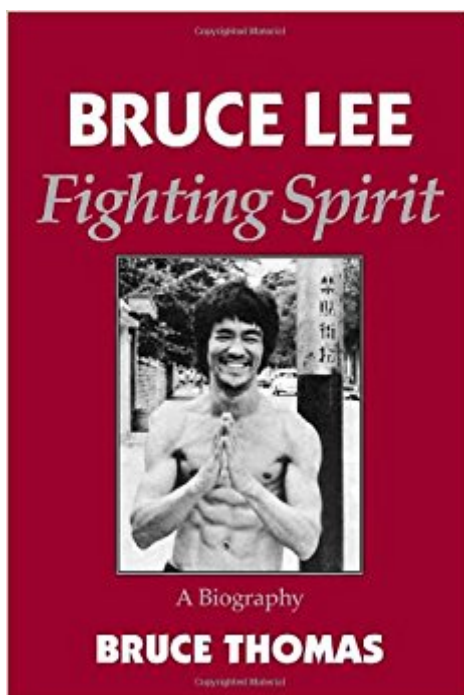


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This is the only independent biography of Bruce Lee, and it is complete in terms of both the martial arts and the movies.

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First off, I want to say that fighting spirit made me realize how special Jeet Kune Do is. Bruce Lee's fighting spirit not only covers the greatness of Bruce Lee's life but also covers Bruce Lee's spiritual makeup and how he reached his full potential as a martial artist on a philosophical level. This book too can give you a piece of Bruce Lee's energy and give you the inspiration to achieve your goals in life. On the spiritual level, it's very deep as well. I'll say a couple significant quotes from the book. "Though the martial artist perishes, he will embody a spirit that will not die." "What we need now is something far more extraordinary, what we need now is to share the same insights and understandings that lie at the heart of Bruce Lee's experience." If I could publish a list on the internet for one of the best Bruce Lee books of all time, this would be the book. Also, if you seek to use martial arts as a vehicle for self-awareness or to understand life on a spiritual level, it's this book.

I, like most guys who grew up in the 70's, was and am a huge Bruce fan, and I've read just about everything ever written about him. I agree with other reviewers in that this bio is the most informative and heartfelt account of Bruce's life, written by a musician by the way! Bruce Thomas does an excellent job conveying to the reader his views on what made Bruce Lee such an electrifying human being, without it being blind hero worship. Bruce's supreme confidence and his normal human fears are explored. For fans like myself who are interested in Bruce's extraordinary martial arts abilities, Mr. Thomas delves into this aspect better than it's ever been done! Just the BEST Bruce Lee book you can get - get it and "Be WATER my friend".

A seeker of the truth, he shares Bruce's truth; as much as we know. Truly an amazing book that delivers on just about all aspects of Bruce Lee and not just soaking up or basking in his glory but getting to the very reality that was Bruce Lee! Even if you are slightly interested in Bruce, pick up this book and you'll never think of him the same way.

I am a martial artist of the Wing Chun style, and Bruce Lee has been a life long hero of mine. This book by Bruce Thomas I enjoyed very much. He tells everything one needs to know of their martial arts hero. Since the author wasn't a personal friend of Master Lee, the book isn't as intimate as Linda Lee's portrait, or the brief articles of Bruce written by Master Wong Shun Leung. Still, it's a very entertaining read and quickly paced. It chronicles Bruce's entire life, from birth to death. Check it out.

Great book about a great man

A good look at the man, his philosophy on life and martial arts, and his career. Very well done, however, I do wish more focus was given to his personal life. That is, showing the type of man he was to his wife and children, not just his students and business partners.

Info on Bruce is good, but the author tried to show how knowledgeable (or unknowledgeable) he is in Eastern philosophy in the last several chapters which is not a good way to conclude this book.

Of all the many books I have read on Bruce Lee I think this biography is far and away the best. The previous reviewer reflected my thought exactly, that the author, Bruce Thomas, is "respectful but not caught up in hero worship". I would add that this is the only Bruce Lee book I have read that manages to walk that line. Bruce Thomas clearly has a personality and spirituality that is mature enough to have captured and integrated the essence of Bruce Lee. The biography is well-researched and detailed but this is more than a biography...it is a great book.

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