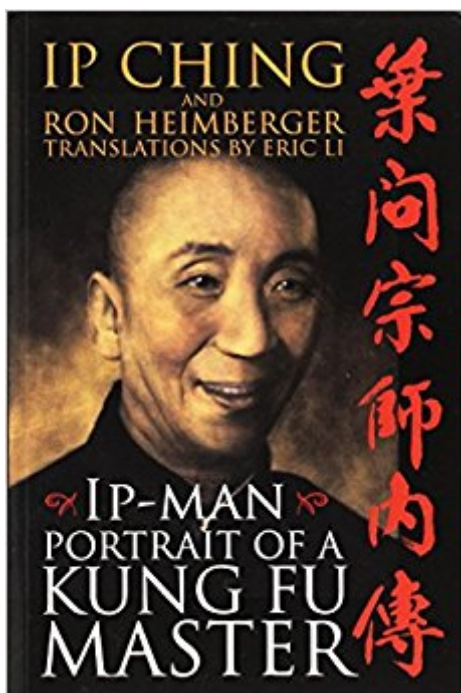


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Ip Man - Portrait Of A Kung Fu Master



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A Master's gift to the world is his life. By seeing his life or at least by seeing the portrait of his life as painted in the stories of those who knew him, a Master's life becomes a sketch of a path to Mastery. From stories shared by his son, this book paints a portrait of the famous Wing Chun Grand Master, Ip Man, providing a set of fifteen principles as a guide to mastery. While there are broad lessons to be learned from this portrait, the details must be savored. Many of the great figures of history are shrouded in the mists of aggrandizement, but here the details, the fine strokes of the portrait, have remained to show the humble seeker something about the life of a Master. Each chapter provides a principle or set of principles to contemplate. You will be richly rewarded if you seek to discern the principles and the man who strove to embody them. These stories and the principles drawn from them are commended to you for your benefit and learning and enjoyment. Let them guide you in your journey, but do not look for them to tell you every step. In this portrait are great treasures for the taking; but not simply for the asking.

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This loving tribute to a great master captures the warrior spirit and pays homage to an extraordinary martial legacy. --Gigi Oh, Kungfu Qigong & Kungfumagazine.com “. . . Personal insight into the working mind, life-and-times of a man who took the Marital Arts World by storm.” --Paul Clifton, Editor, Combat Magazine As the only teacher of Kung Fu superstar Bruce Lee, Wing Chun Kung Fu Grandmaster Ip Man made a very significant contribution to the Martial Arts world. This is

the first book written about his life. The book gives rare insight into the life, and teaching of this amazing man. Ip Man - Portrait of a Kung Fu Master is authored by Ip Man's own son, Wing Chun Grandmaster Ip Ching, and one of his top disciples, Master Ron Heimberger. These two men represent the greatest living source of Ip Man's teachings. This book is a guide for those who wish to follow in the footsteps of one of Kung Fu's greatest Masters. --

Ip Ching was born in 1936 in Foshan, China, the youngest son of the famous Wing Chun Grandmaster Ip Man. At the age of thirteen, Ip Ching began Wing Chun training under his father's guidance. Ip Man's school was at his house and Ip Ching lived with his father. This gave Ip Ching an enormous amount of insight into Wing Chun and his father's teaching methods. Ip Ching continues his father's traditions, teaching Wing Chun throughout the world. Ron Heimberger is a world-renowned authority on the art of Wing Chun. He is President of the Wing Chun Kung Fu Council.

As a student of Wing Tsun which is Leung Ting's (one of Ip Man's students) lineage of Wing Chun, this book provides more personal information about Grandmaster Ip Man than I could ever find out or know doing my own research. This is because it is written by Ip Man's youngest son Ip Ching. It is a great read and includes many photos of buildings that no longer exist where Ip Man lived and streets where he trained. Personal photos of Ip Man are also included during showing him at various ages of his life. This is a great book for any Wing Chun martial artist.

This book contained more pictures than anything else. I easily could have gotten the same pics and more from the web. Very disappointed. Someone was looking to make a quick buck with this one.

Would have loved for it to have been longer!

Very interesting read. If you see the Ip Man movies this is a must read. Really quick read. I would have liked more.

The book is very short but it does have some good information about Ip Man and Wing Chun's history.

This is the first book I purchased off Amazon and read it in a day. While a thin book, it is an interesting read.

The book talks about the life of the late, Great Grandmaster [Y]Ip Man, how he came to learn Ving Tsun Kung Fu, how he lived and what he was. While you could easily find a life story of him easily by a net search, this book shows more a philosophical response to his life and decisions he made, something that is not in other stories I've read on him.

Excellent look into Grandmaster Ip Man. The lessons transfer to Wing Chun and everyday life with ease

I have decided to buy this book of our Grand Master-Teacher (Tai Shi in Cantonese) the Hon'ble Ip Man who was instrumental in bringing his style of effective empty-hand combat via Bruce Lee to the Western World. I am not looking for a book on how-to-do instructions as I am more interested in the story behind the story of the realm of Wing Chun Martial Arts which later form the basis of Bruce Lee's Jeet Kune Doh (The fighting art of Interception Fists & Legs). Recently, there appeared on Chinese movies the exploits of Ip Man Vol.1 and Ip Man Vol.2 produced in Hong Kong and based on the life and times of Tai Shi Ip Man. There will, I hope, another movie Vol. 3 on Ip Man's life and this time, I hope too, will concentrate on how he trained Bruce Lee and his students - first in Futshan (Canton) and then in Hong Kong, prior to Bruce Lee's emigration to the States. Of late, as well, there appeared a 50-episode TV series based on the life and times of Bruce Lee - i.e. from his troublesome days in school at Hong Kong, his entanglement with the dark Triads and his ultimate journey to America and became a grandmaster and superstar ultimately. Unfortunately, this very interesting story made by China Central Television Network (CCTV in 2008) was exclusively made for Mandarin-speaking viewers but subsequently duped in the Cantonese version for the Cantonese-speaking Chinese all over the world. Let's hope that CCTV would at least made an English subtitle version for the benefits of Bruce Lee's fans all over the world who neither speak or understand Chinese. May the superior fighting concepts of Ip Man and Bruce Lee continue to speak and spread all over the world in the spirit of global brotherhood. Cheers...!PS: In the Legend of Bruce Lee (50-episodes), he said, without exaggeration nor nationalistic, that the true source of Japanese Karate, Jujitsu, Kempo, and Korean Taewon Do were adapted originally from China's KUNGFU...and he was so damned right, pals...you may believe this or not, pals!

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