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The Spirit of Aikido - Kisshomaru Ueshiba  
1988-03

Kisshomaru Ueshiba, the son of the founder of modern aikido and an authorityn the martial art aikido, illustrates in this text the basic aikidoovements and explains the central philosophy of unity of mind and body.

*Takemusu Aikido, Volume 1: Background and Basics* - Morihiro Saito 2000-09

This work, "Takemusu Aikido, Volume 1: Background & Basics," is the first of Morhiro Saito s new comprehensive series of Aikido technical manuals. Saito Sensei, 9th dan, and one of Aikido s leading experts, presents more than sixty variations of ikkyo, nikyo, sankyo, and yonkyo techniques, the most essential of the art s basic forms. Illustrated with over 600 photographs and accompanied by clear and detailed step-by-step explanations, "Background & Basics" provides an indispensable guide for both beginning and advanced practitioners. Morihiro Saito, is the author of the highly acclaimed technical series, "Traditional Aikido," published in the early 1970s. Saito enrolled as a student of Aikido Founder Morihei Ueshiba in 1946. One of the art s foremost technicians, he was the acknowledged authority on aikido weapons training. Saito operated Ueshiba s private dojo in Iwama, Japan and served as guardian of the Aiki Shrine for more than 30 years. He traveled extensively throughout the world teaching his comprehensive aikido training methods for three decades. Stanley A. Pranin is a 5th degree black belt and editor-in-chief of "Aikido Journal." Pranin began Aikido practice in 1962 and started training under

Morihiro Saito in Iwama in 1977. He served as Saito Sensei s interpreter at numerous international seminars during the 1980s. Pranin is the author of "The Aiki News Encyclopedia of Aikido" and "Aikido Pioneers - Prewar Era," a collection of interviews with early disciples of the Founder of Aikido.

**Aikido** - Bruce Allemann 2006

Aikido combines elements of self-defense technique, spiritual enlightenment, and self-confidence into a complete system for physical and spiritual health. This simple but thorough guide, aimed at both men and women, explains the origins, history, theory, and philosophy of aikido and gives detailed, illustrated instructions for aikido's essential techniques. Topics include "dojos" (formal training halls), uniforms, weapons, and breathing practices and explanations and complete demonstrations of groundwork, leading and throwing against punches, strikes and cuts, immobilization techniques, timing, and weapons training.

*Living the Martial Way* - Forrest E. Morgan 1992  
A step-by-step aooriach to applying the Japanese warriors mind set to martial training and daily life.

*Aikido* - John Stevens 2019-01-30

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.

**Angry White Pyjamas** - Robert Twigger  
2010-06-03

A brilliant and captivating insight into the bizarre nature of contemporary Japan. Adrift in Tokyo, teaching giggling Japanese highschool girls how to pronounce Tennyson correctly, Robert Twigger came to a revelation about himself: he'd never been fit. In a bid to escape the cockroach infestation and sweaty squalor of a cramped apartment in Fuji Heights, Twigger sets out to cleanse his body and his mind. Not knowing his fist from his elbow the author is sucked into the world of Japanese martial arts, and the brutally demanding course of budo training taken by the Tokyo Riot Police, where any ascetic motivation soon comes up against blood-stained dogis and fractured collarbones. In *Angry White Pyjamas* Robert Twigger skilfully blends the ancient with the modern - the ultra-traditionalism, ritual and violence of the dojo (training academy) with the shopping malls, nightclubs and scenes of everyday Tokyo life in the twenty-first century - to provide an entertaining and captivating glimpse of contemporary Japan.

*Keijutsukai Aikido* - Thomas H. Makiyama 1983  
Thomas Makiyama, an eighth-degree black belt and the only American officially certified shihan by any Japanese aikido organization, teaches preparation, basic directional throws, classification forms, and basic and advanced self-defense.

*The Shambhala Guide to Aikido* - John Stevens  
1996-07-09

Aikido is the "Art of Peace," a discipline that emphasizes harmony and the peaceful resolution of conflict. Far more than a self-defense technique, Aikido is a physical and spiritual discipline that aims at unifying the body and spirit with the natural forces of the universe, fostering compassion, wisdom, and fearlessness. This book introduces the basic principles and practices of this popular martial art and includes:

- The biography of the Founder of Aikido, Morihei Ueshiba (1883-1969), highlighting key events that led to the development of Aikido
- The fundamental training methods and techniques, illustrated by dozens of photographs
- The philosophical and spiritual dimensions of Aikido
- How to choose an instructor
- A glossary of important terms
- Suggestions for further reading

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instructor at Tohoku Fukushi University in Sendai, Japan. He is the author or translator of over twenty books on Buddhism, Zen, Aikido, and Asian culture. He has practiced and taught Aikido all over the world. "Over the years, John Stevens Sensei has written enough books on Aikido and related topics to fill the martial-arts shelves of most bookstores. The latest in the series, *The Shambhala Guide to Aikido*, is an introduction. Stevens' hope, he explains in the book's introduction, is that this will be "the first book that Aikido instructors recommend to beginning students, as well as the one that Aikido practitioners present to their parents, friends, co-workers, partners, and spouses when confronted with the question, 'What is Aikido?'" Like some of Stevens' other books, *The Shambhala Guide to Aikido* contains many photos, which are accompanied by lengthy captions (some several hundred words long). A university professor in Japan, Stevens has access to much historical material, and the book contains twenty-four interesting pictures of O-Sensei at various stages of his life. *The Shambhala Guide to Aikido* is divided into four parts: a biography of the Founder, a section on the art of Aikido, a section on Aikido philosophy (which includes selections from O-Sensei's writings), and a discussion of "schools and styles" of Aikido. There is also a list of resources and a glossary. "[a] brief, engaging introduction to the Japanese defensive art of aikido..."—  
Natural Health Magazine

### **Tenshin Shoden Katori Shinto Ryu Budo**

**Kyohan** - Yoshio Sugino 2016-06-25

Having been taught for almost 600 years, Tenshin Shoden Katori Shinto Ryu is one of the oldest Japanese martial arts. This is the first English translation of the book, which was originally published in Japan in 1941. With its many pictures and texts it presents the Tenshin Shoden Katori Shinto Ryu's basic techniques and kata with the sword (iai-jutsu, ken-jutsu), bo (bo-jutsu) and the naginata (naginata-jutsu) in great depth. This book also describes the relevance and the aim of budo and budo training methods to the reader, as well as the essential basics of budo (kamae, ma-ai, metsuke, zanshin, munen-muso, etc.). Additionally, it provides information on the origin and history of the Katori Shinto Ryu style, which was founded by Iizasa Choisai

Ienao sensei (1387 - 1488). This book is complemented by historical and biographical texts written by Yoshio Sugino. Both the 20th Soke of the Katori Shinto Ryu Yasusada Iizasa sensei and Yukihiro Sugino sensei have also kindly provided a preface.

**Tuttle Dictionary Martial Arts Korea, China & Japan** - Daniel Kogan 2012-07-09

Featuring translations of terms from Korean, Chinese and Japanese this dictionary is a must have for any serious martial arts practitioner. The modern martial artist requires more than a mere vocabulary listing. The modern practitioner wants an in-depth exploration not only of the equivalency of meaning but also the cultural and historical background of the terms relevant to the martial arts. To answer that need, this dictionary includes: Over 7,100 of the most important martial arts terms in Korean, Cantonese, Mandarin, Japanese, and Okinawan Full description of techniques Weapons Styles Martial Arts Masters This martial arts dictionary is a must have for every martial arts student. With its culturally relevant terminology, this book includes everything to satisfy both traditional purists and eclectic practitioners. As this is the combined work of four separate compilers, each a specialist in a region's language and martial arts, this is in fact four dictionaries in one. Each compiler's expertise contributes to the consistent high quality and linguistic accuracy throughout.

**Transparent Power** - Tatsuo Kimura  
2009-01-01

**Suck It Up Or Go Home** - Simon Gray 2020-07

*Positive Aikido* - Dave Rogers 2004

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 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 things which make martial artists as a whole stand together as sisters and brothers with the same warrior

spirit. <http://www.ellisaikido@ntlworld.com>  
Reviews Many publications on the subject of Aikido come and go. A majority all revolve around the same format or topics. It is unusual for a no holds book to be released. To have a warning printed on the first page, invites you in to read more! This book cannot be classed as a technical, although a whole chapter is dedicated to techniques. The main proportion of the book deals with personal interpretation of what Aikido means to the authors. It draws comparison with modern day Aikido, and the Aikido from the past; all it's good and bad points. There is also a strong emphasis on personal history. In so many ways, it breaks the boundaries of what a traditional Aikido book is suppose to show and say! The authors are to be congratulated for a no nonsense approach, and breaching the normal concept of what is expected from a book in this category. I'm sure it will cause a great debate among different groups, which should be encouraged. Finally, if the dialogue causes the reader to cough, splutter, or even split blood; at least the cover can be easily wiped. Mr. Nigel Jones Principal instructor for Abertillery Aikido Club under the Amateur Martial Association.

Trained under Sensei Haydn Foster, & Sensei Ron Russell at the Hut Dojo. I just received my copies of "Positive Aikido" from Trafford Publishing. The cover is excellent!. I have only skimmed though it briefly, I like the way it is laid out, I am enjoying the stories and History so far. The rest of this week, I will go through the whole book and then write a review and place it on my website to let others outside of the Aikido world know where to purchase it. Thank you for being a friend and sharing your martial spirit, it is very refreshing to know a true warrior of the martial art, and one who still practice and teach the old way while embracing the modern. Continued success, and here's hope that all your First-Run books be sold completely out (smile)... Most Honorable regards, Jimm McMurray House of Discipline Martial Arts Moo Hap Sool Hapkido World Kido federation

*The 7 Rules Of Aikido* - Mark Peckett 2021-04-24  
Another insightful set of musings about life, the universe and everything from the perspective of an English Aikido master.

*Aikido Pioneers - Prewar Era* - Stanley Pranin  
2010-08

Morihei Ueshiba (1883-1969) drew on his extensive martial arts experience as a young man, fusing this knowledge with his deeply-held religious beliefs, to create the modern self-defense art of Aikido. During his long career, Ueshiba associated with some of prewar Japan's most colorful characters, including famous jujutsu master Sokaku Takeda, the charismatic religious leader Onisaburo Deguchi, and numerous members of Japan's military, political, and business elite. Here is the captivating story of the birth of aikido, based on the first-hand accounts of Ueshiba's top students prior to World War II. The interviews contained in "Aikido Pioneers - Prewar Era" have been meticulously edited from hundreds of hours of conversations conducted over a 30-year period with those closest to the Founder. These early devotees of the art offer an insightful portrayal of the character of the Aikido Founder, and a detailed description of his teaching and activities, spanning nearly half a century. More than 100 photos, many published for the first time, add an important visual dimension to the testimonies of the interviewees. This is an essential volume for those desiring to discover the roots of Aikido, a

true cultural treasure of Japan

**A LIFE IN AIKIDO: The Biography of Founder Morihei Ueshiba -**

Ueshiba/Kisshomaru 2008-08

Throughout his extraordinary life, Morihei Ueshiba mastered an array of martial arts and techniques, including jujutsu and kendo, and endlessly devoted himself to the philosophies of Japan's martial schools. This biography details the life of this remarkable man, from his early years as a youth in the turbulent Meiji era to his death in 1969. The history of Japan's martial traditions is replete with many outstanding individuals, but few ever attained the legendary status of Morihei Ueshiba. Throughout his extraordinary life, he mastered an array of martial arts and techniques, including

**The Heart of Aikido - Morihei Ueshiba 2010**

Focus upon the universal human values, as expressed in Aikido, that O'Sensei wanted to convey and impart in his talks. The focus in this book is upon the universal human values, as expressed in Aikido, that O'Sensei wanted to convey and impart in his talks.

*Kiatsu* - Koichi Tohei 2002

Kiatsu is a Japan Publications publication.

**Re-theorizing Discipline in Education -**

Zsuzsa Millei (Ed) 2010

understandings that can make a difference in students' lives. --

*The Art of Peace* - Morihei Ueshiba 2010

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.

*Clash* - Nicole Williams 2012-11-26

For Lucy Larson and Jude Ryder, love might be the thing that just isn't enough. The only easy thing about Jude and Lucy's relationship is their love for one another. Everything else is hard. Especially when it comes to reining in Jude's trigger touch temper and Lucy's increasing jealousy of the female attention that Jude attracts. Feeling the stress of trying to hang on to her quintessential bad boy while becoming the foremost dancer in her class, Lucy knows something's going to break. She wants both. She needs both. But if she doesn't make a choice, she

risks losing everything. Full of passion, steamy scenes and hot romance, CLASH is a must for fans of BEAUTIFUL DISASTER and PERFECT CHEMISTRY.

**Eight Times Up - 2019**

In this middle-grade novel, Riley's dad signs him up for aikido to help him manage his anxiety.

**Aikido and the Dynamic Sphere - Adele Westbrook 2012-10-16**

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!

**The Fighting Spirit of Japan - E. J. Harrison 2022-08-16**

DigiCat Publishing presents to you this special edition of "The Fighting Spirit of Japan" by E. J. Harrison. DigiCat Publishing considers every written word to be a legacy of humankind. Every DigiCat book has been carefully reproduced for republishing in a new modern format. The books are available in print, as well as ebooks. DigiCat hopes you will treat this work with the acknowledgment and passion it deserves as a classic of world literature.

**Martial Arts and the Body Politic in Meiji Japan - Denis Gainty 2013-08-22**

In 1895, the newly formed Greater Japan Martial Virtue Association (Dainippon Butokukai) held its first annual Martial Virtue Festival (butokusai) in the ancient capital of Kyoto. The Festival marked the arrival of a new iteration of

modern Japan, as the Butokukai's efforts to define and popularise Japanese martial arts became an important medium through which the bodies of millions of Japanese citizens would experience, draw on, and even shape the Japanese nation and state. This book shows how the notion and practice of Japanese martial arts in the late Meiji period brought Japanese bodies, Japanese nationalisms, and the Japanese state into sustained contact and dynamic engagement with one another. Using a range of disciplinary approaches, Denis Gainty shows how the metaphor of a national body and the cultural and historical meanings of martial arts were celebrated and appropriated by modern Japanese at all levels of society, allowing them to participate powerfully in shaping the modern Japanese nation and state. While recent works have cast modern Japanese and their bodies as subject to state domination and elite control, this book argues that having a body – being a body, and through that body experiencing and shaping social, political, and even cosmic realities – is an important and underexamined aspect of the late Meiji period. *Martial Arts and the Body Politic in Meiji Japan* is an important contribution to debates in Japanese and Asian social sciences, theories of the body and its role in modern historiography, and related questions of power and agency by suggesting a new and dramatic role for human bodies in the shaping of modern states and societies. As such, it will be valuable to students and scholars of Japanese studies, Japanese history, modern nations and nationalisms, and sport and leisure studies, as well as those interested in the body more broadly.

*The Uchideshi* - Jacques Payet 2022-05-11  
Jacques Payet has been a student of Aikido since 1980, when he first moved to Japan to learn under one the Aikido greatest, Gozo Shioda. It was during this time that he became the longest serving foreign uchideshi to serve at the Yoshinkan. In the Yoshinkan organisation he achieved the rank of Hachidan (8th dan) and the title of Shihan. Today Payet sensei is the Head Instructor of the Mugenjuku, his own dojo based in Kyoto, Japan. He is also the creator of a well-known Senshusei course, the translator of several important Aikido works and an author himself. In this book we retrace the rich martial

path that led him from Shioda sensei to us: a human adventure, a daily challenge, physical and mental, a unique training that has shaped him for ever. Table of Contents: From Seminary to Martial Arts. "Gozo! Gozo!" Gozo Shioda: Man and Teacher. Uchideshi - Walking with the Master. A Shining Beacon in the Dark Night. The Race to the Popularisation of Aikido. A Scientific Approach to Teaching. Becoming an Aikido Teacher. Troubles Rock the Yoshinkan. The Senshusei Course. On Weapons Training. The Importance of Retaining a Martial Edge. Spiritualism in Aikido and the Shugyo. Paying the Price. Is Aikido becoming a "Koryu"?

**The Way of Judo** - John Stevens 2013-08-13  
Kodokan judo, one of the most well-known martial arts in the world today, was originated by Jigoro Kano (1860–1938), a martial artist and career educator who developed the art after studying several types of jujutsu, sumo, and Western wrestling. Openness and refinement were hallmarks of his personal and professional style, and he relentlessly searched for the best way to practice, teach, and perform techniques. This biography shows how Kano saw judo as a vehicle not just for self-defense, but for physical, spiritual, and moral development as well. His teachings clearly emphasize his ideal of judo as a way of self-cultivation that leads to physical health, ethical behavior, and ultimately a better society. Kano was a tireless activist who promoted the practical application of judo's principles in all realms of life—in one's personal behavior, for education, in work, for economic benefit, and in both the local and international political arenas. Kano's students were a colorful, sometimes notorious bunch, and this book reveals how several went on to become famous—or infamous—in their own right. They include a prime minister of Japan, the leader of the Communist party in China, a famous novelist, a spy, high-level military leaders, and a media mogul, among many others.

**Aikido Weapons Techniques** - Phong Thong Dang 2012-12-04  
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.

**Self-Defense Aikido** - Cris Eyza 2019-02-22

This introduction to Self-Defense Aikido is the result of my personal quest for a version of Aikido which works. It is a version of Aikido with which you can hold your own against street attacks and against other martial arts. Several things which were problematic in normal Aikido were fixed. Offensive techniques have been added to the system. These techniques blend in organically with the Self-Defense Aikido curriculum. The movements are shorter, more linear, and projected downward. Basic techniques have been improved, and are now resistance-proof. The result is a martial art which is still true to its Aikido core. Self-Defense Aikido is geared towards Aikido practitioners and self-defense interested individuals who wish to practice an art which is rougher than Aikido, but less hard on the body than MMA or boxing, which have the risk of brain trauma, and just as practical as Krav Maga, but more intricate.

**Dueling with O-Sensei** - Ellis Amdur

2016-12-31

If you are a long-time martial artist, you have likely been either the recipient, the victim - or both - of the "wise old master" phenomenon, whereby budo students reverentially enfold their teachers as martial, moral and mystical juggernauts sans reproach, in which case, this

book will make you clench your fists and laugh out loud, often while reading the same sentence. Iconoclastic, rebellious, yet fiercely holding to some of the most traditional values of Japanese martial culture, Amdur brought something new to martial arts writing - a startling honesty about the flaws, not only within martial arts culture, but also within its practitioners, often using himself as an exemplar of the latter. Originally published in 2000, and now fully revised, with eight new chapters, new artwork and photography, *Dueling with O Sensei, Revised and Expanded Edition* will be an invaluable addition to the library of old readers and new alike.

**Complete Aikido** - Roy Suenaka 1997-11-15

Master the techniques of aikido with this illustrated martial arts guide. *Complete Aikido* is the authoritative text on this enlightening martial art and self-defense system. This definitive aikido guide is packed with history and philosophy, and offers precise descriptions with over 400 photographs illustrating the correct—and incorrect—way to execute aikido techniques. In the almost thirty years since the death of aikido founder Morihei Ueshiba O'Sensei, his many students have spread his philosophy and vision across the world, including author Roy Suenaka. *Complete Aikido* provides insights into the three leading styles of this Japanese martial art: the original art developed by founder Morihei Ueshiba O'Sensei, the Shin-Shin Toitsu aikido of Koichi Tohei Sensei, and the Suenaka-ha Tetsugaku-ho aikido of Roy Suenaka Sensei. Both a fascinating martial biography and a comprehensive instructional manual, this aikido book is a must for all practitioners seeking the way of harmony.

**The Art of Aikido** - 2004

Aikido is now practised in 86 countries. The Aikido ideal of 'polishing one's mind and body to foster a spirit of harmony' has struck a common chord among the peoples of the world. This book was written by Kisshomaru Ueshiba, the son of the founder of Aikido. Born into the household of a martial arts genius, Kisshomaru naturally absorbed many teachings from his father, Morihei, as he was growing up. Morihei himself explained Aikido in archaic, esoteric language, and limited his instruction to only a select few, but in order to accomplish the mission of

introducing Aikido to

Attacks in Aikido - Stefan Stenudd 2015-09-14

For the first time: an aikido book that focuses on the attack techniques! Although aikido is a purely defensive martial art, attack techniques need to be practiced in order for the training partners to exercise the defense against them. And for the aikido skills to increase, the attacking skills must improve accordingly. This book presents all the attacks practiced in aikido - grips as well as strikes, punches, and kicks. Also attacks with a sword, a stick, and a knife are included. Each of these attack techniques is examined in depth, with lots of advice and pointers for beginners as well as advanced aikido students. The book contains commented lists of all the combinations of attack and defense techniques, and a dictionary of aikido terminology. Stefan Stenudd is a 7 dan Aikikai Shihan aikido instructor, former Vice Chairman of the International Aikido Federation, member of the Swedish aikido grading committee, and President of the Swedish Budo & Martial Arts Federation. He has practiced aikido since 1972. He also teaches the sword art iaido. He has previously written the aikido books *Aikido Principles* and *Aikibatto: Sword Exercises for Aikido Students*.

**Judo Memoirs of Jigoro Kano** - Brian N. Watson 2008-10

Based on a series of interviews that Jigoro Kano gave in his sixties, the book relates his creation and development of Kodokan judo during the period 1882 to 1928.

Training with the Master - John Stevens 2004-07-01

"The Purpose of Aikido is to remind us that we are always in the state of grace," said Morihei Ueshiba (O-Sensei). If anyone embodied that state of grace, it was O-Sensei himself, the founder of Aikido and perhaps the greatest martial artist who ever lived. But who was the man who created this martial art known as the "Art of Peace"? What were the principles—always more spiritual than physical—that this "warrior for peace" espoused? And how did O-Sensei's own movements embody the high standards he set for himself and others? *Training with the Master* addresses all these questions, centering around 157 photographs of unrivaled quality, shot when

O-Sensei was eighty-four years old and at the peak of his career as a teacher, martial artist, and spiritual seeker. Here, frozen forever in time, is a day in the life of the Founder, on and off the mat. We see him in training, from his initial bow before the dojo shrine and warm-up movements, through a series of exercises, postures, pins, and throws, to the concluding "seated breath-power training" and mutual back-stretching. We see him demonstrating his immobilizing wrist grip; explaining the mysteries of Ki, the vital life force, and how to control it; speaking to his students; taking refreshments—and flashing the smile that itself drew many to the practice of Aikido. Framing the photographs are a biography of O-Sensei by John Stevens; a compilation of quotations from the Founder's talks, sayings, and poems; and examples of his calligraphy.

**Aikido and the Harmony of Nature** - Mitsugi Saotome 1993-10-19

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.

*Enlightenment through Aikido* - Kanshu Sunadomari 2012-01-10

Enlightenment through Aikido focuses on Aikido's spiritual teachings, drawing on Sunadomari's experiences as a direct student of Morihei Ueshiba. Quotes from the founder and the author's interpretations show how Aikido can develop inner strength and tranquility. This book is an excellent companion for those practitioners who aspire to go beyond the physical in their journey along the path of Aikido. From the Trade Paperback edition.

**The Phenomenologist** - Simone Chierchini  
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Ellis Amdur is a renowned martial arts researcher, a teacher in two different surviving Koryū and a former Aikidō enthusiast. His books on Aikidō and Budō are considered unique in that he uses his own experiences, often hair-raising or outrageous, as illustrations of the principles about which he writes. His opinions are also backed by solid research and boots-on-the-ground experience. "The Phenomenologist" is no exception to that: read about Amdur's point of view on Aikidō and his debt to Daitō-ryū, discover the differences between past and present at the Aikikai Hombu Dojo, relive the tragic figure of Yoshio Kuroiwa, see what he has to say about any attempt at politicizing Budō training and much more. Table of Contents: Discovering Aikidō. Father and Son. Aikikai Honbu Dojo Past and Present. Kuroiwa vs Yamaguchi. Ukemi and Misogi. The Dawn of "Harmony light" in Aikidō. "Oh, I Don't Need Any Power To Do That!". The Cross-Training Dilemma. Ueshiba Morihei and Daitō-ryū. Filming Aiki. Performance Problems. Extending Ki. The "Big Equalizer".

**Budo Training in Aikido** - Morihei Ueshiba  
2001-10

TRANSLATOR' S INTRODUCTION We would like to begin by thanking Doshu Ueshiba Kisshomaru and the Aikikai Foundation for making this family treasure available for publication. We also wish to express our appreciation to those teachers who gave their invaluable help in explaining difficult passages. Due to the historical nature of this work certain difficulties arose, especially in deciding to what degree we should try to produce clear and precise English. Any precise translation could easily become a personal translation, limiting the contents and range of the translator's

individual understanding at this particular point in his or her training. Therefore, after consulting some of the highest Sensei in Aikido and other arts it was decided to strive for a translation that would both preserve the simplicity of the original expression and at the same time leave open to the reader at least the possibility of coming up with the broad set of ideas and associations indicated in the Japanese. This book appeared in 1933 and is the first published account of O-Sensei's art. Although not actually written down by him, it is a transcription of lectures and explanations which was later reviewed by the founder and approved as a teacher's manual. The political and historical context of the times should be kept in mind. No attempt has been made to edit the text. The original copy has O-Sensei's title which was simply "Budo Renshu", i.e. "Budo Training". Later the second Doshu annotated this with the word "Aikido". The Dojo decided on using the original name here despite the fact that most Japanese copies are entitled "Aikijujutsu Ogi", or "The Secrets of Aikijujutsu". The latter is actually an interpretive heading used by the copyists. The original was hand-written and illustrated. Later this was copied out several times, using tracing paper to reproduce the illustrations. During this process errors easily crept in. By comparing various copies, most of the poems could be deciphered despite their flowery writing style. However only a few of the tracing mistakes have been corrected here. In other cases the terms 'left' and 'right' had been reversed. This seems to be the result of confusing Nage's point of view Uke's. In this edition these obvious errors have been corrected to match the illustrations. The poems presented the biggest problems. Much effort was spent to offer the reader a translation which presents as closely as possible the same degree of lee- ay for interpretation, insight and error, as appears in the original. Two versions are offered. One reflects the 5-7-5-7-7 syllabic structure of five line, Japanese Waka poetry. Each line in English contains the same groups of words found in the corresponding line of Japanese. The second attempt is to put the poem into a somewhat clearer English syntax. Another interesting point about the poems is that not all of them are original compositions of O-Sensei. At least a few

can be traced to other martial traditions. Please note that the parentheses indicate the insertion, for your reference, of a Japanese word used in the text for the preceding English word (except for a few cases in the technique section where O-Sensei used parentheses in the original). Square brackets are the translator's insertions for the sake of the English. By simply deleting the sections enclosed by them, they allow

readers to refer to O-Sensei's exact words, if they choose to do so. Although not for the beginner, it is hoped that access to this historically important text will be useful in understanding Aikido and its origins for those who have taken Budo as their 'Way'. Larry E. Bieri Seiko Mabuchi

**Kempo Karate-Do** - Tsuyoshi Chitose 2000