, Amdur asserted that elements of such training still remain within a few martial traditions: literally, 'hidden in plain sight.' Two-thirds larger, this second edition is so much more. Amdur digs deep into the past, showing the complexity of human strength, its adaptation to varying lifestyles, and the nature of physical culture pursued for martial ends. Amdur goes into detail concerning varieties of esoteric power training within martial arts, culminating in a specific methodology known as 'six connections' or 'internal strength.' With this discussion as a baseline, he then discusses the transfer of esoteric power training from China to various Japanese jujutsu systems as well as Japanese swordsman-ship emanating from the Kurama traditions. Finally, he delves into the innovative martial tradition of Daito-ryu and its most important offshoot, aikido, showing how the mercurial, complicated figures of Takeda Sokaku and Morihei Ueshiba were less the embodiment of something new, than a re-imagining of their past.

Aikido The book reveals the secrets of the technique of Daito-ryu Aikijujutsu - a famous and popular style of martial arts. It is a continuation of the book: "Daito-ryu Aikijujutsu: Martial Art of Samurais". It describes in detail the methods of Hiden Mokuroku - Nikajo (the second group of base techniques of the Daito-ryu school). The book contains a large number of illustrations with a detailed description of the features of the style techniques and will be useful for everybody who studies martial arts. Contents: Introduction Chapter 1. Nikajo - Idori Chapter 2. Nikajo - Hanza Handachi Chapter 3. Nikajo - Tachiai Chapter 4. Nikajo - Ushiro dori Conclusion

The Essence of Budo The Warrior Lifestyle is the last installment of the award winning *Warrior Wisdom Series*. This amazing book has been dubbed as highly inspirational and motivational by many of today's top martial artist. If you want to live your life to the fullest and live a life of excellence, you need to read *The Warrior Lifestyle*. Forwarded by top martial arts author, Loren W. Christensen, this amazing book guides the reader through what it takes to live the warrior lifestyle. The warrior lifestyle is not a lifestyle of violence as many assume, but rather a lifestyle of character, honor, and integrity. It is a way of living a life of excellence in every area of your life. Don't settle for an ordinary life; make your life extraordinary! The insightful advice and universal wisdom shines through on every page of this intriguing book. This is a MUST READ for every martial artist and is also a great book for anyone who seeks to live his or her life with character, honor and integrity. Author's note: This book was originally

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entitled Warrior Wisdom: The Warrior's Path. This is a revised and updated version of this work.

Hapkido This book is an invaluable guide for practitioners - whether beginning or advanced - wishing to know more about the context in which Aikido was developed and Aikido's implications for the world today. Some of the ideas discussed are : the relation of Aikido to such Asian traditions as Shinto, Shingon Buddhism, Omotokyo esotericism, Taoist mysticism, and Tantra ; points of correspondence between Aikido and Western philosophical and religious systems - Greek philosophy, Christianity, Kabbalah, alchemy, and modern scientific theories ; links between Aikido and art ; ways that Aikido thought can be used to advance the causes of such urgent issues ans health and healing, conflict resolution and environmental responsibility. --from back cover.

Daito-ryu Aikijujutsu Explore the intriguing work of artist Zheng Wei Gu, whose manga-inspired drawings are as gritty as they are surreal.

Katori Shinto-ryu

Making Wooden Chess Sets "5000 Years of Korean Martial Art" is a one of a kind history book. No other Korean martial art history book on the market is as complete and in-depth. Citing historical references for support, and featuring many rare pictures and some images that are not available from any other published source. This book attempts to place Korean martial arts in it's proper historical perspective in relationship to Chinese and Japanese martial arts. Both Chinese and Japanese martial arts have well known and documented histories, so much so that they have completely overshadowed Korean martial art history. I have attempted to compensate for that overshadowing by focusing on the successes of the Korean martial arts throughout history. Barry Harmon has a BA degree in "Psychosomatics and Alternative Healing Studies" from San Francisco State University. He has an acupuncture degree from the San Francisco College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine. He is certified nationally through the NCCAOM and license to practice acupuncture in Texas. In addition to his academics, he has been training and studying martial arts since 1965 and Kuk Sool Won since 1971. In 2002 KBS (Korean Broadcasting System) featured Master Harmon and his family in an hour long documentary which was aired throughout South Korea. Master Harmon currently holds an 9th degree black belt in Kuk Sool Won and has been featured in numerous martial arts magazines. In 2005 he was chosen by Tae Kwan Do Times magazine as instructor of the year. He has taught martial arts in many countries around the world including South Korea."

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Hidden in Plain Sight The inspirational teachings in this collection show that the real way of the warrior is based on compassion, wisdom, fearlessness, and love of nature. Drawn from the writings of the founder of the Japanese martial art of aikido, this work offers a nonviolent way to victory in the face of conflict.

Each Breath a Smile Throughout, he offers his views on how Aikido's philosophy, which he learned as a disciple of the art's founder, applies to the basic questions of life.

My Fight / Your Fight 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 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.

The Watanabe Art Museum Samurai Armour Collection Volume I ~ Kabuto & Mengu Philosophical foundations of martial arts training, specifically Kyokushin karate, and Biography of Mas Oyama, founder. Second printing, edited. March 2021

The Budo Karate of Mas Oyama Gichin Funakoshi is a legendary figure and the founder of Shotokan karate, the most popular style of Japanese karate, with millions of practitioners worldwide. In *The Essence of Karate*, Funakoshi creates, in his own words, a narrative of modern karate. He explains the philosophical and spiritual underpinnings and includes memories of his own training, as well as recollections of other karate masters and the history of the martial art. He also discusses the importance of winning without fighting, and the reason why many great martial artists improve with age. The preface has been contributed by Hirokazu Kanazawa, President of the Shotokan Karate-do International Federation (and Funakoshi's disciple). He fondly writes of his memories of Gichin Funakoshi during his youth and what he learned from the master. In the afterword, the founder's great-nephew, Gisho Funakoshi, shares previously unknown personal anecdotes about his "Uncle Funakoshi."

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Aikido Basics "Children learn how to connect with their breathing to help them experience calmness and enjoy a deeper relationship with their friends, family and the world"--T.p. verso.

Abundant Peace Focusing his expertise on the techniques and history of the bokken—the wooden training sword used by both ancient samurai and today's swordsmen—the author maintains that training with the bokken is important on two levels for the modern practitioner: to build the physical stamina, rhythms, and adroit body movements of traditional swordsmanship and to achieve something of the animating spirit of the traditional swordsman. This history of the bokken combines the author's concise, eloquent writing style with more than 100 photographs to provide the reader with the traditional and modern perspectives of this vital, historically rich practice tool.

Aikido and the Harmony of Nature Unique, heirloom quality chess set designs that will inspire collectors, players, scrollers and woodworkers to craft and display these beautiful works of art.

Positive Aikido This definitive, richly illustrated manual covers essential elements of the philosophy and practice of Aikido, the Japanese martial art. John Stevens details the precise execution of the wide range of techniques, and recounts interesting and lively anecdotes about the history of Aikido and its founder, Ueshiba Morihe.

The Warrior Lifestyle Aikido and the Dynamic Sphere: An Illustrated Introduction provides a complete foundation in the practice of one of the most distinctive and effective Japanese martial arts. Aikido was created in Japan in the 1920's by Morihei Ueshiba, also known as Osensei. To possess the skills, techniques and attitude of the true practitioner of aikido, one must achieve a very high level of integration of the powers of mind and body, the harmonious combination of physical means and ethical motives. By controlling body position and learning how to harmonize vital physical and mental powers, anyone (regardless of size, strength or weight) can fend off attacks using this sophisticated martial art. Written and illustrated by husband/wife team, Oscar Ratti and Adele Westbrook, Aikido and the Dynamic Sphere, with over 1,200 illustrations, includes many Aikido techniques in chapters such as: What is Aikido? The Foundations of Aikido The Practice of Aikido The Basic Techniques of Neutralization Advanced Practice And more!

5,000 Years of Korean Martial Arts Discover the delightfully heartwarming and life-affirming bestseller about one man's unlikely journey through love 'I couldn't put this book down. It's one of the most quirky

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and endearing romances I've ever read. I laughed the whole way through' SOPHIE KINSELLA, bestselling author of The Shopaholic series Perfect for fans of Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine, Still Me and Three Things About Elsie. _____ Don Tillman has got his love life planned out. He knows exactly who he wants, but is it who he needs? Love isn't an exact science - but no one told Don Tillman. A thirty-nine-year-old geneticist, Don's never had a second date. So he devises the Wife Project, a scientific test to find the perfect partner. Enter Rosie - 'the world's most incompatible woman' - throwing Don's safe, ordered life into chaos. But what is this unsettling, alien emotion he's feeling? . . . If you loved The Rosie Project, find out what Don did next in The Rosie Effect and The Rosie Result! _____ 'All three of the Rosie novels made me laugh out loud. Ultimately the story is about getting inside the mind and heart of someone a lot of people see as odd, and discovering that he isn't really that different from anybody else' Bill Gates, 2020 Summer Books 'Adorable' Marian Keyes 'Marvellous' John Boyne 'A sweet, funny rom-com . . . You'll be willing Don and Rosie on every step of the way' Marie Claire 'Hilarious, unlikely and heartbreaking' Easy Living 'Original, clever and perfectly written' Jill Mansell

Aikido Weapons Techniques The Heart and Soul of Bushido is the second book in the Warrior Wisdom Series. Wisdom, life-changing quotes, and entertaining, practical commentaries fill every page. This series has been recognized by four martial arts hall of fame organizations for its inspirational and motivational qualities. The ancient and modern wisdom in this book will definitely help you improve your life and bring meaning to each and every day. The USMAA Hall of Fame awarded Dr. Sanders with Inspiration of the Year for this series!

Mark Z. Danielewski's House of Leaves The popular and highly respected horse trainer Mark Rashid brings together Western and Eastern philosophies to demonstrate a seamless new incarnation of horse training. After years of helping "difficult" horses, Mark Rashid understands how to build the foundation of a horse's training and resolve any problems encountered along the way. He explains how he allows the traditionally firm or assertive approach of the old Western style to take some lessons from the softer conflict resolution and ego reduction approach that the Japanese martial art of aikido teaches. Rashid's ultimate goal is for harmony between horse and rider.

Samurai Sword: Spirit * Strategy * Techniques A beautifully illustrated tour through the techniques and philosophy of this Japanese martial art.

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Ninja Weapons THE ONLY OFFICIAL RONDA ROUSEY BOOK "The fight is yours to win." In this inspiring and moving book, Ronda Rousey, the Olympic medalist in judo, reigning UFC women's bantamweight champion, and Hollywood star charts her difficult path to glory. Marked by her signature charm, barbed wit, and undeniable power, Rousey's account of the toughest fights of her life—in and outside the Octagon—reveals the painful loss of her father when she was eight years old, the intensity of her judo training, her battles with love, her meteoric rise to fame, the secret behind her undefeated UFC record, and what it takes to become the toughest woman on Earth. Rousey shares hard-won lessons on how to be the best at what you do, including how to find fulfillment in the sacrifices, how to turn limitations into opportunities, and how to be the best on your worst day. Packed with raw emotion, drama, and wisdom, this is an unforgettable book by one of the most remarkable women in the world.

The Philosophy of Aikido In *Abundant Peace*, John Stevens tells the real story behind Morihei Ueshiba, the founder of Aikido. Focusing on his achievement, illuminating the man and his message in a way that will delight and stimulate the reader, Stevens documents and reveals the life and times of the greatest martial artist who ever lived.

The Art of Peace This informative martial arts book, *Ninja Weapons* introduces the exciting and deadly secrets of ninjutsu—the chain and the shuriken. The Masaki school of chain fighting was developed in the feudal society of the early eighteenth century by a swordsman-sentry in Edo (Tokyo) Castle. Feeling that the shedding of blood in such a hallowed place would be disgraceful, he devised the combat use of the weighted chain. Even the name he gave to the art proves the trust he placed in its effectiveness—*manrikigusari* (chain with the power of ten thousand). The equally devastating art of shuriken, the throwing of metal stars and spikes, evolved shortly after *manrikigusari*. The easily concealed shuriken soon became known as an extremely effective weapon for both shinobi and samurai warriors. Included are "The Samurai Creed," various techniques, the history of the arts and over 100 black and white photos and illustrations.

New Lone Wolf and Cub

Aikido and the Dynamic Sphere Ogami Itto, the Lone Wolf, and his nemesis, Yagyu Retsudo, lie dead on the field of their titanic duel. Ogami's young son, Daigoro, will not leave his father side, and none dare help the child, none save Togo Shigetada, a samurai on a desperate and deadly mission of his own!

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Nature in Horsemanship Here is a unique approach to the teachings of the Founder of Aikido, Morihei Ueshiba, as interpreted by his direct student of fifteen years. Mitsugi Saotome examines the spiritual philosophy of the Founder, the warrior ideals of feudal Japan as the basis of his martial arts philosophy, and the scientific principles underlying the philosophy of Aikido technique. The author shows that the physical movement of Aikido is the embodiment of principles of the spirit. Negative force is not countered with aggression but is controlled and redirected through the power and balance of spiral movement. This is the shape of Aikido and the dynamic shape at the foundation of all energies of existence. Aikido movement can only be understood from its roots in universal law and the processes of nature. The sincere practice and study of Aikido deepens our appreciation for the perfection of nature's balance and brings us back into harmony with our environment, other people, and ourselves. Abundantly illustrated with the author's drawings, diagrams, and calligraphies, as well as photographs demonstrating Aikido techniques, the book also offers a history of Aikido, personal anecdotes about the Founder, and translations of several of his lectures.

Warrior Wisdom The Samurai Sword is the essential illustrated guide to the Japanese way of the sword. Japan's famous samurai warriors were more than just soldiers — they were adherents to a strict code of honor who respected the deeper, spiritual meaning of the way of the sword. To the samurai, battle was sacred. This indispensable guide to theory and practice respects both the physical and spiritual aspects of martial arts practice with the katana. This sword book features: Beautiful, step-by-step photos and easy-to-understand text Guidance for selecting, maintaining, and using your sword Wisdom about the practical value of meditation Inspirational biographies of some of the greatest samurai swordsmen, men whose words and deeds embodied the true spirit of the samurai warrior Downloadable video Whether you're a beginner or an experienced swordsperson, this book will broaden your practical knowledge with detailed instruction on stances, cuts, guards, forms, and sparring techniques and strategy.

The Rosie Project

Building and Negotiating Religious Identities in a Zen Buddhist Temple Budo is the spiritual way of the martial arts that all practitioners must follow if they are to be true martial artists. In this book, Masaaki Hatsumi explores the very essence of Budo, and demonstrates an array of important techniques relating to this essence, explaining how the concept of Budo transcends any one combat technique and is at the core of all the many martial arts developed in Japan. The author also reveals secret techniques and the hidden principles of the martial arts, and elucidates the words of his master, Toshitsugu

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Takamatsu, on Budo and life. Including many photos, works of calligraphy, illustrations, and documents on the martial arts and their role in Japanese culture, The Essence of Budo will resonate with practitioners of all martial traditions including judo, Aikido, karatedo, kendo, kenjutsu, jujutsu, and other fighting sports.

Jo. Staff in Aikido Get your aikido training off to a great start—from basic footwork and throws to training and demonstrations. This martial arts guide is a perfect introduction to aikido for beginners. Are you ready to learn aikido, but don't know where to begin? Are you intimidated by the unfamiliar terms or the powerful aikido techniques? With Aikido Basics you'll become an expert in this Japanese martial art in no time! Whether you are considering taking up this martial art, or you've already started, this aikido book offers an easy, yet comprehensive introduction to everything you need to know to feel confident and be successful. You'll learn about: The origins of aikido—philosophy, history and different styles What really happens in an aikido class—invaluable tips on choosing the right school, getting ready for your first class, and basic training methods The essential elements—stances, strikes, grabs, throws, and pins How to complement your aikido training—ki exercises, multiple-person training, and freestyle exercises Effective ways to succeed in aikido—create a training program, test for belt promotion, and participate in competitions and tournaments Resources—help further develop your aikido training

Deconstructing Martial Arts White Space Is Not Your Enemy is a practical graphic design and layout guide that introduces concepts and practices necessary for producing effective visual communication across a variety of formats—from web to print. Sections on Gestalt theory, color theory, and WET layout are expanded to offer more in-depth content on those topics. This new edition features new covering current trends in web design—Mobile-first, UI/UX design, and web typography—and how they affect a designer's approach to a project. The entire book will receive an update using new examples and images that show a more diverse set of graphics that go beyond print and web and focus on tablet, mobile and advertising designs.

The Odd 1s Out A classic, prize-winning novel about an epic migration and a lone woman haunted by the past in frontier Waipu. In the 1850s, a group of settlers established a community at Waipu in the northern part of New Zealand. They were led there by a stern preacher, Norman McLeod. The community had followed him from Scotland in 1817 to found a settlement in Nova Scotia, then subsequently to New Zealand via Australia. Their incredible journeys actually happened, and in this winner of the New Zealand Book Awards, Fiona Kidman breathes life and contemporary relevance into the facts by creating a remarkable

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fictional story of three women entangled in the migrations - Isabella, her daughter Annie and granddaughter Maria. McLeod's harsh leadership meant that anyone who ran counter to him had to live a life of secrets. The 'secrets' encapsulated the spirit of these women in their varied reactions to McLeod's strict edicts and connect the past to the present and future.

Bokken Master the wooden weapons used in Aikido with this comprehensive martial arts training manual. Although aikido is often thought of as a nonviolent, noncompetitive martial art, the use of weapons was introduced by the art's founder O'Sensei Morihei Ueshiba. In fact, aikido techniques that use wooden weapons can enrich all aspects of your practice, helping you to understand both basic and advanced aikido technical tactics as well as conceptual strategies and skills. Building on the authors' belief that no empty-hand system is complete without weapons training, *Aikido Weapons Techniques: The Wooden Sword, Stick, and Knife of Aikido* demonstrates weapon use both as a training tool to better illustrate aikido principles, and as a self-defense against weapon attacks, focusing on the three primary weapons used in aikido: Ken—the wooden sword Jo—the wooden staff Tanto—the wooden knife A complete discussion of each weapon is included, with descriptions of the stances, grips, techniques, forms, defenses, and training appropriate for each. With over 200 step-by-step photographs and detailed instructions, this aikido book provides an in-depth exploration of weapons use in aikido—from its spiritual implications to technical theory and practical use.

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