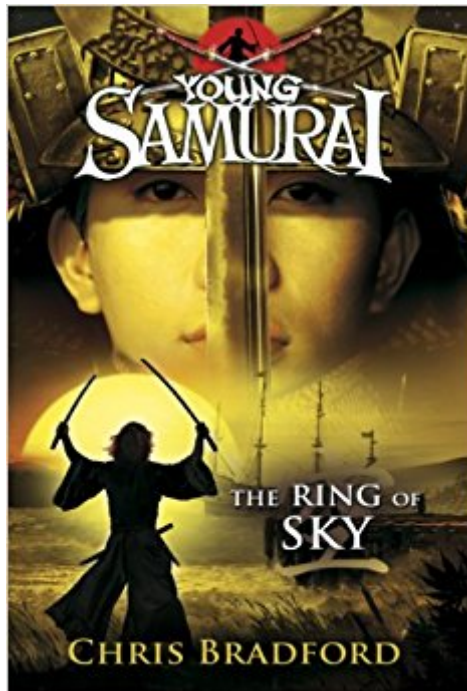




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Synopsis

Packed with historical action-adventure, the eighth and final book in Chris Bradford's blockbuster Young Samurai series reaches a thrilling conclusion. The Shogun has deemed that any Christian or foreigner now discovered outside the bounds of an official trading port will be instantly put to death. For Jack, Nagasaki is within reach, but the Shogun's samurai are closing in with the help of Jack's old school rival, Kazuki, who has a score to settle. Will Jack make it to the city alive? Will he keep hold of the precious rutter? Can he find a ship bound for England, or will he be burned at the stake?

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

"A fantastic adventure that floors the reader on page one and keeps them there until the end."

—Eoin Colfer, author, *Artemis Fowl*

Chris Bradford has trained in karate, kickboxing, and samurai swordsmanship. He earned his black belt in Zen Kyo Shin Taijutsu, the secret fighting art of the ninja. Before writing the Young Samurai series, he was a professional musician and songwriter and has performed for HRH Queen Elizabeth II.

This book is a must-read! I absolutely love every book in the series. The author, Chris Bradford, is very talented and writes incredible books. This is without a doubt my favorite book series I've read. You must read it yourself.

This is an addictive series; every book a roller coaster of action and emotion. I love these books, and this was a perfect ending to his story in Japan, but I hope this is not the last I read of Jack Fletcher's journey. I would love to see what his sister has been up to all this time, and I would love to see how things go when (if?) he gets back to England, from another character's point of view maybe? In a nutshell, Bradford is an amazing story teller, I will read anything he writes!

I cannot condense my words enough while giving adequate praise to the series and its author. In short, this is the most satisfying conclusions to a series that I have ever read in a long time. Chris Bradford is an ingenious storyteller and keeps one and all glued to the pages right from the time one picks up one of his books. I came across the 3rd book in the series (The Way of the Dragon) a couple of years ago quite by chance in a quiet unassuming little bookshop in India and ever since then, I've been hooked. The Ring of Sky has provided me with more excitement and a medley of various emotions in a way I certainly did not expect. To all lovers of adventure, or to those simply looking for an engaging read, I highly encourage you to pick up these books and experience the same joy of reading them that I have.

The Young Samurai series has been a huge success in my classroom of 4th-6th graders, and we highly recommend it. It appeals equally to boys and girls, and most of the class is either reading the series or has completed it; we have had to invest in multiple copies to keep everyone happy. Jack Fletcher's adventures cover eight books, but author Chris Bradford has the knack of keeping the reader engaged to the end. There's plenty of action in every episode, and enough reflection, and Japanese background, to raise the books way above the standard action hero genre. The books include a lot of authentic-sounding technical detail, and children soon learn the many Japanese terms that Bradford uses, helped by the glossary at the back of each volume. All of us (children and adults) who have finished the series want to know what happened to Jack when he returned to England, and whether he will ultimately return to Japan, where he seems to belong.

We will read this when we get done with book number 7

This was an amazing series and i am so sad that i am done with it!! I am definitely going to read it over and over and over! Chris please write another amazing series and/or (preferably or) write another sequel to this book!!! (Maybe the ride home and an adventure in england)!!!! That was way longer than i thought it was going to be. Oh well such an amazing series deserves a really long meaningful review!! Again an amazing series!!!!!!!!!! Maybe the best i have ever read!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I have never been this obsessed with a series since Harry Potter. It breaks my heart that I have to put down this book. Chris Bradford is a genius at coming up with amazing characters, plots, and twists. Anyone interested in anything must read this series.

I def. agree with all the positive feedback below - I came across the series only about 3 months ago, read the first book in 2 days and bought all Young Samurai books next day because they are just incredible!!! Full of action, details, hidden meaning! They're so POSITIVE that whenever I feel down I just re-read about Jack's adventures and find the strength and inspiration to struggle for my own dreams:) also, I often skip descriptions when reading but I read EVERY word of these books because the style of writing is amazing. I'm so addicted to the story, I even started re-reading the whole series after finishing The Ring of Sky!:) I hope Mr. Bradford writes many more books (and not just about Jack:)

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