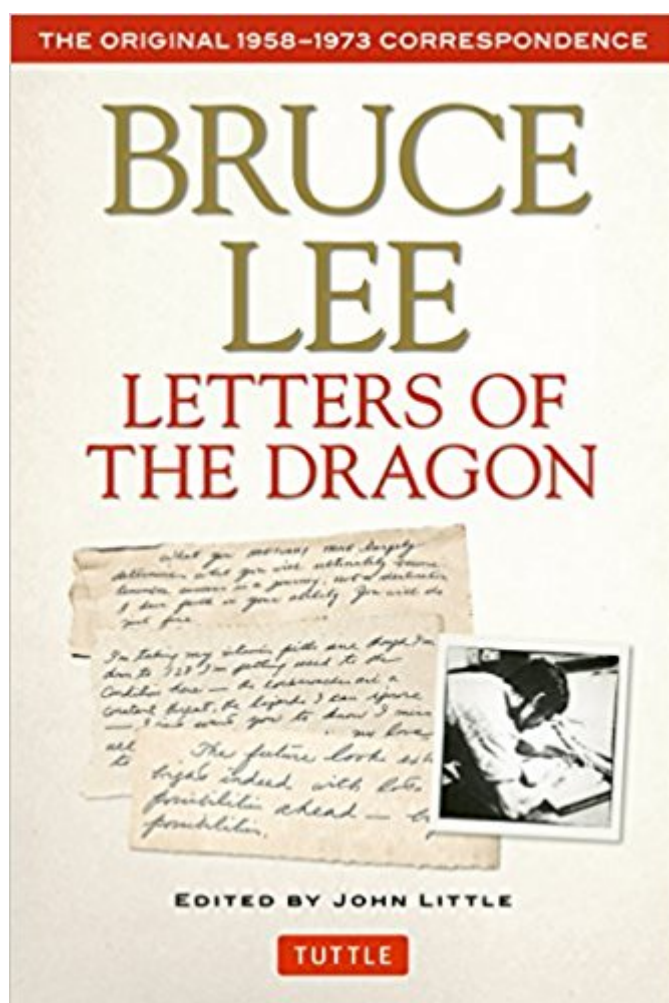


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# Bruce Lee Letters Of The Dragon: The Original 1958-1973 Correspondence (The Bruce Lee Library)



## Synopsis

Letters of the Dragon: Correspondence, 1958-1973 is a fascinating glimpse of the private Bruce Lee behind the public image. So much has been written about Bruce Lee – the martial arts superstar whose combination of strength, agility and charisma are legendary – but seldom are we able to see beneath the veneer of Lee's public image to view his inner self. Bruce Lee Letters of the Dragon does just that – offering a highly personal view of the man through the letters he wrote to his close friends and family from his teenage years right up until his untimely death in 1973 at the tender age of 32. This unparalleled collection of Bruce Lee's own personal correspondence begins with his high school days in Hong Kong and continues throughout the period when he was working as a successful actor in America and in Hong Kong, right up until the time he died. During this period he was also developing radically new concepts about Asian martial arts – including his own Jeet Kune Do martial arts system. In these letters we are able to see clearly all the optimism, tenacity, integrity and intense loyalty for which Bruce Lee is known and adored by millions of fans today. More than a fascinating chronicle of his rise to superstardom, these letters offer intimate glimpses of the artist, husband, father and friend behind the legend. This Bruce Lee Book is part of the Bruce Lee Library which also features: Bruce Lee: Striking Thoughts Bruce Lee: The Celebrated Life of the Golden Dragon Bruce Lee: The Tao of Gung Fu Bruce Lee: Artist of Life Bruce Lee: The Art of Expressing the Human Body Bruce Lee: Jeet Kune Do

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"Letters of the Dragon: Correspondence, 1958-1973 collects hundreds of letters from the movie star, mostly to his family. His fond and matter-of-fact missives about shooting schedules and his pets make it easy to forget what a huge star he was." [• Publishers Weekly](#) | Bruce Lee books are now also available in ebook format [• Amazon](#) | "That's great, it's nice if you're traveling to take everything with you in one little small container so-to-speak." [• Martial Thoughts Podcast](#) "Most important is how private and human this collection of letters will make you feel about Bruce. Here are not only his teachings and expertise, but his weaknesses, doubts, and his burning desire to grow as a person." [• Fight Nerd blog](#) "To get some insight over Bruce Lee's thoughts and personal interactions, I recommend reading Bruce Lee: Letters of the Dragon. It is a refreshing change from books on technical martial concepts and second-hand accounts that praises the man, without acknowledging his vulnerabilities." [• Logen Lanka, Way of Ninja](#) "After reading these letters, I have to say that it gave me a far better idea of who the author was as a person than a straightforward non-fiction biography would've. The fact that he was human just like everybody else was something that I could spot in the first couple of letters that I read. While he might not have stuck to the rules of correct English grammar, his clear enjoyment of letter writing is almost contagious." [• HubPages](#)

Bruce Lee (1940-1973) was a martial artist, film actor, filmmaker, philosopher and the founder of the original mixed martial art known as Jeet Kune Do [• Wikipedia](#) | "the way of the intercepting fist." As an actor, Lee became a cultural icon. He was born in San Francisco but spent his formative years in Hong Kong. His groundbreaking action films sparked intense interest in the Asian martial arts in the West. His most famous film is Enter the Dragon (1973). He was an avid student of all forms of martial arts along with Eastern and Western philosophy and is regarded today as the most influential martial artist who ever lived. Lee moved beyond the rigid traditional style of martial arts to develop his own free-form, modern style of Jeet Kune Do. John Little is considered one of the world's foremost authorities on Bruce Lee, his training methods, and philosophies. Little is the only person who has ever been authorized to review the entirety of Lee's personal notes, sketches, and reading annotations. Little's articles have appeared in every martial arts and health and fitness magazine in North America. John is an expert in the fields of martial arts, bodybuilding, and physical conditioning.

From this book, I learned that reading someone's correspondence provides insights into that person's life that might not be as available through biographies, or even autobiographies. These letters were intended as intimate and private expressions from the heart, to be transmitted to family members and close friends. They were not formal and highly edited manuscripts prepared for a large unknown audience. They helped me to understand this man. I found the following especially interesting. He loved his wife and children very much. He repeatedly mentioned them in his letters. He had no animosity towards the Japanese. He loved Japanese food, found samurai movies entertaining, delved in the Japanese martial arts, and enjoyed his visit to Japan. He stopped in Hawaii (that's where I'm from!) on his way to San Francisco. And he wrote about plans to honeymoon in Hong Kong, Japan, and Hawaii, with his wife, Linda. His agent tried to connect him to the Hawaii 5-O television series. p. 103 He gave encouragement to other pioneering Asian martial artists (e.g., Jhoon Ree) in their missions to establish themselves in the United States. In a letter to Ree, Lee expressed this familiar coping strategy, "Remember my friend that it is not what happens that counts, but how you react to them." p. 117 He tried to make his television character, Kato, more of an "active partner" of the Green Hornet, and less of a "mute follower." p. 77 Generally, this collection describes the development of a human being who made a dent in the universe. Bruce Lee's energy, optimism, struggles, and visions are on display in this volume.

Excellent glimpse into the life of Bruce Lee. It was interesting watching his mind and writing transform over the years. Brilliant read for anyone looking to learn more about the legend of the dragon.

Great quality and fast delivery. Thank you.

I personally like it. It reveals the other side of Bruce Lee as a charming multifacet. The content is more of a daily friends or family talk/mail than official teaching or casting. Not very much related to martial art also. But it really adds more of a humanity side of Bruce Lee, how he grew into who he was, and how he lived. I would say it is a nice side dish for those who admire Bruce Lee or enjoy his philosophy, or simply find him interesting.

The letters by Bruce Lee really give an intimate picture of who he was day to day and how he interacted in his relationships with the people closest to him. Highly insightful reading.

This book is a must read, if you like Bruce Lee, Could not put it down. I even bought the hard cover.

Great view into the life and thinking of the great Bruce Lee. It covers everything from taking care of his dog to making plans for Enter the Dragon. I highly recommend this book .

The closest thing to a personal journal that there is for Bruce Lee. Reading these personal letters really show you a great glimpse of Bruce Lee's personality and philosophy.

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