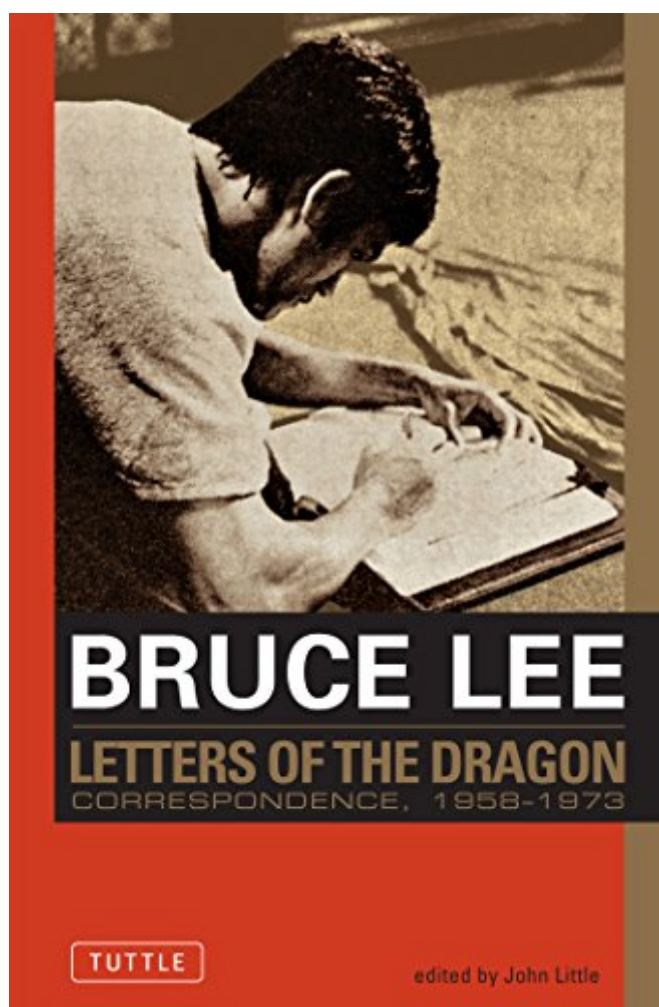


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Bruce Lee: Letters Of The Dragon: An Anthology Of Bruce Lee's Correspondence With Family, Friends, And Fans 1958-1973 (The Bruce Lee Library)





Synopsis

Letters of the Dragon: Correspondence, 1958-1973 is a fascinating glimpse of the private Bruce Lee behind the public image; a man with the patience and concern to dedicate as much effort to crafting a thoughtful personal answer to the letter of a young fan as to those from his old friends and associates; an extremely active man never too busy to make time for an old family friend in need of simple companionship; a man who never wrote without careful thought, and never thought from the heart alone, but always from the head and heart together. The letters in this inspiring book track Bruce Lee's career and development from his decision, made while he was still in secondary school, to move to the US to further his education, through the many setbacks, redirected efforts, and triumphs of life that shaped his martial art and humanity, all the way to the last letter he ever composed, just hours before his sudden death. After absorbing the letters in this volume, the reader will inevitably find that the private Bruce Lee was every bit as great as the public Bruce Lee, and deeper and broader by far. Letters of the Dragon: Correspondence, 1958-1973 is conclusive evidence that a life lived well is never too short a life. This Bruce Lee Book is part of Tuttle Publishing's Bruce Lee Library which also features: Bruce Lee's Striking Thoughts, Bruce Lee's The Tao of Gung Fu, Bruce Lee Artist of Life, Bruce Lee: The Celebrated Life of the Golden Dragon, Bruce Lee: The Art of Expressing the Human Body, Bruce Lee Jeet Kune Do.

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Customer Reviews

From this book, I learned that reading someone's correspondence provides insights into that person's life that might not be as available through biographies, or even autobiographies. These letters were intended as intimate and private expressions from the heart, to be transmitted to family members and close friends. They were not formal and highly edited manuscripts prepared for a large unknown audience. They helped me to understand this man. I found the following especially interesting. He loved his wife and children very much. He repeatedly mentioned them in his letters. He had no animosity towards the Japanese. He loved Japanese food, found samurai movies entertaining, delved in the Japanese martial arts, and enjoyed his visit to Japan. He stopped in Hawaii (that's where I'm from!) on his way to San Francisco. And he wrote about plans to honeymoon in Hong Kong, Japan, and Hawaii, with his wife, Linda. His agent tried to connect him to the Hawaii 5-O television series. p. 103 He gave encouragement to other pioneering Asian martial artists (e.g., Jhoon Ree) in their missions to establish themselves in the United States. In a letter to Ree, Lee expressed this familiar coping strategy, "Remember my friend that it is not what happens that counts, but how you react to them." p. 117 He tried to make his television character, Kato, more of an "active partner" of the Green Hornet, and less of a "mute follower." p. 77 Generally, this collection describes the development of a human being who made a dent in the universe. Bruce Lee's energy, optimism, struggles, and visions are on display in this volume.

Excellent glimpse into the life of Bruce Lee. It was interesting watching his mind and writing transform over the years. Brilliant read for anyone looking to learn more about the legend of the dragon.

Great quality and fast delivery. Thank you.

I personally like it. It reveals the other side of Bruce Lee as a charming multifacet. The content is more of a daily friends or family talk/mail than official teaching or casting. Not very much related to martial art also. But it really adds more of a humanity side of Bruce Lee, how he grew into who he was, and how he lived. I would say it is a nice side dish for those who admire Bruce Lee or enjoy his

philosophy, or simply find him interesting.

The letters by Bruce Lee really give an intimate picture of who he was day to day and how he interacted in his relationships with the people closest to him. Highly insightful reading.

This book is a must read, if you like Bruce Lee, Could not put it down. I even bought the hard cover.

Great view into the life and thinking of the great Bruce Lee. It covers everything from taking care of his dog to making plans for Enter the Dragon. I highly recommend this book .

The closest thing to a personal journal that there is for Bruce Lee. Reading these personal letters really show you a great glimpse of Bruce Lee's personality and philosophy.

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