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A collection of samurai stories, drawn from traditional sources, of battles, strategy, conflict, and intrigue- - featuring some of the greatest warriors and military leaders of the samurai era.

Martial artist and samurai scholar Pascal Fauliot has collected and retold twenty-eight wisdom tales of the samurai era. The tales are set in the golden age of bushido and represent the pinnacle of traditional Japanese culture in which aristocratic tastes, feudal virtues, and martial skills come together with the implacable insights of Zen.

Some of the stories- -like "The Samurai and the Zen Cat"- -are iconic; others are obscure. They feature notable figures from samurai history and legend: military leaders and strategists such as Oda Nobunaga, Toyotomi Hideyoshi, and Tokugawa Ieyasu; sword masters; ronin; the warrior monk Benkei, and the ninja-samurai Kakei Juzo, among many others.

These samurai stories are pithy and engaging, and include tales of battle, strategy, loyalty conflicts, court intrigues, breakthroughs in a warrior's development, and vengeance achieved or foregone. Each tale reveals a gesture or an outcome that represents greater insight or higher virtue.

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Ed Correa says

Excelente colección de historias que dejan una moraleja sin pecar de moralistas. Narrativamente muy gráfico. Los cuentos son cortos pero aún así: recomendado de leer con tiempo y calma.

Erika says

Thank you, NetGalley, for letting me peek into this book. Publishing date is set on 4th April 2017 and I suggest you to mark this one.

The book is a collection of short stories about samurai tales. They offer wisdom, reflection, playful pranks, descriptions of hard times. The book is beautifully written, capturing well the essence of Japanese culture, language wise and behavior. The author has provided the reader with an abundance of Japanese words and it was a shame (maybe due to the format or my own inadvertence) I had an e-book to read not a printed one because they had included a nice list of explanations and definitions of the Japanese words used in the book which I discovered once I had completed the book. Otherwise, it would have been a joy (with a printed copy) to skip between the text and the definitions list for better comprehension. Although, I did not feel lost nor confused.

Hence, I would highly recommend this book because it is compelling, educative, traditional and relatively easy to read (which does not make this into a simple book at all!). I consider my knowledge of and interest to Japanese culture and literature well below average and I enjoyed the tales.

But! a suggestion: if you can, get yourself a printed copy, I believe you will appreciate it more.

Nikko says

Great stories, moving, inspiring, funny, and fun

Susan says

I won this book through Goodreads. Every story was interesting and fun.
