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A highly personal collection of letters, these writings span Lee's life from high school until the year of his death.

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Pekka Huhtala says

The title says it all. A collection of Lee's letters, painting a picture of a man working hard towards his goals. Letters also reveal the kind and loving side of his. Some letters include fascinating descriptions of life and martial arts. Most certainly this will affect my writing.

Read if you are interested. Easy to read in small doses.

Joey says

Bruce Lee previously just stroke me as an international kung fu grand master. When I introduce myself to foreigners, more often than not, they exclaimed, "Ah, Hong Kong, Bruce Lee, Jacky Chan, so do you know Kung Fu?" I had thought it amusing. After reading the book, I am proud that people associate Hong Kong with Bruce Lee, who possessed profundity unbeknownst to me.

Discipline: Despite his schedule of filming and teaching, he is adamant of practicing two hours per day, even the most basic forms.

Desire to innovate: He learnt different sorts of martial art, grasped their essence, identified the shortcomings of each, assimilated his knowledge and imagination to create his own form.

Unreserved sharing: He took much pleasure in sharing kung fu with his fellows. He wrote detailed notes to students, proactively advised them and opened schools.

Deep caring: He wrote wholehearted letters to friends and wife. I was very touched by his caring thoughts. It would be such a privileged having known him.

Last but not least, Bruce Lee was a handsome young man. I hope this legacy would last for a long time to come.

Mariano Abilleira says

Bruce was so much more than the flashy martial artist and charming actor that pop culture makes us believe. Although this biographic compilation is profoundly personal, to the point of being mundane on certain sections, it does give us a glimpse on his perspective on life; shows us a much less idolised, more real version of the man.

Would recommend it to anyone; interested or not in martial arts.

Nada says

What can I write that will do this magnificent book its justice? This one is a life-changing book. What is stunning about Bruce Lee's corresponding is not only we get to peak into his life and mind but we get to read how empowering he was to his friends/students. He was truly a teacher...*the* master. His letters are thought-provoking, honest and reflective. I thank John Little for his great editing. The way he presented each letter in order and importance is extraordinary. I don't want to sound thoughtless but the fact that Bruce Lee had no money to make long-distance phone calls so he had to write them letters to correspond is fortunate for me, for all of us.

This book must be read over and over again.

David Schneider says

Great insight into an Icon

P.S. Winn says

Interesting look inside the life of Bruce Lee through letters collected throughout a life that was way too short and still mysterious to this day.

Piper Winchester says

I loved this book.

It's nice to look into the mind of Bruce and see how he wrote and talked to people.

Re-reading again in the future

Christopher says

Essential for hardcore Bruce Lee fans. So many nuggets of gold in here, written in Bruce's own words.

Javier says

Es muy interesante como documento sobre el personaje, aunque se hace pesadillo a veces pues abundan los detalles mundanos (encargos, viajes rutinarios, referencias a personajes sin interés y otras cosas repetitivas). Tiene sus puntos álgidos, cuando da ánimos a sus amigos o cuando habla sobre la forma de enfrentarse a la vida. Son interesantes sobre todo porque, recordemos, no se trata de entrevistas ni de un libro escrito por él, sino de sus cartas personales a amigos y familiares, lo que lo hace muy valioso.

Por una parte, me quedo con la admiración hacia un hombre siempre en actitud positiva, con una capacidad

de esfuerzo y trabajo tremenda, aderezada con una confianza en si mismo pocas veces vista.

Por otra parte, a lo largo del libro te recorre una cierta sensación de estar invadiendo una intimidad que no debiera haber sido revelada (aún sabiendo que habrá muchas cartas más íntimas que no habrán salido a la luz).

Lucy says

These letters (written to friends and students) weave a narrative of a good man behind the disciplined genius of Bruce Lee. He applies his deep understanding of Taoist and Zen philosophy in his teachings of martial arts and in doing so raises the threshold of mastering the craft.

Bruce Lee's body and mind speak a single cohesive language, transcending knowledge and understanding to a level of clarity that as his students we can only hope to attain.
