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IN THE ARMS ARMOUR SOURCEBOOK SERIES THIS COMPREHENSIVE REFERENCE WORK FIRST PUBLISHED IN 1998 ON SAMURAI HISTORY AND CULTURE EXPLAINS BOTH STRATEGY AND TACTICS WITH DETAILS OF COMMAND STRUCTURES RAISING OF ARMIES CAMPAIGN LIFE ROLE OF THE CASTLE CHARACTERISTICS OF JAPANESE BATTLES AND THE RITUALS AND OTHER CONSEQUENCES OF FIGHTING

A HISTORY OF THE SAMURAI TELLS THE COMPLETE STORY OF JAPAN S LEGENDARY WARRIOR CLASS FROM BEGINNING TO END AN EPIC TALE OF INTRIGUE BLOODSHED AND BRAVERY THAT IS CENTRAL TO AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE JAPANESE CHARACTER AND OF JAPANESE HISTORY IT DESCRIBES IN DETAIL THE CORE SAMURAI PHILOSOPHY OF BUSHIDO THE WAY OF THE WARRIOR A COMPLEX CODE OF CONDUCT EMBRACING IDEALS OF HONOR AND LOYALTY THAT CONTINUES TO GOVERN THE JAPANESE WAY OF LIFE TODAY HISTORIAN JONATHAN LOPEZ VERA OFFERS A COMPELLING LOOK AT THESE ENIGMATIC WARRIORS INCLUDING THE LIVES OF FAMOUS SAMURAI MIYAMOTO MUSASHI JAPAN S GREATEST SWORDSMAN TOMOE GOZEN THE WOMAN WHO BECAME A SAMURAI TOKUGAWA IEYASU THE LAST SHOGUN AND MANY MORE THE TRAGIC TALE OF THE 47 RONIN WHO CHOSE HONOR OVER THEIR OWN LIVES AND WERE FORCED TO COMMIT RITUAL SUICIDE AFTER AVENGING THEIR FALLEN MASTER THE PHILOSOPHY OF BUSHIDO THE WAY OF THE WARRIOR THE CODE OF CONDUCT THAT EMBRACED THE IDEALS OF HONOR AND LOYALTY AND GOVERNED THE SAMURAI WAY OF LIVING THE DECLINE OF THE SAMURAI AND THEIR TRANSFORMATION FROM ROUGH BATTLE HARDENED WARRIORS TO HIGHLY EDUCATED PHILOSOPHER POETS ILLUSTRATED WITH 125 ARCHIVAL PRINTS AND PHOTOS THE NOBILITY AND GRANDEUR OF THE SAMURAI IS BRILLIANTLY SHOWCASED IN THIS BOOK READERS WILL ENJOY IMMERSING THEMSELVES IN THE SAMURAI S WORLD AS HISTORIAN JONATHAN LOPEZ VERA TRACES THE FASCINATING STORY OF THE RISE AND FALL OF THESE ENIGMATIC WARRIORS THROUGHOUT JAPANESE HISTORY

THE DAZZLING SPECTACLE PRESENTED BY THE ARMIES OF MEDIEVAL JAPAN OWED MUCH TO THE HIGHLY DEVELOPED FAMILY AND PERSONAL HERALDRY OF SAMURAI SOCIETY FROM SIMPLE PERSONAL BANNERS THIS EVOLVED OVER CENTURIES OF WARFARE INTO A COMPLEX SYSTEM OF FLAGS WORN OR CARRIED INTO BATTLE TOGETHER WITH THE STRIKING GREAT STANDARDS OF LEADING WARLORDS WHILE NOT REGULATED IN THE WESTERN SENSE JAPANESE HERALDRY DEVELOPED AS A SERIES OF WIDELY FOLLOWED PRACTICES WHILE REMAINING FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO EMBRACE CONSTANT INNOVATION SCORES OF EXAMPLES IN MONOCHROME AND FULL COLOUR ILLUSTRATE THIS FASCINATING EXPLANATION OF THE SUBJECT BY A RESPECTED EXPERT ON ALL ASPECTS OF SAMURAI CULTURE

THIS BOOK IS AN INTRODUCTION THE JAPANESE HISTORY CULTURE AND SOCIETY FROM 1185 THE BEGINNING OF THE KAMAKURA PERIOD THROUGH THE END OF THE EDO PERIOD IN 1868

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IN THIS BRILLIANTLY RESEARCHED DEEPLY HUMANE WORK OF HISTORY MICHAEL STEPHENSON TRACES THE PATHS THAT HAVE LED SOLDIERS TO THEIR GRAVES OVER THE CENTURIES REVEALING A WEALTH OF INSIGHT ABOUT THE NATURE OF COMBAT THE DIFFERENCES AMONG CULTURES AND THE UNCHANGING QUALITIES OF HUMANITY ITSELF BEHIND EVERY SOLDIER S DEATH LIES A STORY A TALE NOT JUST OF THE COLD MATHEMATICS OF THE BATTLEFIELD BUT OF AN INDIVIDUAL HUMAN BEING WHO GAVE HIS LIFE WHAT PSYCHOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL PRESSURES BROUGHT HIM TO HIS FATE WHAT LIES AND TRUTHS CONVINCED HIM TO MARCH TOWARD HIS DEATH COVERING WARFARE FROM PREHISTORY THROUGH THE PRESENT DAY THE LAST FULL MEASURE TELLS THESE SOLDIERS STORIES ULTIMATELY CAPTURING THE EXPERIENCE OF WAR AS FEW BOOKS EVER HAVE IN THESE PAGES WE MARCH INTO BATTLE ALONGSIDE THE GREEK PHALANX AND THE MEDIEVAL FOOT SOLDIER WE HEAR GUNPOWDER S THUNDER IN THE SLAUGHTERS OF THE NAPOLEONIC ERA AND THE INDUSTRIALIZED KILLING OF THE CIVIL WAR AND RECOIL AT THE MODERN AUTOMATED HORRORS OF BOTH WORLD WARS FINALLY WE WITNESS THE DEATH OF ONE TRADITION OF HEROIC COMBAT AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF ANOTHER IN THE WARS OF THE MODERN ERA RANGING FROM VIETNAM TO AMERICA S LATEST INVOLVEMENTS IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN IN EXPLORING THESE CONFLICTS AND OTHERS STEPHENSON DRAWS ON NUMEROUS SOURCES TO DELVE DEEP INTO FASCINATING PERIOD SPECIFIC DETAIL TRACING FOR INSTANCE THE TRUE COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS OF THE MUSKET THE UTILITY OF THE CAVALRY CHARGE OR THE VULNERABILITIES OF THE WORLD WAR II BATTLE TANK SIMULTANEOUSLY HE EXAMINES LARGER THEMES AND REVEALS SURPRISING CONNECTIONS ACROSS BOTH TIME AND CULTURE WHAT DOES THE MEDIEVAL KNIGHT HAVE IN COMMON WITH THE MODERN PARATROOPER WHAT DID HEROISM AND BRAVERY MEAN TO THE ROMAN LEGIONARY OR TO THE WORLD WAR I INFANTRYMAN AND WHAT IS THE TRUE

MOTIVATING POWER OF SUCH IDEALS HOW DO MEN USE RELIGION FRIENDSHIP OR EVEN NIHILISM TO ARMOR THEMSELVES AGAINST IMPENDING DOOM AND WHAT DO WE AS HUMAN BEINGS MAKE OF THE UNDENIABLE JOY SOME AMONG US TAKE IN THE CARNAGE COMBINING COMMANDING PROSE IMPECCABLE RESEARCH AND A TRUE SENSITIVITY TO THE COMBATANT S PLIGHT THE LAST FULL MEASURE IS BOTH A REMARKABLY FRESH JOURNEY THROUGH THE ANNALS OF WAR AND A POWERFUL TRIBUTE TO THE PROVERBIAL UNKNOWN SOLDIER

DRAWING ON YEARS OF RESEARCH AND FIRSTHAND INTERVIEWS WITH BOTH AMERICAN AND JAPANESE SURVIVORS MAXWELL TAYLOR KENNEDY DRAWS A GRIPPING PORTRAIT OF MEN BRAVELY SERVING THEIR COUNTRIES IN WAR AND THE ADVENT OF A TERRIFYING NEW WEAPON SUICIDE BOMBING THAT NEARLY HALTED THE MOST POWERFUL NATION IN THE WORLD IN THE CLOSING MONTHS OF WORLD WAR II AMERICANS FOUND THEMSELVES FACING A NEW WEAPON KAMIKAZES THE FIRST MEN TO USE AIRPLANES AS SUICIDE WEAPONS BY THE BEGINNING OF 1945 FACING IMMINENT INVASION JAPAN TURNED TO ITS MOST IDEALISTIC YOUNG MEN AND DEMANDED OF THEM THE GREATEST SACRIFICE ON MAY 11 1945 DAYS AFTER GERMANY S SURRENDER THE USS BUNKER HILL WITH THOUSANDS OF CREWMEN AND THE MOST SOPHISTICATED NAVAL TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE WAS 70 MILES OFF THE COAST OF OKINAWA WHEN PILOT KIYOSHI OGAWA FLEW HIS PLANE INTO THE SHIP KILLING 393 AMERICANS IN THE WORST SUICIDE ATTACK AGAINST AMERICA UNTIL SEPTEMBER 11 FROM PUBLISHER DESCRIPTION

A SUNDAY TIMES BOOK OF THE YEAR 2020 MIGHTILY IMPRESSIVE A MARVELLOUS READ SUNDAY TIMES FROM THE ACCLAIMED AUTHOR OF JAPAN STORY THIS IS THE HISTORY OF JAPAN DISTILLED INTO THE STORIES OF TWENTY REMARKABLE INDIVIDUALS THE VIVID AND ENTERTAINING PORTRAITS IN CHRIS HARDING S ENORMOUSLY ENJOYABLE NEW BOOK TAKE THE READER FROM THE EARLIEST WRITTEN ACCOUNTS OF JAPAN RIGHT THROUGH TO THE LIFE OF THE CURRENT EMPRESS MASAKO WE ENCOUNTER SHAMANS AND WARLORDS POETS AND REVOLUTIONARIES SCIENTISTS ARTISTS AND ADVENTURERS EACH OFFERING INSIGHTS OF THEIR OWN INTO THIS EXTRAORDINARY PLACE FOR ANYONE NEW TO JAPAN THIS BOOK IS THE IDEAL INTRODUCTION FOR ANYONE ALREADY DEEPLY INVOLVED WITH IT THIS IS A BOOK FILLED WITH SURPRISES AND PLEASURES

A RICHLY ILLUSTRATED STUDY OF THE ORIGINS RECRUITMENT TRAINING AND COMBAT OF THE ASHIGARU A VITAL ELEMENT OF SAMURAI ARMIES THE ASHIGARU WERE THE FOOT SOLDIERS OF OLD JAPAN ALTHOUGH RECRUITED FIRST TO SWELL AN ARMY S NUMBERS AND PAID ONLY BY LOOT THE SAMURAI BEGAN TO REALISE THEIR WORTH PARTICULARLY WITH ARQUEBUSES AND SPEARS UNTIL WELL TRAINED ASHIGARU MADE UP A VITAL PART OF ANY SAMURAI ARMY DRAWING ON PREVIOUSLY UNTRANSLATED JAPANESE SOURCES STEPHEN TURNBULL EXAMINES THE ORIGINS RECRUITMENT TRAINING AND USE IN WAR OF THE ASHIGARU HE SURVEYS THE RANGE OF ASHIGARU ACTIVITY INCLUDING THEIR ROLES AS SAILORS AND CATAPULT ARTILLERY MEN AS WELL AS THE DISCIPLINED RANKS OF WARRIORS THAT THEY HAD BECOME ILLUSTRATED THROUGHOUT WITH SPECIALLY COMMISSIONED ARTWORK AND PREVIOUSLY UNPUBLISHED ILLUSTRATIONS THIS BOOK TELLS THE STORY OF THE ASHIGARU FOR THE FIRST TIME

150 superb examples of armor weaponry costumes paintings and lacquerware from the hosokawa family

THE BUMPER BOOK OF BRAVERY RECOUNTS TALES OF INCREDIBLE COURAGE THE WORLD OVER FROM THE MYTHICAL TO THE MODERN AND FROM NEW YORK TO NEW ZEALAND TAKE TO THE SEAS AND MARVEL AT THE FIRST VOYAGE AROUND THE WORLD DARE TO GO DEEPER AND DISCOVER RECORD SETTING UNDERWATER FEATS AS WELL AS THE FRENCH FREE DIVER WHO REFUSED TO LEARN HER LIMITS STAY ON LAND WITH SAMURAI WARRIORS ROMAN EMPEROR GLADIATORS AND GENGHIS KHAN S LETHAL MONGOLIAN ARMY REACH FOR THE SKIES THROUGH BALLOONISTS FANTASTIC FLYING MACHINES AND FEMALE FIGHTER PILOTS GO UNDERGROUND WITH THE ULTIMATE MASTERS OF ESPIONAGE INCLUDING RUSSIAN SPIES HONEY TRAPS AND RUTHLESS CIA TRAINED TIBETAN AGENTS FROM OCEAN DEPTHS TO GIDDY HEIGHTS AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN THE BUMPER BOOK OF BRAVERY WILL AWAKEN THE ADVENTURER AND HERO INSIDE OF US

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FIRST PUBLISHED IN 2003 BUILT IN 1628 AT THE KOTO IN TEMPLE IN THE PRECINCTS OF DAITOKU JI MONASTERY IN KYOTO THE SHOKO KEN IS A LATE MEDIEVAL DAIME SUKIYA JAPANESE TEA HOUSE IT IS ATTRIBUTED TO HOSOKAWA TADAOKI ALSO KNOWN AS HOSOKAWA SANSAI AN ARISTOCRAT AND DAIMYO MILITARY LEADER AND A DISCIPLE AND FRIEND OF SEN NO RIKY THIS WORK IS AN EXTREMELY THOROUGH LOOK AT ONE OF THE FEW REMAINING TEA HOUSES OF THE MOMOYAMA ERA TEA MASTERS WHO STUDIED WITH SEN NO RIKYU THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE SOURCES ON HOSOKAWA SANSAI AND HIS TEA HOUSES HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTIVELY RESEARCHED MANY FACTS AND MINUTE OBSERVATIONS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TOGETHER TO GIVE EVEN THE READER UNFAMILIAR WITH TEA A SENSE OF THE PRESENCE WHICH THE TEA HOUSE STILL MANIFESTS

PRAISE FOR THE RESCUE STEVEN TRENT SMITH GRAPPLES BOLDLY WITH SEVERAL BIG SUBJECTS THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION OF THE PHILIPPINES THE CAPTURE OF JAPAN S Z PLAN THE DECISIVE BATTLE STRATEGY FOR DESTROYING THE U S PACIFIC FLEET THE RESCUE BY SUBMARINE OF FORTY AMERICANS STRANDED IN THE PHILIPPINES THE CLIMACTIC BATTLE OF THE PHILIPPINE SEA METICULOUSLY RESEARCHED AND WELL WRITTEN THE RESCUE TIES THESE ELEMENTS TOGETHER INTO AN EPIC THAT IS EMOTIONALLY ENGAGING FROM START TO ROUSING FINISH MARTIN RUSS AUTHOR OF BREAKOUT AND THE LAST PARALLEL SMITH S THOROUGHLY RESEARCHED DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE BRAVE AMERICAN AND FILIPINO GUERRILLAS ON NEGROS ISLAND IN THE PHILIPPINES WILL DO MUCH TO INTRODUCE READERS TO THIS LITTLE KNOWN ASPECT OF WORLD WAR II IN THE PACIFIC THIS IS A FASCINATING STORY WELL TOLD ELIZABETH NORMAN AUTHOR OF THE AWARD WINNING WE BAND OF ANGELS THE UNTOLD STORY OF AMERICAN NURSES TRAPPED ON BATAAN BY THE IAPANESE THE RESCUE IS A DELIGHTFUL IOURNEY WITH THE GALLANT FEW WHO RESISTED THE IAPANESE OCCUPATION OF THE PHILIPPINES AND WHO SHAPED THE LARGER EVENTS WHICH LED TO VICTORY IN THE PACIFIC SMITH S BRILLIANT RESEARCH AND UNIQUE STORYTELLING MAKE THIS ACCOUNT A MUST FOR ALL WHO ENJOY HISTORY AND A GRAND ADVENTURE PETER HUCHTHAUSEN AUTHOR OF OCTOBER FURY WITH A PHOTOJOURNALIST S EYE FOR ACTION AND DETAIL STEVEN TRENT SMITH S THE RESCUE IS A REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT THE INCREDIBLE MISSION TO SAVE FORTY AMERICANS STRANDED IN THE PHILIPPINES READS MORE LIKE A WORK OF FICTION A MUST READ FOR ALL THOSE INTERESTED IN ONE OF THE GREAT SECRET SUBMARINE OPERATIONS OF WORLD WAR II AND ALL ACTION ADVENTURE FANS ALIKE RICHARD P HENRICK AUTHOR OF CRIMSON TIDE AND NIGHTWATCH

THE HISTORICAL DICTIONARY OF JAPAN TO 1945 SPANS THE ENTIRE PERIOD FROM THE EARLIEST EVIDENCE OF HUMAN HABITATION IN JAPAN THROUGH TO THE END OF THE PACIFIC WAR IT INCLUDES SUBSTANTIAL TOPICS SUCH AS CULTURAL AND LITERARY HISTORY WITH ENTRIES RANGING FROM AESTHETICS TO VARIOUS GENRES OF WRITING OTHER BRANCHES OF HISTORY ALSO FEATURE SUCH AS ECONOMIC HISTORY INDUSTRIAL HISTORY POLITICAL HISTORY AND SO FORTH AND OF COURSE THERE ARE THE MAKERS OF JAPANESE HISTORY RANGING FROM EMPERORS AND SHOGUNS TO POLITICIANS AND EXTREMISTS AS WELL AS FOREIGN ARRIVALS THE EARLY HISTORY OF JAPAN IS TOLD THROUGH A DETAILED CHRONOLOGY AN INTRODUCTORY ESSAY APPENDIXES AN EXTENSIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY AND OVER 800 CROSS REFERENCED DICTIONARY ENTRIES ON IMPORTANT PEOPLE ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS THE HISTORICAL DICTIONARY OF JAPAN TO 1945 WILL APPEAL TO BOTH ACADEMICS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN JAPAN PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO WANT RELIABLE INFORMATION QUICKLY AND EASILY

THE INVASION OF KOREA BY JAPANESE TROOPS IN MAY OF 1592 WAS NO ORDINARY MILITARY EXPEDITION IT WAS ONE OF THE DECISIVE EVENTS IN ASIAN HISTORY AND THE MOST TRAGIC FOR THE KOREAN PENINSULA UNTIL THE MID TWENTIETH CENTURY JAPANESE OVERLORD TOYOTOMI HIDEYOSHI ENVISIONED CONQUERING KOREA MING CHINA AND EVENTUALLY ALL OF ASIA BUT KOREA S APPEAL TO CHINA S EMPEROR WANLI FOR ASSISTANCE TRIGGERED A SIX YEAR WAR INVOLVING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF SOLDIERS AND ENCOMPASSING THE WHOLE REGION FOR JAPAN THE WAR WAS A DRAGON S HEAD FOLLOWED BY A SERPENT S TAIL AN IMPRESSIVE BEGINNING WITH NO REAL ENDING KENNETH M SWOPE HAS UNDERTAKEN THE FIRST FULL LENGTH SCHOLARLY STUDY IN ENGLISH OF THIS IMPORTANT CONFLICT

DRAWING ON KOREAN JAPANESE AND ESPECIALLY CHINESE SOURCES HE CORRECTS THE JAPAN CENTERED PERSPECTIVE OF PREVIOUS ACCOUNTS AND DEPICTS WANLI NOT AS THE SELF INDULGENT RULER OF RECEIVED INTERPRETATIONS BUT RATHER ONE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN MILITARY AFFAIRS AND CONCERNED ESPECIALLY WITH RESCUING CHINA S CLIENT STATE OF KOREA HE PUTS THE MING IN A MORE VIGOROUS LIGHT DETAILING CHINESE SIEGE WARFARE THE DEVELOPMENT AND DEPLOYMENT OF INNOVATIVE MILITARY TECHNOLOGIES AND THE NAVAL BATTLES THAT MARKED THE CLIMAX OF THE WAR HE ALSO EXPLAINS THE WAR S REPERCUSSIONS OUTSIDE THE MILITARY SPHERE PARTICULARLY THE DYNAMICS OF INTRAREGIONAL DIPLOMACY WITHIN THE SHADOW OF THE CHINESE TRIBUTARY SYSTEM WHAT SWOPE CALLS THE FIRST GREAT EAST ASIAN WAR MARKED BOTH THE EMERGENCE OF JAPAN S DESIRE TO EXTEND ITS SPHERE OF INFLUENCE TO THE CHINESE MAINLAND AND A MILITARY REVIVAL OF CHINA S COMMITMENT TO DEFENDING ITS INTERESTS IN NORTHEAST ASIA SWOPE S ACCOUNT OFFERS NEW INSIGHT NOT ONLY INTO THE HISTORY OF WARFARE IN ASIA BUT ALSO INTO A CONFLICT THAT REVERBERATES IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS TO THIS DAY

THE BOOK IS THE FIRST COMPLETE DISCUSSION OF THE GENRE OF ONLINE ENCYCLOPEDIAS THE FIRST PART OF THE BOOK PRECEDED BY A THEORETICAL INTRODUCTION INTO THE CONCEPT OF WEBGENRES GIVES A DETAILED OVERVIEW OF THE TYPES OF ENCYCLOPEDIC WEBSITES PRESENTING THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THEIR CONTENT FORM AND FUNCTIONALITY THE SECOND PART OF THE PUBLICATION CONCERNS WIKIPEDIA THE MOST POPULAR ONLINE ENCYCLOPEDIA THE PRESENTATION OF THE STRUCTURE OF THE PORTAL IS FOLLOWED BY AN IN DEPTH DISCUSSION OF WIKIPEDIA DISCOURSE FEATURES DESCRIBING THE MOST CONSPICUOUS PROPERTIES OF THE STYLISTIC LAYER OF THIS ENCYCLOPEDIA THE VALUE OF THE BOOK IS ADDITIONALLY ENHANCED BY MANY ILLUSTRATIONS REPRODUCING THE ANALYZED WEBSITES

NINGYO THE ART OF THE JAPANESE DOLL FEATURES OVER 250 UNIQUE PHOTOGRAPHS AS WELL AS EXTENSIVE COMMENTARY AND BACKGROUND HISTORY JAPANESE DOLLS NINGYO HAVE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN JAPANESE ART AND CULTURE SINCE ITS EARLIEST STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT AS TALISMANIC FIGURES CENTERPIECES IN ELABORATE FESTIVALS MEDICAL STUDY TOOLS THEATER DISTRACTIONS DECORATIVE OBJECTS AND AVIDLY COLLECTED ART FORMS AS WELL AS CHILDHOOD PLAYTHINGS NINGYO THE ART OF THE JAPANESE DOLL IS THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE BOOK ON ANTIQUE JAPANESE DOLLS AND FIGURINES PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH THE BOOK FOCUSES ON THE MANY TYPES OF JAPANESE DOLLS GOSHO PALACE DOLLS HINA GIRL S DAY DOLLS MUSHA WARRIOR DOLLS FOR THE BOY S DAY FESTIVAL ISHO FASHION DOLLS THE PRINCIPAL FORMS OF THE DOLLS AND THEIR HISTORY STYLISTIC DEVELOPMENT CULTURAL CONTEXT AND ECONOMIC IMPERATIVES ARE DISCUSSED AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF EDO PERIOD SOCIETY AND POPULAR CULTURE BEAUTIFULLY DETAILED COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS OF NINGYO DRAWN FROM PRIVATE COLLECTIONS MANY OF WHICH ARE PUBLISHED HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME AS WELL AS IMAGES OF RELATED MATERIALS SELECTED FROM CELEBRATED MUSEUMS AND TEMPLE COLLECTIONS SUCH AS FOLDING SCREENS WOODBLOCK PRINTS SCULPTURE PAINTING CERAMICS AND TEXTILES HELP PLACE THE DOLLS IN CONTEXT NINGYO THE ART OF THE JAPANESE DOLL IS A FASCINATING BOOK FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN ASIAN DOLL ART AND DOLL COLLECTING

DESCRIBES THE JOB OF PERSONAL BODYGUARD THE PEOPLE WHO USE THE SERVICES OF BODYGUARDS AND THE TRAINING NECESSARY TO BE A PROFESSIONAL BODYGUARD

CONCERN ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING HAS LED TO RENEWED INTEREST IN THE MORE SUSTAINABLE USE OF NATURAL FIBRES IN COMPOSITE MATERIALS THIS IMPORTANT BOOK REVIEWS THE WEALTH OF RECENT RESEARCH INTO IMPROVING THE MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF NATURAL FIBRE THERMOPLASTIC COMPOSITES SO THAT THEY CAN BE MORE WIDELY USED THE FIRST PART OF THE BOOK PROVIDES AN OVERVIEW OF THE MAIN TYPES OF NATURAL FIBRES USED IN COMPOSITES HOW THEY ARE PROCESSED AND IN PARTICULAR THE WAY THE FIBRE MATRIX INTERFACE CAN BE ENGINEERED TO IMPROVE PERFORMANCE PART TWO DISCUSSES THE INCREASING USE OF NATURAL FIBRE COMPOSITES IN SUCH AREAS AS AUTOMOTIVE AND STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING PACKAGING AND THE ENERGY SECTOR THE FINAL PART OF THE BOOK DISCUSSES WAYS OF ASSESSING THE MECHANICAL PERFORMANCE OF NATURAL FIBRE COMPOSITES WITH ITS DISTINGUISHED EDITOR AND TEAM OF CONTRIBUTORS PROPERTIES AND PERFORMANCE OF NATURAL FIBRE COMPOSITES IS

A VALUABLE REFERENCE FOR ALL THOSE USING THESE IMPORTANT MATERIALS IN SUCH AREAS AS AUTOMOTIVE AND STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING PROVIDES AN OVERVIEW OF THE TYPES OF NATURAL FIBRES USED IN COMPOSITES DISCUSSES FIBRE MATRIX INTERFACE AND HOW IT CAN BE ENGINEERED TO IMPROVE PERFORMANCE EXAMINES THE INCREASING USE OF NATURAL FIBRE COMPOSITES IN AUTOMOTIVE AND STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING AND THE PACKAGING AND ENERGY SECTOR

Winner of the 2020 pen open book award best of 2019 nonfiction entropy magazine a memoir and book OF MOURNING A GRANDSON S ATTEMPT TO RECONCILE HIS OWN UNCONTESTED CITIZENSHIP WITH HIS GRANDFATHER S LIFELONG STRUGGLE AWARD WINNING POET BRANDON SHIMODA HAS CRAFTED A LYRICAL PORTRAIT OF HIS PATERNAL GRANDFATHER MIDORI SHIMODA WHOSE LIFE CHILD MIGRANT TALENTED PHOTOGRAPHER SUSPECTED ENEMY ALIEN AND SPY DESERT WANDERER AMERICAN CITIZEN MIRRORS THE ARC OF JAPANESE AMERICA IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY IN A SERIES OF PILGRIMAGES SHIMODA RECORDS THE SEARCH TO FIND HIS GRANDFATHER AND UNFOLDS IN THE PROCESS A MOVING ELEGY ON MEMORY AND FORGETTING PRAISE FOR THE GRAVE ON THE WALL SHIMODA BRINGS HIS POETIC LYRICISM TO THIS MOVING AND ELEGANT MEMOIR THE STRUCTURE OF WHICH REFLECTS THE FRAGMENTATION OF MEMORIES IT IS AT ONCE WISTFUL AND DEVASTATING TO SEE MIDORI S LIFE COME FULL CIRCLE IN BETWEEN IS A LIFE WITH TRAGEDY LOVE AND THE HORRORS UNLEASHED BY THE ATOMIC BOMB BOOKLIST STARRED REVIEW IN A WEAVING MEDITATION BRANDON SHIMODA PENS AN ELEGANT EULOGY FOR HIS GRANDFATHER MIDORI YET ALSO FOR THE LIVING WE WHO SURVIVE ON THE MARGINS OF GRAVEYARDS AND RITUALS OF OUR OWN MAKING KAREN TEI YAMASHITA AUTHOR OF LETTERS TO MEMORY SOMETIMES A WORK OF ART FUNCTIONS AS A DREAM AT OTHER TIMES A WORK OF ART FUNCTIONS AS A CONSCIENCE IN THE TRADITION OF JUAN RULFO S PEDRO P? RAMO BRANDON SHIMODA S THE GRAVE ON THE WALL IS BOTH IT IS ALSO THE TYPE OF FRAGMENTED RECKONING ONLY AMERICA COULD INSTIGATE MYRIAM GURBA AUTHOR OF MEAN WITHIN THIS HAUNTED SEPULCHER BUILT OUT OF SILENCE LOSS AND GRIEF ITS WALLS SHADOWED BY THE TRAUMAS OF RACIAL OPPRESSION AND VIOLENCE A GREEN RIVER LINED WITH PEACH TREES FLOWS BENEATH A BRIDGE THAT LEADS BACK TO THE GRANDSON JEFFREY YANG AUTHOR OF HEY MARFA POEMS IT IS PART DREAM PART MEMORY PART FORGETTING PART IDENTITY IT IS A REMARKABLE EXPLORATION OF HOW CITIZENSHIP IS FORGED BY THE BRUTAL US IMPERIAL FORCES THROUGH SLAVE LABOR FORCED DETENTION INDISCRIMINATE BOMBING HISTORICAL AMNESIA AND WALL IF SOMEONE ASKED ME WHERE ARE YOU FROM I WOULD ANSWER FROM THE GRAVE ON THE WALL DON MEE CHOI AUTHOR OF HARDLY WAR SHIMODA INTERCEDES INTO THE ABSENCES GAPS AND INTERSTICES OF THE PRESENT AND DELVES THE PRESENCE OF MYSTERY THIS MYSTERY IS PART OF EACH OF US SHIMODA OUTLINES THAT MYSTERY IN SILENCE AND SILHOUETTE IN OBJECTS LEFT BEHIND AT SITE SPECIFIC TRAVELS TO JAPAN AND IN THE DISPARATE FACTS OF HIS GRANDPA S FBI FILE GRATITUDE TO BRANDON SHIMODA FOR TAKING ON THE MYSTERY WHICH ONLY LITERATURE ACCEPTS AS THE BASIC CHALLENGE SESSHU FOSTER AUTHOR OF CITY OF THE FUTURE SHIMODA IS A MYSTIC WRITER HE PUTS WHAT BREACHES ITSELF ALWAYS ONTO THE PAGE SO THAT THE ACT OF WRITING BECOMES AKIN TO PAPER MAKING AN ATTENTION TO FIBERS COAGULATION TEXTURE AND THE WATER FIRE MIXTURES THAT SIGNAL IRREVERSIBLE ALTERATION OR CHANGE HE HAS WRITTEN A BOOK THAT TOUCHES THE BOTTOM OF MY OWN SOUL BHANU KAPIL AUTHOR OF BAN EN BANLIEUE THE GRAVE ON THE WALL IS A PASSAGE OF ACHING NOSTALGIA AND RELENTLESS ASSEMBLY OUT OF WHICH SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN OBJECTIVE TRUTH IS CONJURED A RITUAL FRISSON A VERACITY OF SPIRIT I AM GRATEFUL TO HAVE TRAVELED ALONG TRISHA LOW THE BELIEVER IT S NOT JUST A DOCUMENT FROM WHICH BRANDON SHIMODA UNTANGLES THE DEAD BUT IT S A PORTAL THROUGH WHICH THE GHOSTS CAN SHOW THEMSELVES TO HIM TO EXCHANGE THAT KIND OF ATTENTION BETWEEN THE LIVING AND THE DEAD IS LOVE ZACHARY SCHOMBURG WILLAMETTE WEEK

TIMELINE OF CHINESE JAPANESE AND KOREAN DYNASTIES AND PERIODS PROLOGUE A DIVINE WIND HAKOZAKI ASIAN MARINERS ENTER THE MONGOLS KHUBILAI KHAN THE SONG TSUKUSHI THE BUN EI WAR THE MONGOLS RETURN KAMIKAZE TAKASHIMA BROKEN SHIPS DISTANT SEAS DISTANT FIELDS THE LEGACY OF KHUBILAI KHAN S NAVY

JAY GOULDING S DAOIST PHENOMENOLOGY REPRESENTS A LIFELONG PROJECT OF INTERPOLATING THE WORKS OF MARTIN HEIDEGGER WITH THE INTERWEAVINGS OF DAOISM AND ZEN ILLUSTRATING STYLES OF READING COMPLEX TEXTS FROM

EUROPE AND EAST ASIA GOULDING MOVES AWAY FROM HORIZONTAL READING OF SIMPLE COMPARISONS ON A SINGLE PLAIN TO VERTICAL READING AS A DEEP DIVE OF IDEAS INTO ANCIENT WORLDS VERTICAL READING IS HERMENEUTIC STRATEGY THAT CAPTURES THE DEPTH OF CONNECTION BETWEEN PHENOMENOLOGY AND DAOISM ESPECIALLY HEIDEGGER AND CLASSICAL DAOISTS LAOZI AND ZHUANGZI HIS METHOD REVEALS DAOIST IMPLICATIONS OF DOGEN S ZEN AND DRAWS ON WRITING AND IDEAS FROM POPULAR CULTURE INCLUDING JULES VERNE H P LOVECRAFT PHILIP K DICK GEORGE LUCAS STAR WARS UNIVERSE AND MARTIAL ARTIST BRUCE LEE ORIGINAL AND WIDE RANGING GOULDING S INTERCONNECTED APPROACH TO PHENOMENOLOGY AND DAOISM ENHANCES AND PROMOTES FURTHER INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUES BETWEEN TWO GREAT TRADITIONS IN WORLD PHILOSOPHIES

DID A METEORITE WIPE OUT THE DINOSAURS AND ALLOW FOR HUMAN EVOLUTION DID AN EARTHQUAKE USHER IN THE RISE OF GREEK CIVILIZATION DID A SNOWSTORM HELP CREATE THE NEW YORK SUBWAY THE ANSWER TO ALL THESE QUESTIONS IS A RESOUNDING YES OVER AND OVER AGAIN NATURAL DISASTERS HAVE INFLUENCED THE COURSE OF HUMAN HISTORY IN WAYS GREAT AND SMALL FROM THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON TO THE GREAT KANTO QUAKE BRYN BARNARD DESCRIBES TEN KEY MOMENTS WHEN NATURAL DISASTERS HAVE PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN SHAPING OUR HISTORY HIGHLIGHTED WITH VIVID AND METICULOUSLY RESEARCHED ILLUSTRATIONS DANGEROUS PLANET DEMONSTRATES THE MIGHTY FORCE OF PLANET EARTH AND THE ROLE HUMANITY MUST PLAY IN ITS SURVIVAL

IN SEARCH OF JAPAN S HIDDEN CHRISTIANS IS A REMARKABLE STORY OF SUPPRESSION SECRECY AND SURVIVAL IN THE FACE OF HUMAN CRUELTY AND GOD S APPARENT SILENCE PART HISTORY PART TRAVELOGUE IT EXPLORES AND SEEKS TO EXPLAIN A CLASH OF CIVILIZATIONS OF EAST AND WEST THAT RESONATES TO THIS DAY FOR SEVEN GENERATIONS JAPAN S HIDDEN CHRISTIANS PRESERVED A FAITH THAT WAS FORBIDDEN ON PAIN OF DEATH JUST AS REMARKABLY DESCENDANTS OF THE HIDDEN CHRISTIANS CONTINUE TO PRACTISE THEIR BELIEFS TODAY REFUSING TO REJOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH WHY AND WHAT IS IT ABOUT JAPANESE CULTURE THAT MAKES IT SO RESISTANT TO WESTERN CHRISTIANITY

A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO THE ARMED CONFLICTS THAT HAVE SHAPED OUR CIVILIZATIONS AND OUR LIVES AGGRESSION DISRUPTION VIOLENCE MORTALITY THE COMPONENTS OF WAR ARE FAMILIAR TO US ALL BUT IT S OFTEN HARD TO UNDERSTAND HOW THESE BATTLES THROUGHOUT HISTORY CONTINUE TO AFFECT US TODAY THE STORY OF OUR WORLD FROM ITS EARLIEST BEGINNINGS THOUSANDS OF YEARS BCE TO TODAY IS THE OFTEN THE STORY OF OUR CONFLICTS THE ATLAS OF MILITARY HISTORY OFFERS A FASCINATING LOOK AT THE MANY WARS THAT HAVE BEEN FOUGHT OVER LAND INDEPENDENCE AND OTHER FACTORS ALL OVER THE GLOBE ORGANIZED INTO SECTIONS BASED ON LOCATION AND THEN IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER THIS COMPENDIUM COVERS EVERYTHING FROM THE PUNIC WARS IN CARTHAGE THAT BEGAN IN 247 BCE TO THE CONQUEST OF CONSTANTINOPLE IN 1453 TO WORLD WAR II TO THE RECENT ARAB SPRING FULL COLOR PHOTOS AND MAPS AS WELL AS HIGHLIGHTED SECTIONS ON LEGENDARY LEADERS BATTLES AND WEAPONS ARE INCLUDED PERFECT FOR STUDENTS OR ANYONE WANTING TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT ASPECT OF OUR WORLD THE ATLAS OF MILITARY HISTORY IS A COMPLETE PORTRAIT OF OUR CONFLICTS AND RESOLUTIONS

A BOOK OF FIVE SWORDS AND A SCROLL IS ABOUT FIVE JAPANESE SWORDS THAT CAME TO THE UNITED STATES AFTER W W II AND A JAPANESE HANGING SCROLL OF A SEATED SAMURAI THE BOOK IS RICHLY ILLUSTRATED WITH OVER 110 PHOTOGRAPHS OF THESE SWORDS MAP SEGMENTS AND OTHER ASSOCIATED MATERIALS THERE ARE THREE ORIGINAL SHORT STORIES CENTERED AROUND THREE OF THE SWORDS THE BOOK ALSO CONTAINS SECTIONS REGARDING MEDIEVAL JAPAN THE SAMURAI JAPANESE SWORD SMITHS AND JAPANESE SWORD CARE AND CLEANING DETAIL TECHNICAL DATA OF THESE SWORDS IS INCLUDED AND THERE IS A SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF ARTIST OF THE SCROLL THE CHAPTER ABOUT THE SCROLL REGARDS A PERSON FAMOUS IN 14TH CENTURY JAPANESE HISTORY TWO OF THESE SWORDS ARE OVER 450 YEARS OLD N ADDITION THERE IS A SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF A UNIQUE US MARINE THAT FOUGHT AT WAKE ISLAND DEC 8 1941 DEC 23 1941 IN WWII AND TAKEN AS A PRISINER OF WAR BY THE JAPANESE HE SPENT A TOTAL OF 1350

DAYS AS A POW IN CAMPS IN CHINA AND JAPAN THIS VERSION OF THE BOOK IS IN COLOR

A COMPACT ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO A KEY BATTLE THAT ORIGINATED FIREARM WARFARE IN JAPAN WHEN PORTUGUESE TRADERS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE CONSTANT VIOLENCE IN JAPAN TO SELL THE JAPANESE THEIR FIRST FIREARMS ONE OF THE QUICKEST TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS NEW TECHNOLOGY WAS THE POWERFUL DAIMYO ODA NOBUNAGA IN 1575 THE IMPETUOUS TAKEDA KATSUYORI LAID SIEGE TO NAGASHINO CASTLE A POSSESSION OF NOBUNAGA S ALLY TOKUGAWA IEYASU AN ARMY WAS DESPATCHED TO RELIEVE THE SIEGE AND THE TWO SIDES FACED EACH OTHER ACROSS THE SHIDARAHARA THE TAKEDA SAMURAI WERE BRAVE LOYAL AND RENOWNED FOR THEIR CAVALRY CHARGES BUT NOBUNAGA COUNTING ON KATSUYORI S IMPETUOSITY HAD 3 000 MUSKETEERS WAITING BEHIND PREPARED DEFENCES FOR THEIR ASSAULT AS MEDIEVAL JAPAN EXPERT STEPHEN TURNBULL OUTLINES IN THIS BOOK THE OUTCOME OF THIS CLASH OF TACTICS AND TECHNOLOGIES WAS TO CHANGE THE FACE OF JAPANESE WARFARE FOREVER

IDEAL FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS STUDYING HISTORY THROUGH THE EVERYDAY LIVES OF MEN AND WOMEN THIS BOOK OFFERS INTRIGUING INFORMATION ABOUT THE JOBS THAT PEOPLE HAVE HELD FROM ANCIENT TIMES TO THE 21ST CENTURY THIS UNIQUE BOOK PROVIDES DETAILED STUDIES OF MORE THAN 300 OCCUPATIONS AS THEY WERE PRACTICED IN 21 HISTORICAL TIME PERIODS RANGING FROM PREHISTORY TO THE PRESENT DAY EACH PROFESSION IS EXAMINED IN A COMPELLING ESSAY THAT IS SPECIFICALLY WRITTEN TO INFORM READERS ABOUT CAREER CHOICES IN DIFFERENT TIMES AND CULTURES AND IS ACCOMPANIED BY A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION SIDEBARS THAT RELATE HISTORICAL ISSUES TO PRESENT DAY CONCERNS AS WELL AS RELATED HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS READERS OF THIS WORK WILL LEARN WHAT EACH PROFESSION ENTAILED OR ENTAILS ON A DAILY BASIS HOW ONE GAINED ENTRY TO THE VOCATION TRAINING METHODS AND TYPICAL COMPENSATION LEVELS FOR THE JOB THE BOOK PROVIDES SUFFICIENT SPECIFIC DETAIL TO CONVEY A COMPREHENSIVE UNDERSTANDING OF THE EXPERIENCES BENEFITS AND DOWNSIDES OF A GIVEN PROFESSION SELECTED ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS FURTHER BRING HISTORY TO LIFE BY OFFERING HONEST TESTIMONIES FROM PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY WORKED IN THESE OCCUPATIONS OR INTERACTED WITH THOSE IN THAT FIELD

DRIVEN BY STRICT CODES OF HONOUR AND BOUND BY DEEP ALLEGIANCES OF RANK FAMILY OR RELIGION THE ELITE WARRIORS OF MEDIEVAL JAPAN WERE BOLD FIGHTERS LOYAL COMRADES AND DEADLY ENEMIES WITH RARE MATERIAL FROM JAPANESE SOURCES AND LAVISH ARTWORK AND PHOTOGRAPHY THIS BOOK EXAMINES THE MILITARY LIVES BELIEFS AND BATTLE EXPERIENCE OF FOUR FORMIDABLE WARRIOR TYPES SAMURAI NINJA WARRIOR MONK AND ASHIGARU FOOT SOLDIER RESULTING IN A HIGHLY AUTHORITATIVE ACCOUNT OF JAPAN S WARRIOR ELITE WARRIORS OF MEDIEVAL JAPAN COMBINES MATERIAL PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED AS WARRIOR 29 ASHIGARU 1467 1649 WARRIOR 64 NINJA AD 1460 1650 AND WARRIOR 70 JAPANESE WARRIOR MONKS AD 949 1603 WITH AN ADDED SECTION ON SAMURAI ADDITIONAL IMAGES AND AN UPDATED INTRODUCTION AND CONCLUSION

WARFARE IN JAPAN FROM THE FOURTH TO THE NINETEENTH CENTURY HAS CAUSED MUCH CONTROVERSY AMONG WESTERN MILITARY AND POLITICAL HISTORIANS THIS VOLUME ASSEMBLES KEY ARTICLES WRITTEN BY SPECIALISTS IN THE FIELD ON MILITARY ORGANIZATION THE SOCIAL CONTEXT OF WAR BATTLE ACTION WEAPONS AND MARTIAL ARTS THE FOCUS IS ON THE TRANSFORMATION OF PATTERNS OF WARFARE THAT AROSE FROM ENDOGENOUS AS WELL AS EXOGENOUS FACTORS

THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE LOOK AT NATURE S ROLE ON MILITARY HISTORY HALLEY S COMET HELPED TO ANNOUNCE THE FALL OF THE SHANG DYNASTY IN CHINA A SOLAR ECLIPSE FRIGHTENED THE MACEDONIAN ARMY ENOUGH AT PYDNA IN 168 BC TO ENSURE VICTORY FOR THE ROMANS A MASSIVE RAIN STORM TURNED THE FIELD OF AGINCOURT TO MUD IN 1415 AND GAVE HENRY V HIS LEGENDARY VICTORY FOG SECURED THE THRONE OF ENGLAND FOR EDWARD IV AT BARNET IN 1471 WIND AND DISEASE CONSPIRED TO WRECK THE SPANISH ARMADA SNOW SERVED TO PREVENT THE AMERICAN CAPTURE OF QUEBEC IN 1775 AND CONFINED THE REVOLUTION TO THE THIRTEEN COLONIES AND AN

EARTHQUAKE HELPED TO SPARK THE PELOPONNESIAN WAR BUT THIS IS ONLY A SMALL SAMPLING OF THE MANY INSTANCES WHERE NATURE HAS TIPPED THE BALANCE IN COMBAT OVER THE PAST 4000 YEARS WEATHER AND NATURE HAVE BOTH HINDERED AND HELPED VARIOUS CAMPAIGNS AND BATTLES OCCASIONALLY EVEN ALTERING THE COURSE OF HISTORY IN THE PROCESS TODAY ELEMENTS OF NATURE STILL AFFECT THE PLANNING AND WAGING OF WAR EVEN AS WE HAVE TRIED TO MITIGATE ITS IMPACT THE GROWING CONCERN OVER CLIMATE CHANGE HAS ONLY HEIGHTENED THE NEED TO STUDY AND UNDERSTAND THIS SUBJECT TIDE OF WAR IS THE FIRST BOOK TO COMPREHENSIVELY TACKLE THIS TOPIC AND TRACES SOME OF THE MOST NOTABLE INTERSECTIONS BETWEEN NATURE AND WAR SINCE ANCIENT TIMES

Winner of the norbert elias book prize 2020 this is the first long term analysis of the development of Japanese martial arts connecting ancient martial traditions with the martial arts practised today the Historical sociology of Japanese martial arts captures the complexity of the emergence and development of martial traditions within the broader Japanese civilising process the book traces the structured process in which warriors practices became systematised and expanded to the Japanese population and the world using the theoretical framework of norbert elias s process sociology and drawing on rich empirical data the book also compares the development of combat practices in Japan england france and germany making a new contribution to our understanding of the socio cultural dynamics of state formation throughout this analysis light is shed onto a gender blind spot taking into account the neglected role of women in martial arts the historical sociology of Japanese martial arts is important reading for students of socio cultural perspectives in sport sociology of physical activity historical development of sport in society asian studies sociology and philosophy of sport and sports history and culture it is also a fascinating resource for scholars researchers and practitioners interested in the historical and socio cultural aspects of combat sport and martial arts

IN THIS FASCINATING BOOK THE AUTHOR EXAMINES THE JAPANESE CONCEPT OF KAMIKAZE THE DELIBERATE SELF SACRIFICE OF LIFE IN THE CAUSE OF VICTORY THIS ATTITUDE WHILE INCOMPREHENSIBLE TO THEIR AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN ENEMIES HAS ITS ROOTS IN THE SAMURAI TRADITION OF FIGHTING FOR THEIR MASTER OR NATION REGARDLESS OF PERSONAL SAFETY BY LATE 1944 THE JAPANESE HAD ALREADY PROVED THEMSELVES FANATICAL BUT THE ACTIONS OF THE KAMIKAZE CORPS OF PILOTS FROM THE LEYTE GULF BATTLE ONWARDS TOOK MATTERS TO A NEW LEVEL ALLIED FORCES WERE SHOCKED TO FIND THEMSELVES THE SUBJECT OF WIDESPREAD DELIBERATE SUICIDE ATTACKS BY PILOTS THESE CONTINUED DURING THE INVASION OF THE PHILIPPINES IN EARLY 1945 AND REACHED A CLIMAX DURING THE BATTLE OF OKINAWA FROM 1 APRIL TO JUNE 1945 IN TOTAL OVER 1000 KAMIKAZE AIRMEN PERISHED GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION OF THESE SUICIDE ATTACKS AND THE RESULTING LOSS OF LIFE AND SHIPS LITTER THIS REVEALING AND SHOCKING BOOK THE AUTHOR S IN DEPTH STUDY OF THE HISTORIC AND CULTURAL REASONS FOR THIS SEEMINGLY RECKLESS COURAGE IS IMPORTANT AND ILLUMINATING

A MUST HAVE BOOK FOR ANYONE WHO HAS AN INTEREST IN EDGED WEAPONS LOADES HOLDS THE READER S FULL ATTENTION WITH EACH SWORD S STORY THAT HE TELLS THE LONE STAR BOOK REVIEW THIS MAGNIFICENT BOOK TELLS THE STORY OF THE EVOLUTION OF SWORDS HOW THEY WERE MADE HOW THEY WERE USED AND THE PEOPLE THAT USED THEM IT DOESN T CLAIM TO GIVE COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE BUT INSTEAD TAKES CERTAIN SURVIVING EXAMPLES AS LANDMARKS ON A FASCINATING JOURNEY THROUGH THE HISTORY OF SWORDS EACH IS SELECTED BECAUSE IT CAN BE LINKED TO A SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL THUS TELLING THEIR STORY TOO AND GIVING A HUMAN INTEREST SO THE JOURNEY STARTS WITH THE SWORD OF TUTANKHAMUN AND ENDS WITH THE SWORDS OF JEB STUART AND GEORGE CUSTER ALONG THE WAY WE TAKE IN HENRY V CROMWELL AND UESUGI KENSHIN AND THERE IS THE MOST DETAILED DISCUSSION YOU LL FIND ANYWHERE OF ALL OF GEORGE WASHINGTON'S SWORDS THE CHAPTERS ON THESE SPECIFIC SWORDS AND SWORDSMEN ARE ALTERNATED WITH MORE GENERAL CHAPTERS ON THE CHANGING TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENTS AND FASHIONS IN SWORDS AND THEIR USE THE READER'S GUIDE ON THIS HISTORICAL TOUR IS MIKE LOADES MIKE HAS BEEN

HANDLING SWORDS MOST OF HIS LIFE AS A FIGHT ARRANGER STUNTMAN AND HISTORICAL WEAPONS EXPERT FOR TV AND STAGE AS MUCH AS HIS PROFOUND KNOWLEDGE OF THE SUBJECT IT IS HIS LIFELONG PASSION FOR SWORDS THAT COMES THROUGH ON EVERY PAGE HIS FASCINATING TEXT IS SUPPORTED BY A LAVISH WEALTH OF IMAGES MANY PREVIOUSLY UNPUBLISHED AND TAKEN SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS BOOK SUPERB THE MOST BREATHTAKING COVERAGE FROM THE EARLIEST DAYS TO MODERN TIMES BRILLIANT BOOKS MONTHLY

A FASCINATING AND LIVELY HISTORY OF FOUR BOWS THAT CHANGED WARFARE THE COMPOSITE BOW THE LONGBOW THE CROSSBOW AND THE JAPANESE BOW THE YUMI BY A WORLD RENOWNED EXPERT WAR BOWS DOMINATED BATTLEFIELDS ACROSS THE WORLD FOR CENTURIES IN THEIR VARIOUS FORMS THEY ALLOWED TRAINED ARCHERS TO TAKE DOWN EVEN WELL ARMOURED TARGETS FROM GREAT DISTANCES AND PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN SOME OF THE MOST FAMOUS BATTLES IN HUMAN HISTORY THE COMPOSITE BOW WAS A VERSATILE AND DEVASTATINGLY EFFECTIVE WEAPON ON FOOT FROM CHARIOTS AND ON HORSEBACK FOR OVER A THOUSAND YEARS USED BY CULTURES AS DIVERSE AS THE HITTITES THE ROMANS THE MONGOLS AND THE OTTOMAN TURKS THE MIDDLE AGES SAW A CLASH BETWEEN THE ICONIC LONGBOW AND THE MORE TECHNOLOGICALLY SOPHISTICATED CROSSBOW MOST FAMOUSLY DURING THE HUNDRED YEARS WAR WHILE IN JAPAN THE SAMURAI USED THE YUMI TO DEADLY EFFECT UNLEASHING BURSTS OF ARROWS FROM THEIR GALLOPING STEEDS HISTORICAL WEAPONS EXPERT MIKE LOADES REVEALS THE FULL HISTORY OF THESE FOUR ICONIC WEAPONS THAT CHANGED THE NATURE OF WARFARE COMPLETE WITH MODERN BALLISTICS TESTING ACTION RECREATIONS OF WHAT IT IS LIKE TO FIRE EACH BOW AND A CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF THE TECHNOLOGY AND TACTICS ASSOCIATED WITH EACH BOW THIS BOOK IS A MUST HAVE FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN ANCIENT ARMS

IN THIS EPIC HISTORICAL SAGA REMINISCENT OF GAME OF THRONES MEETS MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA TWO VERY DIFFERENT WOMEN FIND THEIR FATES INTERTWINED AT THE DAWN OF THE SHOGUN ERA IN 12TH CENTURY JAPAN TOMOE IS STRONG BUT OBEDIENT A BEAUTIFUL ONNABUGEISHA WOMAN WHO STUDIES THE ART OF WAR THE CONCUBINE AND ARMY CAPTAIN TO THE RECKLESS ORPHAN YOSHINAKA WHOSE VOW TO AVENGE HIS FATHER S DEATH AND OUST HIS COUSIN FROM POWER TAKES OVER THEIR LIVES YAMABUKI IS THE SHELTERED SHY NOBLE SOLD OFF TO BECOME ROUGH YOSHINAKA S LEGAL WIFE SENT TO LIVE IN THE REMOTE MOUNTAINS OF JAPAN WHERE HER SCORNFUL LADY IN WAITING IS NONE OTHER THAN THE WARRIOR WOMAN TOMOE AS THE EPIC GEMPEI WAR BEGINS AND THE WOMEN PREPARE FOR BATTLES BOTH LITERAL AND OF THE HEART LOSING MEANS DEATH BUT VICTORY MIGHT MEAN LOSING EVERYTHING

EARLY MODERN TRAVELERS OFTEN DID NOT FORM PART OF CLASSIC DIASPORA COMMUNITIES THEY FREQUENTLY NEVER REALLY SETTLED PERHAPS REMAINING ABROAD FOR SOME TIME IN ONE PLACE THEN TRAVELING FURTHER NOT BLOWN BY THE WIND BUT BY CHANGING AND COMPLEX CONDITIONS THAT OFTEN TURNED OUT TO MAKE THEM UNWELCOME ANYWHERE THE DISPERSED DEVELOPED STRATEGIES OF SURVIVAL BY KEEPING THEIR DISTANCE FROM OLD AND NEW TEMPORARY HOMES AS WELL AS BY USING INFORMATION FROM AND MANIPULATING FOREIGN REPRESENTATIONS OF THEIR FORMER COUNTRIES THIS VOLUME ASSEMBLES CASE STUDIES FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN CONTEXT THE AMERICAS AND JAPAN THEY EXPLORE WHAT KIND OF POWER S AND AGENCY DISPERSED PEOPLE HAD COUNTERINTUITIVELY THROUGH THE CONNECTIONS THEY MAINTAINED WITH THEIR FORMER HOMES AND THROUGH THOSE THEY ESTABLISHED ABROAD CONTRIBUTORS EDUARDO ANGIONE IORDAN AVRAMOV MARLOES CORNELISSEN DAVID DO PA? O JOS? LUIS EG? O MARIA TSAMPIKA LAMPITSI PAULA MANSTETTEN SIMON MILLS DAVID NELSON ADOLFO POLO Y LA BORDA ANA M RODR? GUEZ RODR? GUEZ CESARE SANTUS STEFANO SARACINO AND CORNEL ZWIERLEIN

NICHTS SCHEINT MENSCHLICHE BOMBEN STOPPEN ZU K? NNEN T? G? ICH KOMMEN NEUE OPFER HINZU SELBST DER EIGENE TOD HAT SEINE SCHRECKEN VERLOREN DIE JENEN UNFASSBAREN HOOROR VERBREITEN DER MIT DEN ANSCHL? GEN VON NEW YORK UND WASHINGTON AUCH UNS ERREICHT HAT

THE LANDSCAPE OF 16THAND 17TH CENTURY JAPAN WAS DOMINATED BY THE GRACEFUL AND IMPOSING CASTLES CONSTRUCTED BY THE POWERFUL DAIMYO OF THE PERIOD IN THIS THE MOST TURBULENT ERA IN JAPANESE HISTORY

THESE MILITARILY SOPHISTICATED STRUCTURES PROVIDED STRONGHOLDS FOR THE CONSOLIDATION AND CONTROL OF TERRITORY AND INEVITABLY THEY BECAME THE FOCUS FOR MANY OF THE GREAT SIEGES OF JAPANESE HISTORY NAGASHINO 1575 KITANOSHO 1583 ODAWARA 1590 FUSHIMI 1600 OSAKA 1615 AND HARA 1638 THE LAST OF THE BATTLES THAT BROUGHT AN END TO A PERIOD OF INTENSE CIVIL WAR THIS TITLE TRACES THEIR DEVELOPMENT FROM THE FARIJEST TIMBER STOCKADES TO THE IMMENSE STRUCTURES THAT DOMINATED THE GREAT CENTRES OF OSAKA AND EDO

THE AWARD WINNING AUTHOR OF HOW TO BE AN AMERICAN HOUSEWIFE RETURNS WITH A POIGNANT STORY OF ESTRANGED SISTERS FORCED TOGETHER BY FAMILY TRAGEDY WHO SOON LEARN THAT SISTERHOOD KNOWS NO LIMITS RACHEL AND DREW SNOW MAY BE SISTERS BUT THEIR LIVES HAVE FOLLOWED COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PATHS MARRIED TO A WONDERFUL MAN AND A MOTHER TO TWO STRONG MINDED TEENS RACHEL HASN T RETURNED TO HER CHILDHOOD HOME SINCE BEING KICKED OUT BY HER STRICT FATHER AFTER AN ACT OF CARELESS TEENAGE REBELLION DREW HER YOUNGER SISTER FOLLOWED HER PASSION FOR MUSIC BUT TAKES SIDE JOBS TO MAKE ENDS MEET AND LONGS FOR THE STABILITY THAT HAS ALWAYS ELUDED HER BOTH SISTERS RECALL HOW CLOSE THEY WERE BUT THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THEM SEEMS MORE THAN THEY CAN BRIDGE WHEN THEIR DEFERENTIAL IAPANESE MOTHER HIKARI IS DIAGNOSED WITH DEMENTIA AND GIVES RACHEL POWER OF ATTORNEY RACHEL S DOMINEERING FATHER KILLIAN BECOMES ENRAGED IN A RARE MOMENT OF LUCIDITY HIKARI ASKS RACHEL FOR A BOOK IN HER SEWING ROOM AND RACHEL ENLISTS HER SISTER S HELP IN THE SEARCH THE BOOK WHICH TELLS THE TALE OF REAL LIFE FEMALE SAMURAI TOMOE GOZEN AN EPIC SAGA OF LOVE LOSS AND CONFLICT DURING TWELFTH CENTURY IAPAN REVEALS TRUTHS ABOUT DREW AND RACHEL S RELATIONSHIP THAT RESONATE ACROSS THE CENTURIES CONNECTING THEM IN WAYS THAT TURN THEIR DIFFERENCES INTO ASSETS

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ESCAPING THE GLARE: UNDERSTANDING AND NAVIGATING THE OPPOSITE OF LIMELIGHT

THE LIMELIGHT. IT REPRESENTS FAME, RECOGNITION, AND THE CONSTANT GAZE OF PUBLIC ATTENTION. FOR MANY, IT'S A COVETED POSITION, A GOAL PURSUED WITH RELENTLESS AMBITION. BUT WHAT ABOUT THOSE WHO FIND THEMSELVES OVERWHELMED BY ITS INTENSITY, OR WHO ACTIVELY CHOOSE A DIFFERENT PATH? WHAT IS THE "OPPOSITE OF LIMELIGHT," AND HOW CAN ONE NAVIGATE THIS LESS-TRAVELED, OFTEN MISUNDERSTOOD, TERRAIN? THIS ARTICLE EXPLORES THE CONCEPT OF ESCAPING THE GLARE, EXAMINING ITS VARIOUS FACETS, COMMON CHALLENGES, AND STRATEGIES FOR ACHIEVING A FULFILLING LIFE BEYOND THE SPOTLIGHT.

1. DEFINING THE "OPPOSITE OF LIMELIGHT": A MULTIFACETED CONCEPT

The opposite of limelight isn't simply anonymity; it's a spectrum of experiences characterized by a reduced public profile and a shift in priorities. It encompasses several key aspects: Privacy and Solitude: This involves a deliberate withdrawal from public view, a conscious choice to prioritize personal time and space over constant interaction and exposure. This might mean limiting social media presence, declining public appearances, or simply valuing quiet reflection over boisterous social events. Unassuming Lifestyle: This entails living a life free from the pressures of maintaining a public image. It's about embracing authenticity and rejecting the superficiality often associated with fame. Simple pleasures and genuine connections replace the manufactured glamour of the limelight. Focus on Inner Growth: Escaping the limelight often facilitates a deeper engagement with personal growth and self-discovery. Free from the demands of external validation, individuals can focus on introspection, developing their passions, and pursuing inner peace. Meaningful Contribution (Behind the Scenes): This involves contributing meaningfully to society or a specific field without seeking recognition or accolades. Many individuals find profound satisfaction in making a difference anonymously, focusing on the impact of their work rather than personal glory.

2. CHALLENGES OF ESCAPING THE LIMELIGHT: BREAKING FREE FROM EXPECTATIONS

Leaving the limelight, or avoiding it altogether, presents unique challenges: Managing Expectations: Family, friends, and even former colleagues may struggle to understand the shift in priorities. Managing these expectations requires clear communication and a strong sense of self. Dealing with FOMO (Fear of Missing Out): The allure of fame and recognition can linger, leading to moments of doubt and questioning one's choices. Building resilience and focusing on personal values is crucial. Navigating Social Media: Maintaining a healthy relationship with social media is vital. It's important to set boundaries and avoid the temptation to constantly seek validation online. Financial Implications:

DEPENDING ON THE NATURE OF ONE'S PREVIOUS LIFE IN THE LIMELIGHT, ADJUSTING TO A DIFFERENT FINANCIAL REALITY MAY REQUIRE CAREFUL PLANNING AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT.

3. Strategies for a Fulfilling Life Outside the Limelight: Building a New Narrative

Successfully navigating life outside the glare requires proactive steps: Defining Personal Values: Identifying core values helps guide decisions and provides a framework for prioritizing experiences and relationships. Cultivating Meaningful Relationships: Focusing on fostering deep, authentic connections with loved ones provides a strong support system and sense of belonging. Pursuing Personal Passions: Engaging in activities that bring joy and fulfillment nourishes the soul and fosters a sense of purpose. This could involve hobbies, volunteer work, or further education. Practicing Mindfulness and Self-Compassion: Developing self-awareness and self-compassion is crucial for managing the emotional aspects of transitioning away from the limelight.

4. Examples of Successful Transitions: Finding Fulfillment Beyond Fame

Many individuals have successfully transitioned away from the public eye, finding fulfillment in quieter lives. Consider artists who choose to create for themselves rather than for commercial success, or entrepreneurs who shift focus from building a brand to building a sustainable business model. The common thread is a prioritization of intrinsic motivation over extrinsic rewards.

5. SUMMARY: EMBRACING THE QUIET STRENGTH OF A LIFE UNSEEN

ESCAPING THE LIMELIGHT IS NOT ABOUT SHRINKING FROM LIFE, BUT RATHER ABOUT CHOOSING A DIFFERENT PATH, ONE THAT PRIORITIZES AUTHENTICITY, INNER PEACE, AND MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTION. IT REQUIRES NAVIGATING CHALLENGES, SETTING BOUNDARIES, AND CULTIVATING INNER STRENGTH. BY EMBRACING THE QUIET STRENGTH OF A LIFE LIVED OUTSIDE THE GLARE, INDIVIDUALS CAN DISCOVER A DEEPER SENSE OF SELF AND A MORE FULFILLING EXISTENCE.

FAQs:

1. Q: Is it possible to completely disappear from public life? A: While complete disappearance is challenging in the digital age, reducing your online presence, limiting public appearances, and prioritizing privacy can significantly decrease your public profile. 2. Q: How can I deal with the pressure from others to remain in the limelight? A: Setting clear boundaries and communicating your priorities openly and honestly is essential. Remember, your life choices are your own. 3. Q: Will I feel lonely outside the limelight? A: Loneliness is a risk, but cultivating meaningful relationships and engaging in activities that foster community can mitigate this. 4. Q: What if I regret my decision to leave the limelight? A:

Self-reflection is key. If you truly feel you've made a mistake, reassess your priorities and consider what steps you can take to address your regret. 5. Q: Can I still make a positive impact on the world outside the limelight? A: Absolutely! Many impactful contributions are made anonymously or behind the scenes, focusing on the work itself rather than recognition.

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