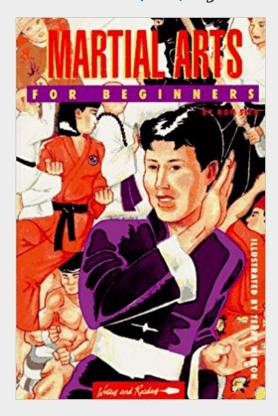
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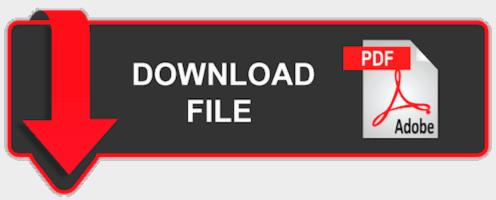
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Surveys the history and philosophy of martial arts systems from China, Okinawa, Japan, the Philippines, Brazil, Korea, Thailand, and Indonesia, and discusses the differences between fighting, sport, and meditational forms



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### 1. Reddefender

Presented in a humorous (all right, so the typos make it funnier than the writers intended) format, this book does explain the fundamentals for many of the martial arts styles, which can be hard to find without buying a lot of books. It's useful to examine the differences if you're considering taking one of the martial arts and aren't sure where to start, or if you are taking one and wondering what the other disciplines teach. It touches on the styles from various countries, some of the popular martial artists from the past and present, and it is quite funny and easy to read. Give it a look, and maybe you'll find a tidbit or two to impress your sifu.

## 2. Chi

This book is an extremely well-written, comprehensive view on martial arts in general. Covering systems both popular and esoteric, this book may as well have been titled "Martial Arts for Everyone." Witty and simple enough for a beginner to gain insights into the world of Martial Arts, it also contains valuable information that even the most accomplished martial artist should find interesting.

Even if it were not for all that, the book itself is extremely well-written, intelligent, and funny in its own right. A definte must for anyone who even has the most remote glimmer of interest in the martial arts.

## 3. VariesWent

Sieh has useful insights about martial arts but lacks the writing skills (or a decent editor) necessary to convey them clearly. I found that I had to reread many of his sentences to get his meaning, and the cartoon illustrations often don't help. There are quite a few typos, my favorite on page 34: "It is a good idea to find a marital [sic] art suited to your stature. If you're big and strong, Judo or Aikido; if you're agile and quick, Escrima or T'ai Chi Ch'uan."

#### 4. Flarik

This book is a great book for beginner to advanced martial artists. I recieved the book on time and it was in great condition and priced fairly.

#### 5. Rasmus

An informative, enjoyable and easy read. I have read several other " ...for Beginners" books (Jung, Zen, etc...). This one proved to be the most entertaining.

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