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Best Life - 2008-05

Best Life magazine empowers men to continually improve their physical, emotional and financial well-being to better enjoy the most rewarding years of their life.

The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao - Junot Diaz 2008-09-04

Things have never been easy for Oscar. A ghetto nerd living with his Dominican family in New Jersey, he's sweet but disastrously overweight. He dreams of becoming the next J.R.R. Tolkien and he keeps falling hopelessly in love. Poor Oscar may never get what he wants, thanks to the Fukú - the curse that has haunted his family for generations. With dazzling energy and insight Díaz immerses us in the tumultuous lives of Oscar; his runaway sister Lola; their beautiful mother Belicia; and in the family's uproarious journey from the Dominican Republic to the US and back. Rendered with uncommon warmth and humour, *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* is a literary triumph, that confirms Junot Díaz as one of the most exciting writers of our time.

The Face - Ruth Ozeki 2016-03

A revelatory short memoir from the author and Zen Buddhist priest Ruth

Ozeki about how her face has shaped and been shaped by her life

Integral Life Practice - Ken Wilber 2008-09-09

Over the last thirty-five years, Ken Wilber has developed an Integral "theory of everything" that makes sense of how all the world's knowledge systems—East and West; ancient, modern, and postmodern—fit together and can elevate our awareness. Drawing on science, psychology, human development, spirituality, religion, and dozens of other fields, Integral Theory is a revolutionary framework for understanding ourselves and the world we live in. Now there is a way to not just think Integrally, but to embody an Integral worldview in your everyday life. *Integral Life Practice* is not just a new approach to self-development and higher awareness, but a way of making sense of—and making best use of—the existing treasure trove of insights, methods, and practices for cultivating a more enlightened life. It offers a uniquely adaptive approach to awakened living that's suitable for everyone: people with busy careers and families, college students, retirees, even hardcore athletes and yogis. It's geared for devout—and irreverent—people of any religion, or no religion! This highly flexible system will help you develop your physical

health, spiritual awareness, emotional balance, mental clarity, relational joy, and energy level, within a framework that integrates all aspects of your life. Combining original exercises, vivid examples, cutting-edge theory, and illustrative graphics, *Integral Life Practice* is the ultimate handbook for realizing freedom and fullness in the 21st century.

The Memoirs of Lady Hyegyong - JaHyun Kim Haboush 2013-09-14

Lady Hyegyong's memoirs, which recount the chilling murder of her husband by his father, form one of the best known and most popular classics of Korean literature. From 1795 until 1805 Lady Hyegyong composed this masterpiece, depicting a court life Shakespearean in its pathos, drama, and grandeur. Presented in its social, cultural, and historical contexts, this first complete English translation opens a door into a world teeming with conflicting passions, political intrigue, and the daily preoccupations of a deeply intelligent and articulate woman.

JaHyun Kim Haboush's accurate, fluid translation captures the intimate and expressive voice of this consummate storyteller. Reissued nearly twenty years after its initial publication with a new foreword by Dorothy Ko, *The Memoirs of Lady Hyegyong* is a unique exploration of Korean selfhood and an extraordinary example of autobiography in the premodern era.

Good Naked - Cindy Irwin 2018-07-04

God likes sex. He made it, and He likes everything He made. Sex is an amazing experience that can be the perfect moment in a beautiful, covenant relationship. Except when it isn't. No one likes sex that is troublesome, unfulfilling and wounding. Not even God. But sex was never designed to just be a stand-alone experience. God designed it to function within a system in the same way He created the universe to work within a system. In fact, God started the whole thing with naked-good naked, and not afraid or ashamed. *Good Naked* promises practical insight for sexual wholeness with a simple, seven-layer look into God's design for sex. With easy to understand theology and clear ways to apply the material learned, *Good Naked* can help you enjoy God's plan for a delightful and delicious sexual experience.

The Impossible Place - Merri-jo Hillaker 2020-11

Merri-jo Hillaker is a lover. She is a lawyer, entrepreneur and a life evangelist who pours her heart out to the world. Her thirst for adventure has taken her to 25 countries, through the forests of Belize on archeological digs, playing cricket in Australia, bike riding in Alaska, orangutan parks in Thailand, to the villages in South Africa. Her Global Mindset Mastery Association supports people the world over in breaking through their disempowering beliefs on the way to the fullness of their calling. "In a world with so many distractions, my hope for us is to live life to our greatest purpose. Unexpected circumstances may steal away people that we treasure dearly. My prayer is to meet you in that impossible place and lead you to the forgiveness that is elusive for so many. The world is awaiting your light." Love always, Merri-jo Hillaker
Samurai Wisdom - Thomas Cleary 2014-03-04

The ancient warrior culture of Japan produced a sophisticated martial philosophy that we know today as Bushido—the Way of the Warrior. In *Samurai Wisdom*, author Thomas Cleary provides five critical new translations of major Japanese works on Bushido. The writings of the scholar Yamaga Soko and his disciples are among the most lucid expositions we have of the core ideas and philosophy underlying the Samurai's disciplined way of life and outlook. Together they provide an in-depth, practical guide to character building and conduct according to the precepts of Bushido—a code for professional warriors that retains as much relevance in today's world as it had when these works were written 400 years ago. Yamaga's writings inspired the transformation of the Samurai from a feudal class of warriors under the command of the Shogun to a group of prominent individuals with significant intellectual, political and moral leadership and influence. The works translated in *Samurai Wisdom* for the very first time are as timeless and essential today as the works of Sun Tzu, Musashi and Clausewitz. The five Japanese works on Bushido translated in *Samurai Wisdom* are: *The Way of the Knight* by Yamaga Soko *The Warrior's Rule* by Tsugaru Kodo-shi *Essentials of Military Matters* compiled by Yamaga Takatsune *The Education of Warriors* by Yamaga Soko *Primer of Martial Education* by Yamaga Soko

The Compassionate Instinct: The Science of Human Goodness - Dacher Keltner 2010-01-04

Leading scientists and science writers reflect on the life-changing, perspective-changing, new science of human goodness. In these pages you will hear from Steven Pinker, who asks, "Why is there peace?"; Robert Sapolsky, who examines violence among primates; Paul Ekman, who talks with the Dalai Lama about global compassion; Daniel Goleman, who proposes "constructive anger"; and many others. Led by renowned psychologist Dacher Keltner, the Greater Good Science Center, based at the University of California in Berkeley, has been at the forefront of the positive psychology movement, making discoveries about how and why people do good. Four times a year the center publishes its findings with essays on forgiveness, moral inspiration, and everyday ethics in Greater Good magazine. The best of these writings are collected here for the first time. A collection of personal stories and empirical research, *The Compassionate Instinct* will make you think not only about what it means to be happy and fulfilled but also about what it means to lead an ethical and compassionate life.

Inner Voice - Russ Whitney 2014-09-24

Inner Voice: Unlock Your Purpose and Passion tells the story of how one man's struggle to find the true meaning of life evolved into a worldwide movement known as Inner Voice™. Internationally recognized businessman, financial expert, and real-estate icon Russ Whitney spent five years and 20,000 hours researching and developing this program. It is built on simple yet powerful principles and strategies that guide readers to identify their purpose; develop their passion; and have a peaceful, joyful, and successful life that's richer and more fulfilling than they ever dreamed possible. *Inner Voice* is a dramatic departure from Whitney's earlier best-selling books, which all focused on financial success, real estate, and wealth-building strategies. Instead, he now teaches from personal experience the happiness that can be found in humility; the importance of living in the moment; the need to understand, recognize, and master the immutable laws of the universe; and how to surrender and find real answers and peace with what you can't control.

In addition, he introduces readers to powerful life-changing tools, including the Discovery Chart and two-way conscious contact, to achieve and maintain a connection with their Inner Voice. This step-by-step guide demonstrates exactly how to apply Inner Voice principles and strategies on a daily basis in order to be free of anxiety, frustration, fear, doubt, guilt, and shame so that you can have the spectacular life your creator intended for you.

The Making of Modern Japan - Marius B. Jansen 2002-10-15

Magisterial in vision, sweeping in scope, this monumental work presents a seamless account of Japanese society during the modern era, from 1600 to the present. A distillation of more than fifty years' engagement with Japan and its history, it is the crowning work of our leading interpreter of the modern Japanese experience.

If How-to's Were Enough We Would All Be Skinny, Rich And Happy - Brian Klemmer 2004-10

Brian Klemmer explores what is missing and real reason why most people do not succeed. The secret is found in seven paradigm that will change the course of your life. It has produced dramatic lasting change in a short period of time for tens of thousands of people and can for you, too.

Yasuke The Legend of the African Samurai - Jamal Turner 2020-05-04

Warrior. Bodyguard. Samurai. Legend. His name was Yasuke and he was all of these things. But how did a warrior from Africa find himself serving under one of Japan's most powerful warlords? Find out in this epic tale of honor, loyalty, and duty. If you or your children love swords, samurai, or legendary warriors, you will love the tale of Yasuke! Featuring gorgeous full color illustrations, *Yasuke: The Legend of the African Samurai* is an all ages adventure perfect for any child or for those simply wanting to learn more about this real, relatively unknown warrior. Buy your copy today!

Capitalism's Achilles Heel - Raymond W. Baker 2005-08-05

For over forty years in more than sixty countries, Raymond Baker has witnessed the free-market system operating illicitly and corruptly, with

devastating consequences. In *Capitalism's Achilles Heel*, Baker takes readers on a fascinating journey through the global free-market system and reveals how dirty money, poverty, and inequality are inextricably intertwined. Readers will discover how small illicit transactions lead to massive illegalities and how staggering global income disparities are worsened by the illegalities that permeate international capitalism. Drawing on his experiences, Baker shows how Western banks and businesses use secret transactions and ignore laws while handling some \$1 trillion in illicit proceeds each year. He also illustrates how businesspeople, criminals, and kleptocrats perfect the same techniques to shift funds and how these tactics negatively affect individuals, institutions, and countries.

Shambhala - Chogyam Trungpa 2019-06-04

The classic guide to enlightened living that first presented the Buddhist path of the warrior to Western readers—with a new foreword and cover presentation. This timeless classic presents a vision of basic human wisdom that synchronizes the mind and body—what Chögyam Trungpa called the sacred path of the warrior. This discipline embodies characteristics that many cultures, regions, and spiritual traditions throughout time have found valuable. The sacred warrior conquers the world not through violence or aggression but through gentleness, courage, and self-knowledge, discovering the basic goodness of human life and radiating that goodness out into the world for the peace and sanity of others. That's what the Shambhala teachings are all about, and this is the book that has been presenting them to a wide and appreciative audience for more than thirty years. This book is part of the Shambhala Pocket Library series. The Shambhala Pocket Library is a collection of short, portable teachings from notable figures across religious traditions and classic texts. The covers in this series are rendered by Colorado artist Robert Spellman. The books in this collection distill the wisdom and heart of the work Shambhala Publications has published over 50 years into a compact format that is collectible, reader-friendly, and applicable to everyday life.

[The Meaning of Tingo](#) - Adam Jacot de Boinod 2007-02-27

Did you know that in Hungary, pigs go rof-rof-rof, but in Japan they go boo boo boo? That there's apparently the need in Bolivia for a word that means "I was rather too drunk last night but it was all their fault"? Adam Jacot de Boinod's book on extraordinary words from around the world will give you the definitions and phrases you need to make friends in every culture. A true writer's resource and the perfect gift for linguists, librarians, logophiles, and international jet-setters. While there's no guarantee you'll never pana po'o again (Hawaiian for "scratch your head in order to help you remember something you've forgotten"), or mingmu (Chinese for "die without regret"), at least you'll know what tingo means, and that's a start. "A book no well-stocked bookshelf, cistern top or handbag should be without. At last we know those Eskimo words for snow and how the Dutch render the sound of Rice Krispies. Adam Jacot de Boinod has produced an absolutely delicious little book: It goes Pif! Paf! Pouf! Cric! Crac! Croc! and Knisper! Knasper! Knusper! on every page."—Stephen Fry

[The Great Liberal Death Wish](#) - Canadian League of Rights 1979

When Good Intentions Run Smack Into Reality - Brian Klemmer
2004-08-01

Answers the tough questions that come when you are not creating the results you desire.

Project Cain - Geoffrey Girard 2013-09-03

Jeff discovers he's a serial killer clone—and he's got to track down others like him before it's too late in this Bram Stoker Award-nominated novel, a thrilling YA companion to *Cain's Blood*. This dark, literary thriller is a story about blood: specifically, the DNA of the world's most notorious serial killers, captured and cloned by the Department of Defense to develop a new "breed" of bio-weapons. The program is now in Stage Three—with dozens of young male clones from age ten to eighteen kept and monitored at a private facility without any realization of who they really are. Some are treated like everyday kids. Others live prescribed lives to replicate the upbringing of their DNA donors. All wonder why they can't remember their lives before age ten. When security is

breached and the most dangerous boys are set free by the now-insane scientist who created them, only one young man can help find the clones before their true genetic nature grows even more horrific than the original models: a fifteen-year-old boy, an every-boy...who has just learned that he is the clone of Jeffrey Dahmer.

A Tale for the Time Being - Ruth Ozeki 2013-03-12

A brilliant, unforgettable novel from bestselling author Ruth Ozeki, author of *The Book of Form and Emptiness* Finalist for the Booker Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award "A time being is someone who lives in time, and that means you, and me, and every one of us who is, or was, or ever will be." In Tokyo, sixteen-year-old Nao has decided there's only one escape from her aching loneliness and her classmates' bullying. But before she ends it all, Nao first plans to document the life of her great grandmother, a Buddhist nun who's lived more than a century. A diary is Nao's only solace—and will touch lives in ways she can scarcely imagine. Across the Pacific, we meet Ruth, a novelist living on a remote island who discovers a collection of artifacts washed ashore in a Hello Kitty lunchbox—possibly debris from the devastating 2011 tsunami. As the mystery of its contents unfolds, Ruth is pulled into the past, into Nao's drama and her unknown fate, and forward into her own future. Full of Ozeki's signature humor and deeply engaged with the relationship between writer and reader, past and present, fact and fiction, quantum physics, history, and myth, *A Tale for the Time Being* is a brilliantly inventive, beguiling story of our shared humanity and the search for home.

[Jesus As the Ultimate Compassionate Samurai](#) - Brian Klemmer 2010-06

Are you a Christian that knows the King, is saved for eternity, but is struggling to apply Kingdom principles to live the extraordinary life you were called to? Then this book is for you. Have you found certain New Testament stories in the Bible either confusing or simply didn't know how to apply them for results in your life? Then this book is for you. Follow Jesus and discover His keys to living an extraordinary life in an ordinary world by applying Kingdom principles through the ten traits of full commitment, personal responsibility, contribution, focus, honesty,

honor, trust, abundance, boldness, and knowledge. Jesus as the Ultimate Compassionate Samurai will empower you to: Discover the keys Jesus used for abundance in the midst of scarcity. Learn how Jesus trusted among untrustworthy people. Realize the secret keys to being bold when you don't feel courageous. Uncover Jesus' revelations of commitment in a world that lacks it. Master, with Jesus, the art of being responsible even when you aren't. Through the ultimate model of the life of Jesus and his followers, this book will show you how to combine compassion towards others and success in life, making you the victor you were always destined to be. "This study is yet another brilliant work from my good friend, Brian Klemmer. Whether you are in business, ministry, the arts, medicine, or education, this ten-part series will position you to achieve your highest and best! Including teachings from leaders around the globe, Jesus as the Ultimate Compassionate Samurai is a profound look into the ten vital traits of a compassionate samurai. This will turn your ordinary existence into an extraordinary life!" -John Bevere, Best-selling Author & International Speaker, Messenger International, Colorado Springs, Colorado

[The Compassionate Samurai](#) - Brian Klemmer 2009-01-01

Become an extraordinary results-producing champion for humanity and yourself! In life there are two types of people. The first are those who are nice, good-hearted, and compassionate but can't make much happen. The other kind can make everything happen—they're the creators, the go-getters, and the aggressive producers in society—however, they're often self-centered, greedy, and unethical. Wouldn't it be great if you could make things happen in a really big way but not lose your integrity? The Compassionate Samurai will show you the way to produce extraordinary results in a dog-eat-dog world and still maintain the highest levels of ethics. You'll learn: • How to always be satisfied and motivated regardless of your circumstances • Why all people have freedom but very few have liberty • What competing commitments are and how they prevent you from having what you want in life • The secret to operating optimally in an untrustworthy environment • How to make the shift from scarcity to abundance even if you're knee deep in debt . . .and much, much more!

Anjin - The Life and Times of William Adams - Hiromi T. Rogers
2015

Shame and the Captives - Thomas Keneally 2015-02-24

A tale inspired by true events follows the experiences of a World War II prisoner's wife who befriends an Italian anarchist in the hopes of alleviating her husband's suffering, only to be swept up in a violent prison break. By the Booker Prize-winning author of *Schindler's List*.

Essays in Idleness - Kenkō Yoshida 1998

The Buddhist priest Kenko clung to tradition, Buddhism, and the pleasures of solitude, and the themes he treats in his "Essays," written sometime between 1330 and 1332, are all suffused with an unspoken acceptance of Buddhist beliefs.

How Are We to Live? - Peter Singer 2010-03-19

Is there still anything worth living for? Is anything worth pursuing, apart from money, love, and caring for one's own family? Internationally known social philosopher and ethicist Peter Singer has an answer to these and other questions in this compelling new volume. If we can detach ourselves from our own immediate preoccupations and look at the world as a whole and our place in it, there is something absurd about the idea that people should have trouble finding something to live for. Singer suggests that people who take an ethical approach to life often avoid the trap of meaninglessness, finding a deeper satisfaction in what they are doing than those people whose goals are narrower and more self-centered. He spells out what he means by an ethical approach to life, and shows that it can bring about significant and far-reaching changes to one's life. After completing each section, the reader will be compelled to stop and ponder for a while. -San Antonio Current. . . extremely well written. -Mind (UK) Imagine that you could choose a book that everyone in the world would read. My choice would be this book by Peter Singer. It is a good philosophy book, which covers many historical, social, and biological issues with command and verve, but I would choose it because its persuasive power could change many people's lives for the better, both from their own point of view and from that of the world as a whole. -

Ethics

Risuko - David Kudler 2016-06-15

Can One Girl Win A War? My name is Kano Murasaki, but everyone calls me Risuko. Squirrel. I am from Serenity Province, though I was not born there. My nation has been at war for a hundred years, Serenity is under attack and my family is in disgrace, but some people think that I can bring victory. That I can be a very special kind of woman. All I want to do is climb. My name is Kano Murasaki, but everyone calls me Squirrel. Risuko. ~*~ Though Japan has been devastated by a century of civil war, Risuko just wants to climb trees. Growing up far from the battlefields and court intrigues, the fatherless girl finds herself pulled into a plot that may reunite Japan — or may destroy it. She is torn from her home and what is left of her family, but finds new friends at a school that may not be what it seems. Magical but historical, Risuko follows her along the first dangerous steps to discovering who she truly is. Kano Murasaki, called Risuko (Squirrel) is a young, fatherless girl, more comfortable climbing trees than down on the ground. Yet she finds herself enmeshed in a game where the board is the whole nation of Japan, where the pieces are armies, moved by scheming lords, and a single girl couldn't possibly have the power to change the outcome. Or could she? YOUNG ADULT HISTORICAL ADVENTURE As featured in Kirkus, Foreword, and on the cover of Publishers Weekly! Tight, exciting, and thoughtful... The characters are nicely varied and all the pieces fit into place deftly. -- Kirkus Reviews Risuko is an artfully crafted novel that evokes a heavy sense of place and enchantment... Risuko's development and evolution are fascinating to watch in this powerful and relentless coming-of-age adventure. -- Foreword Reviews (spotlight review) Vividly portrayed, flush with cultural detail, and smoothly written. -- BookLife

The Last Samurai - Mark Ravina 2011-03-29

The dramatic arc of Saigo Takamori's life, from his humble origins as a lowly samurai, to national leadership, to his death as a rebel leader, has captivated generations of Japanese readers and now Americans as well - his life is the inspiration for a major Hollywood film, *The Last Samurai*, starring Tom Cruise and Ken Watanabe. In this vibrant new biography,

Mark Ravina, professor of history and Director of East Asian Studies at Emory University, explores the facts behind Hollywood storytelling and Japanese legends, and explains the passion and poignancy of Saigo's life. Known both for his scholarly research and his appearances on The History Channel, Ravina recreates the world in which Saigo lived and died, the last days of the samurai. The Last Samurai traces Saigo's life from his early days as a tax clerk in far southwestern Japan, through his rise to national prominence as a fierce imperial loyalist. Saigo was twice exiled for his political activities -- sent to Japan's remote southwestern islands where he fully expected to die. But exile only increased his reputation for loyalty, and in 1864 he was brought back to the capital to help his lord fight for the restoration of the emperor. In 1868, Saigo commanded his lord's forces in the battles which toppled the shogunate and he became a leader in the emperor Meiji's new government. But Saigo found only anguish in national leadership. He understood the need for a modern conscript army but longed for the days of the traditional warrior. Saigo hoped to die in service to the emperor. In 1873, he sought appointment as envoy to Korea, where he planned to demand that the Korean king show deference to the Japanese emperor, drawing his sword, if necessary, to defend imperial honor. Denied this chance to show his courage and loyalty, he retreated to his homeland and spent his last years as a schoolteacher, training samurai boys in frugality, honesty, and courage. In 1876, when the government stripped samurai of their swords, Saigo's followers rose in rebellion and Saigo became their reluctant leader. His insurrection became the bloodiest war Japan had seen in centuries, killing over 12,000 men on both sides and nearly bankrupting the new imperial government. The imperial government denounced Saigo as a rebel and a traitor, but their propaganda could not overcome his fame and in 1889, twelve years after his death, the government relented, pardoned Saigo of all crimes, and posthumously restored him to imperial court rank. In THE LAST SAMURAI, Saigo is as compelling a character as Robert E. Lee was to Americans--a great and noble warrior who followed the dictates of honor and loyalty, even though it meant civil war in a country to which he'd devoted his life.

Saigo's life is a fascinating look into Japanese feudal society and a history of a country as it struggled between its long traditions and the dictates of a modern future.

A Journey in Search of Wholeness and Meaning - Rupert Clive Collister 2010

This book explores the concept that the reality which is created by the consciousness inherent in the Western worldview is exceptionally limiting and probably unsustainable. After describing the contexts within which the book was written the author documents his personal journey in search of wholeness and meaning. From his experience of this journey he suggests that the wisdom, insight, and praxis contained within - what he describes as the meta-narratives of - Holism, Indigenous cultures, and Eastern traditions are manifestations of a holistic consciousness. The author explores the concept that a shift to such a holistic consciousness is required in order to redress the imbalance that is evident in all humanity's relationships, and he suggests that enabling such a shift in consciousness would have deep implications for the concepts and contexts of community, adult learning, meaningful work, and sustainability.

Sculpting in Time - Andrey Tarkovsky 1989-04

A director reveals the original inspirations for his films, their history, his methods of work, and the problems of visual creativity

Captive Audience - Lucas Mann 2018-05-01

An intimate portrait of a marriage intertwined with a meditation on reality TV that reveals surprising connections and the meaning of an authentic life. A VINTAGE ORIGINAL. In Lucas Mann's trademark vein--fiercely intelligent, self-deprecating, brilliantly observed, idiosyncratic, personal, funny, and infuriating--*Captive Audience* is an appreciation of reality television wrapped inside a love letter to his wife, with whom he shares the guilty pleasure of watching "real" people bare their souls in search of celebrity. *Captive Audience* resides at the intersection of popular culture with the personal; the exhibitionist impulse, with the schadenfreude of the vicarious, and in confronting some of our most suspect impulses achieves a heightened sense of what it means to live an

authentic life and what it means to love a person.

The Sweetest Fruits - Monique Truong 2021-08-31

With brilliant sensitivity and an unstinting eye, *The Sweetest Fruits* illuminates the women's tenacity and their struggles in this novel that circumnavigates the globe in the search for love, family, home, and belonging. Monique Truong gives voice to three women, Rosa, Alethea, and Setsu, who each tell the story of their life with Lafcadio Hearn (1850-1904), a globetrotting Greek-Irish writer best known as the author of America's first Creole cookbook and for his many volumes about the folklore and ghost stories of Meiji Era Japan. An immigrant thrice over, Hearn is now remembered at best as a keen cultural observer and at worst as a purveyor of exotica. In their own unorthodox ways, the three women are also intrepid travelers and explorers. Their accounts witness Hearn's remarkable life but also seek to witness their own existence and luminous will to live unbounded by gender, race, and the mores of their time. Each is a gifted storyteller with her own precise reason for sharing her story, and together their voices offer a revealing, often contradictory portrait of Hearn. 'It isn't only the fantastic Lafcadio Hearn who springs to new life in these pages. The women around him do as well, even as they mix the extraordinary and the ordinary in an exhilarating new way. *The Sweetest Fruits* is brilliant and heartbreaking—I was transfixed.'

—Gish En, author of *Typical American* 'Presented in four courses from the perspective of the women closest to him, *The Sweetest Fruits* is a feast you'll want to devour for its arresting metaphors and its beautiful prose.' —Anita Lo, author of *Solo: A Modern Cookbook for One* 'Intimate and sensuous yet majestic in scope, *The Sweetest Fruits* is a rapturous, glorious novel, extraordinarily alive to the world.' —Idra Novey, author *Those Who Knew* 'Monique Truong has composed a sublime, many-voiced novel of voyage and reinvention. It will cross horizons, yet remain burrowed in your heart.' —Anthony Marra, author of *A Constellation of Vital Phenomena* 'By giving readers a concert of voices, at last singing louder than Hearn's biography and mythology, Truong asks us to ponder the ways those who are often ignored and marginalized might have their own rich, epic stories worth telling. In that sense, *The Sweetest Fruits* is

a type of justice.' —Eric Nguyen, author of *Diacritics*

Bending Adversity - David Pilling 2015-02-24

"[A]n excellent book..." —The Economist Financial Times Asia editor David Pilling presents a fresh vision of Japan, drawing on his own deep experience, as well as observations from a cross section of Japanese citizenry, including novelist Haruki Murakami, former prime minister Junichiro Koizumi, industrialists and bankers, activists and artists, teenagers and octogenarians. Through their voices, Pilling's *Bending Adversity* captures the dynamism and diversity of contemporary Japan. Pilling's exploration begins with the 2011 triple disaster of earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear meltdown. His deep reporting reveals both Japan's vulnerabilities and its resilience and pushes him to understand the country's past through cycles of crisis and reconstruction. Japan's survivalist mentality has carried it through tremendous hardship, but is also the source of great destruction: It was the nineteenth-century struggle to ward off colonial intent that resulted in Japan's own imperial endeavor, culminating in the devastation of World War II. Even the postwar economic miracle—the manufacturing and commerce explosion that brought unprecedented economic growth and earned Japan international clout might have been a less pure victory than it seemed. In *Bending Adversity* Pilling questions what was lost in the country's blind, aborted climb to #1. With the same rigor, he revisits 1990—the year the economic bubble burst, and the beginning of Japan's "lost decades"—to ask if the turning point might be viewed differently. While financial struggle and national debt are a reality, post-growth Japan has also successfully maintained a stable standard of living and social cohesion. And while life has become less certain, opportunities—in particular for the young and for women—have diversified. Still, Japan is in many ways a country in recovery, working to find a way forward after the events of 2011 and decades of slow growth. *Bending Adversity* closes with a reflection on what the 2012 reelection of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, and his radical antideflation policy, might mean for Japan and its future. Informed throughout by the insights shared by Pilling's many interview subjects, *Bending Adversity* rigorously engages with the social, spiritual,

financial, and political life of Japan to create a more nuanced representation of the oft-misunderstood island nation and its people. The Financial Times "David Pilling quotes a visiting MP from northern England, dazzled by Tokyo's lights and awed by its bustling prosperity: 'If this is a recession, I want one.' Not the least of the merits of Pilling's hugely enjoyable and perceptive book on Japan is that he places the denunciations of two allegedly "lost decades" in the context of what the country is really like and its actual achievements." The Telegraph (UK) "Pilling, the Asia editor of the Financial Times, is perfectly placed to be our guide, and his insights are a real rarity when very few Western journalists communicate the essence of the world's third-largest economy in anything but the most superficial ways. Here, there is a terrific selection of interview subjects mixed with great reportage and fact selection... he does get people to say wonderful things. The novelist Haruki Murakami tells him: "When we were rich, I hated this country"... well-written... valuable." Publishers Weekly (starred): "A probing and insightful portrait of contemporary Japan."

Yasuke, the Black Samurai, in a Fly - Ted Harvey 2021-04-02

YASUKE, THE BLACK SAMURAI From Northeast Africa, the first foreign-born samurai Yasuke journeys far from his roots in the Dark Continent to reach Japan. From being a slave traded off to the Arabs and the Portuguese, to become a legendary black samurai in the history of Japan, Yasuke's story is a riveting tale. When Yasuke set foot in Japan in the late 1500s, the country was in the throes of civil strife known today as the Sengoku Jidai period, a seminal period in the history of the nation. It was a time when different powerful clans were dueling with each other for hegemony. Yasuke's arrival in Kyoto, the spiritual capital of the country caused a stampede with the frenzied mob thronging the streets to catch a glimpse of the first black man that had ever set foot on their country. From being subjected to a humiliating bathing ceremony to wash off the color of his skin to fighting in duels alongside the legendary samurai Oda Nobunaga, Yasuke's life is nothing short of a legend. Lord Nobunaga, belonging to the most powerful Oda clan was so impressed and intrigued by Yasuke's height, physical stamina, and strength that within two years

Yasuke was bestowed with a samurai title. Although much of Yasuke's life before arriving in Japan and after Lord Nobunaga's death is little known, the African samurai's story is a compelling read. If you are a history buff and if you liked The African Samurai book, this book on Yasuke will not disappoint you.

African Samurai - Thomas Lockley 2019-04-30

This biography of the first foreign-born samurai and his journey from Africa to Japan is "a readable, compassionate account of an extraordinary life" (The Washington Post). When Yasuke arrived in Japan in the late 1500s, he had already traveled much of the known world. Kidnapped as a child, he had ended up a servant and bodyguard to the head of the Jesuits in Asia, with whom he traversed India and China learning multiple languages as he went. His arrival in Kyoto, however, literally caused a riot. Most Japanese people had never seen an African man before, and many of them saw him as the embodiment of the black-skinned Buddha. Among those who were drawn to his presence was Lord Nobunaga, head of the most powerful clan in Japan, who made Yasuke a samurai in his court. Soon, he was learning the traditions of Japan's martial arts and ascending the upper echelons of Japanese society. In the four hundred years since, Yasuke has been known in Japan largely as a legendary, perhaps mythical figure. Now African Samurai presents the never-before-told biography of this unique figure of the sixteenth century, one whose travels between countries and cultures offers a new perspective on race in world history and a vivid portrait of life in medieval Japan. "Fast-paced, action-packed writing. . . . A new and important biography and an incredibly moving study of medieval Japan and solid perspective on its unification. Highly recommended." —Library Journal (starred review) "Eminently readable. . . . a worthwhile and entertaining work." —Publishers Weekly "A unique story of a unique man, and yet someone with whom we can all identify." —Jack Weatherford, New York Times–bestselling author of Genghis Khan

The 3 Things That Will Change Your Destiny Today! - Paul McKenna 2016

What if you could change your whole life for the better--in just a few

hours? Paul McKenna, Ph.D., has spent 25 years working with people from all walks of life and helping them to change their lives for the better. He has investigated nearly every method of therapy, coaching, and personal change available—and now he has made a breakthrough: an amazing new system that yields dramatic results with both large groups and one-on-one clients. If you're ready to: *Have infinitely more power over the direction of your life . . . *Uncover the secrets of luck, confidence, and motivation . . . *Feel like you are the master of your own destiny . . . *Become the person you were born to be then let Dr. McKenna help you! He has discovered and crafted a simple set of processes that anyone can be guided through in a matter of hours. In this book, which includes free downloadable audio and video sessions, he shows you how to clear the past of blocks or negative experiences and get in touch with the core of who you truly are so you can live more happily in the present. His powerful, practical techniques help you connect with what you really want and focus your mind and body to fulfill your destiny!

The Years of Rice and Salt - Kim Stanley Robinson 2003-06-03

With the same unique vision that brought his now classic Mars trilogy to vivid life, bestselling author Kim Stanley Robinson boldly imagines an alternate history of the last seven hundred years. In his grandest work yet, the acclaimed storyteller constructs a world vastly different from the one we know. . . . “A thoughtful, magisterial alternate history from one of science fiction’s most important writers.”—The New York Times Book Review It is the fourteenth century and one of the most apocalyptic events in human history is set to occur—the coming of the Black Death. History teaches us that a third of Europe’s population was destroyed. But what if the plague had killed 99 percent of the population instead? How would the world have changed? This is a look at the history that could have been—one that stretches across centuries, sees dynasties and nations rise and crumble, and spans horrible famine and magnificent innovation. Through the eyes of soldiers and kings, explorers and philosophers, slaves and scholars, Robinson navigates a world where Buddhism and Islam are the most influential and practiced religions,

while Christianity is merely a historical footnote. Probing the most profound questions as only he can, Robinson shines his extraordinary light on the place of religion, culture, power—and even love—in this bold New World. “Exceptional and engrossing.”—New York Post “Ambitious . . . ingenious.”—Newsday

My Fight With God - Brian Klemmer 2010-11-01

If you have ever wondered why life is sometimes unfair, if God really hears your prayers, or if you just can't figure out Scripture, *My Fight With God* promises to stir you into new conversations with your heavenly Father and deepen your personal walk with Jesus. Written with a strong, cut-to-the-chase approach, the author's refreshing and natural responses to questions and situations that you face every day will make you laugh as well as scratch your head more than once as you wonder “Gee, how did he know that's what I was thinking?” *My Fight With God* helps you: · Learn why the meek inherit the earth and how you can too—without being beat up in the process. · Realize that not only can a rich man get into Heaven, but that a rich person should get into Heaven. · Discover why having only a tiny bit of faith is not sufficient to conquer today's problems. · Find out if and why God rewards a rebellious and wasteful child. · Learn why God cursed a helpless tree and how not to be that tree. The strength of *My Fight With God* is that it tackles many stumbling block Scripture passages and helps skeptics, confused new believers, and seasoned believers alike to understand God's Word from a vantage of faith. Accompany author Brian Klemmer as he fights with God about what different parts of the Bible mean and his current understanding of their practical application in overcoming life's challenges.

Yasuke (African Samurai) - Jeff Taylor 2020-06-27

Brought to Japan in the 16th century by Portuguese traders, he was the first person of African origin who became an instant celebrity. Rumored to be about 7 feet tall, and possessing the strength of 10 men, he garnered the attention of the famed warlord, Oda Nobunaga. He served his master diligently through many battle victories. He is most famously associated with the title of African Samurai. This is the story of Yasuke. Not much is known about Yasuke. From the historical accounts that are

available, we know that, despite his intimidating demeanor, he was a gentle person. This was the first impression Nobunaga had of him when he first saw him surrounded by a large curious crowd in Kyoto. Being taken to immediately, he frequently accompanied the warlord and even dined with him personally which was a rare occurrence at the time. Come and meet the legendary non-Japanese figure in Japanese history. This wonderful book will help you acquire unique insights into Yasuke's life and times. Here's a preview of what you'll discover in this book: Yasuke's origins, his travels and how he ended up in Japan The cultural context in Japan, and how Yasuke was perceived How Yasuke met Nobunaga and deepening of their association How Yasuke became a samurai warrior Adopting the Bushido Code Before and after Nobunaga's death and much more! Nobunaga was captured by his nemesis Akechi Mitsuhide and forced to commit suicide. Yasuke was captured

alive but set free after being deemed less than human. It is not really known what happened to Yasuke, thereafter, or how he lived the rest of his life. This amazing book will grant you unparalleled access to the life of the greatest non-Japanese samurai. So, scroll up and click the "Buy now with 1-click" button and get your copy!

The Ring of Earth (Young Samurai, Book 4) - Chris Bradford
2010-08-05

JACK FLETCHER IS ON THE RUN With no sensei to guide him, he has just his wits and his swords against many new and unknown enemies, as he journeys along the treacherous road to the port of Nagasaki and perhaps home... But the Shogun's samurai are hot on his trail. Barely escaping their clutches, Jack runs headlong into a trap. Kidnapped by ninja and led to their village deep in the mountains, Jack has no means of escape. The only question is who will kill him first - the ninja or samurai?