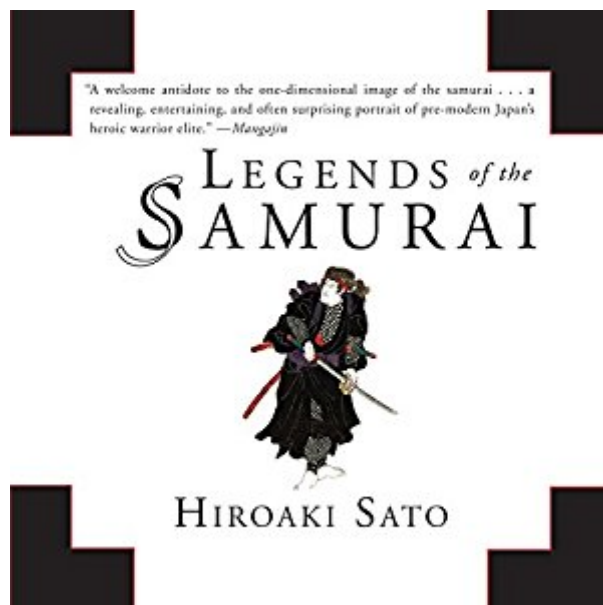


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Synopsis

Over the decades, the reputation of the samurai has grown to mythical proportions, owing to such films as Akira Kurosawa's *Seven Samurai* and *Yojimbo*, as well as works such as James Clavell's epic *Shogun*. In *Legends of the Samurai*, Hiroaki Sato confronts both the history and the legend of the samurai, untangling the two to present an authentic picture of these legendary warriors. Through his masterful translations of original samurai tales, laws, dicta, reports, and arguments accompanied by insightful commentary, Sato chronicles the changing ethos of the Japanese warrior from the samurai's historical origins to his rise to political power. A fascinating look at Japanese history as seen through the evolution of the samurai, *Legends of the Samurai* stands as the ultimate authority on its subject.

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Customer Reviews

Gave it to my 12-year-old grandson as he is interested in these people now and is a voracious reader. He seemed very pleased.

Students of Japanese culture and history will find this book enjoyable. It is well researched and concise. I particularly enjoyed the eye witness accounts of the famous forty seven ronin incident, which I had never encountered before. Overall a great read.

This is a well-written and well-translated compilation of samurai lore, covering Japanese history

from mythological times to the Edo period. It covers the most famous incidents from that history, utilizing whenever possible, writings from as close as possible to the actual events. It is particularly valuable for the section dealing with a first hand account of the Chushingura Incident or The Forty-Seven Ronin, which is so essential to understanding the Japanese attitude toward the conflict between duty to society and one's personal feelings. I felt as though I had come a long way toward understanding this crucial element of Japanese life after having read the book and that section in particular.

Excellent collection of historical tales with all the heroism and sadness one wants from violence and death and honor.

The other book I read about the Samurai written by Jonathan Clements is wonderful . This book is even better. It is a marvelous account of the history of the Samurai. The author of the book Hiroaki Sato is a fantastic writer, not only is he a master in selecting the proper historical facts , but also how masterfully is written. Full of force and passion, you will love it!!!

Very good !!!!

It is a interesting book and 's service very good.

I used this for a college class on Japanese and Samurai literature. It was certainly an interesting book with a good job done on the translation. Loved the introductory notes to set the rhythm of the book.

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