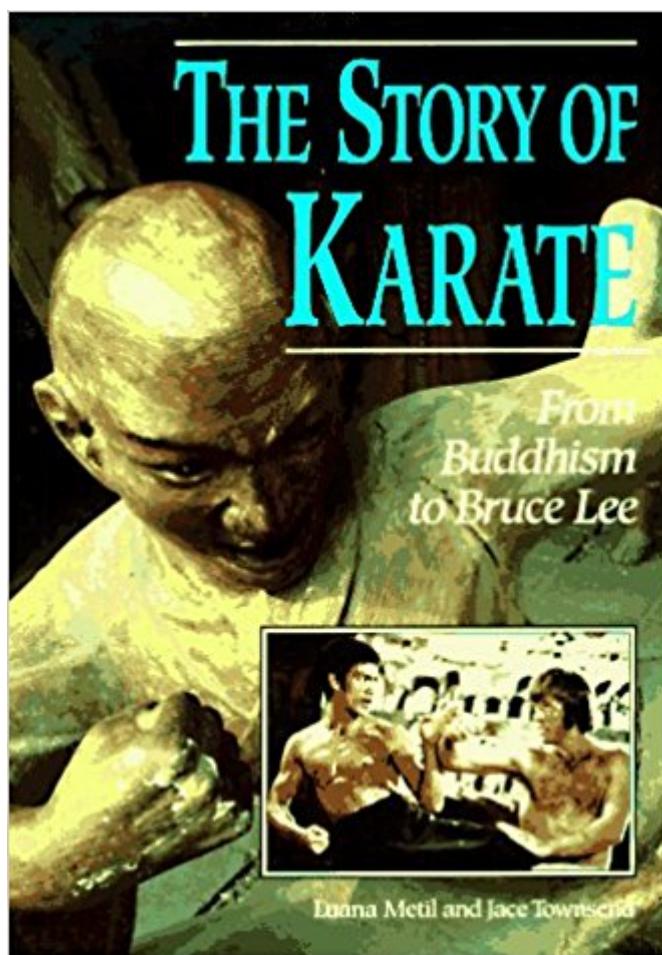


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derived out of Kung Fu the authors do a reasonable job covering its history. Other martial art forms: Aikido, Jijitsu, Tae Kwon Do, also get a page or two. This is a simple introduction that helps you understand how Karate evolved and how it has found its place in our modern world. It has very good photos and a wonderful section on Bruce Lee and Chuck Norris. If you are a young person wanting to get a better understanding of this martial art form then this would be a good book to begin with. Recommended.

This book will especially appeal to both the younger reader and to any student beginning Karate. It does not over elaborate which is a common failing of many martial arts publications. Instead, a good all-round history from origins to present day are covered in a way which keeps the reader interested. This book is probably not as relevant to the more advanced Karate student, but nevertheless is still entertaining. A great gift for any budding Bruce Lee you might know!

Buddhism & Bruce Lee have nothing to do with Karate. No more need be said on this book. There are a lot of other, good books on the subject of karate available through .com.

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