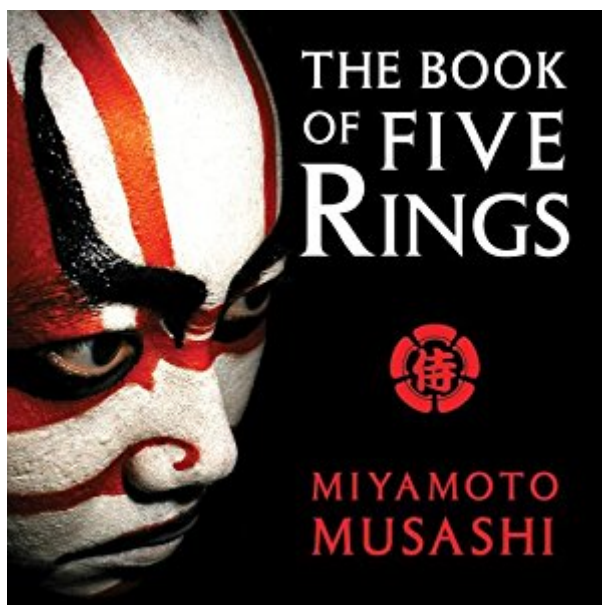


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The Book Of Five Rings



Synopsis

Setting down his thoughts on swordplay, on winning, and on spirituality, legendary swordsman Miyamoto Musashi intended this modest work as a guide for his immediate disciples and future generations of samurai. He had little idea he was penning a masterpiece that would be eagerly devoured by people in all walks of life centuries after his death. Along with *The Art of War* by Sun Tzu, *The Book of Five Rings* has long been regarded as an invaluable treatise on the strategy of winning. Musashi's timeless advice on defeating an adversary, throwing an opponent off-guard, creating confusion, and other techniques for overpowering an assailant was addressed to readers of earlier times on the battlefield and now serves the modern listener in the battle of life. In this new rendering by the translator of *Hagakure* and *The Unfettered Mind*, William Scott Wilson adheres rigorously to the 17th-century Japanese text and clarifies points of ambiguity in earlier translations. In addition, he offers an extensive introduction and a translation of Musashi's rarely published *The Way of Walking Alone*.

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"Hands down the best translation of this classic warrior's manual!" This is an excellent tome that covers almost every conceivable facet of conflict, combat, or strategy you can imagine; edged-weapon or otherwise. "A grimoire for the discerning warrior." BUY IT!!!HIGHLY ... HIGHLY ... HIGHLY ... RECOMMEND

A lot of great quotes and insights. A short read, but definitely one you can read over and over again, and continue to pick up new things.

Excellent short read, a guide more of spirit than body. A warrior's perspective on the way of strategy. Very enjoyable.

Great book. I don't know how the original was written, but this one definitely doesn't have any kind of "success" or "business" spin on it. It's written very much from the perspective of a warrior for a warrior. And then from there it's up to you to interpret it however you like. It's a short read but I still have finished the last book. All I can say is that it has far deeper meaning than just a guy with a sword.

worth spending a few extra \$\$ for this version. weird shape of pages, almost square, but ok

Wilson (translator) is not only a good translator, he is sufficiently immersed in the cultures of the ancient East to understand what he is translating and make it fully comprehensible to the Western reader. His introductions and footnotes alone are worth the price of the book. If you are looking for a definitive translation, look no further.

Lovely book. I was told by a friend to purchase it!!! I'm glad I did!!!

This is an excellent book. If you are an Asian Studies major or intrigued by Eastern Culture, definitely buy this book. This is a two in one book. The first half is The book of Five Rings, and the other half is the Art of War. Musashi provides his extraordinary concept of philosophy integrated with spiritualism and martial arts. Many people have this concept that "only" martial artist can apply the knowledge given by Musashi, which is not true. In the contrary. Musashi explains in his writings that anyone can apply his philosophy to their daily lives. This is not just great literature, but also a guide to live a healthier life. I am a firm believer that everyone should purchase and read this book.

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