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Longsword Hal Leonard
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Do you like swords? Do you want to know how to use them? Then this book is for you. Renowned swordsman and author Guy Windsor will take you through the principles and practice of medieval knightly combat with the longsword. The tactics and techniques come from *Il Fior di Battaglia*, written in 1410 by Fiore dei Liberi, one of the greatest trainers of knights in the Middle Ages. In this book Guy covers everything you need to get started, including principles of swordsmanship, training mindset, and choosing

equipment; as well as a complete system of physical practice, from basic footwork all the way up through sword handling and pair drills to free fencing. Beginners will find this a complete and approachable guide to taking up the Art of Arms; experienced swordsmen will also find many tips and tricks for developing their skills. Guy Windsor has been training martial arts for almost 30 years, and teaching professionally since 2001, when he founded The School of European Swordsmanship. The School now has branches and study groups on all over the world. Guy's other books include *The Swordsman's Companion*, *The Duellist's Companion*, *Veni Vadi Vici*, and *Mastering the Art of Arms vol 1: The*

Medieval Dagger.

*The Academy of the
Sword* Lulu.com

The dao, a single-edged sword with a curved blade, is one of the most popular weapons in traditional Chinese martial arts. The art of Taiji Dao is a set of skills for using the dao, derived from the popular martial art Taijiquan. One of the most important aspects of Taijiquan practice is weapons training, eagerly pursued by students who have become adept in the basic skills of the art. *The Complete Taiji Dao* introduces the principles and practice of Taiji Dao and provides illustrated discussions of the history of Chinese swords. The book covers the history and features of the dao; the Taiji principles from which Taiji Dao practice derives; the basic skills

and techniques of the art; detailed descriptions and photographs of the traditional Taiji Dao form; and Taiji Dao fighting principles and training methods. Broad in scope and detailed in its presentation of the principles and practice of Taiji Dao, *The Complete Taiji Dao* represents a significant contribution to the field of traditional Chinese weapons practice.

Swordfighting, for Writers, Game Designers and Martial Artists Casemate Publishers

The lessons of influential 15th-century fencing master Sigmund Ringeck are brought to life once again by David Lindholm and Peter Svärd, the duo behind Sigmund Ringeck's *Knighthly Art of the Longsword*. This lavishly illustrated companion to *Longsword* examines Ringeck's instruction on fighting with the sword and buckler, fighting in armor with longsword and spear, and wrestling. These disciplines and more are fully explained both by Ringeck's text (offered in the original old German as well as the authors' English translation) and detailed captions for the step-by-step illustrations. The timeless works of Ringeck,

who is best known for his interpretations of the teachings of grand master Johannes Liechtenauer, offer a rare opportunity to experience a firsthand account of this important period in the development of the Western martial arts. This book will be treasured by aficionados of the medieval arts of combat for generations to come. Foreword by John Clements.

The Art of Swordsmanship

Frontline Books

"[A] remarkable how-to . . . offers freeze-frame instructions on medieval martial arts using swords, shields, poleaxes, daggers and wrestling" (Publishers Weekly). Written by German fencing master Hans Talhoffer in 1467, this book illustrates the intricacies of the medieval art of fighting, covering both the "judicial duel" (an officially sanctioned fight to resolve a legal dispute) and personal combat. Combatants in the Middle Ages used footwork, avoidance, and the ability to judge and manipulate timing and distance to exploit and enhance the sword's inherent cutting and thrusting capabilities. These skills were supplemented with techniques for grappling,

wrestling, kicking and throwing the opponent, as well as disarming him by seizing his weapon. Every attack contained a defense and every defense a counterattack. Talhoffer reveals the techniques for wrestling, unarmored fighting with the long sword, poleaxe, dagger, sword and buckler, and mounted combat. This unparalleled guide to medieval combat, illustrated with 268 contemporary images, provides a glimpse of real people fighting with skill, sophistication and ruthlessness. This is one of the most popular and influential manuals of its kind. "This superb treatise, amply illustrated, provides valuable insight into the real world of medieval combat. Magnificent!" —Books Monthly

The Theory and Practice of Historical Martial Arts Paladin Press

(Limelight). The ultimate guide to stage fighting technique and basic swordplay, this book covers everything an actor must do to give a dynamic and convincing performance as a stage combatant. "[This book] is more than a manual... A necessity! Richard Lane's

concepts are vital... 'Why' and 'When' are explained and make 'How' easier to understand and execute... Read this, pay heed and you will avoid sin and suffering... I raise my sword on high and salute you, Richard. Well done!" Oscar F.

Kolombatovich, former Fencing Master, Metropolitan Opera, New York, and Executive Secretary, Historical Fencing Society
Kendo Spada Press
 "The Academy of the Sword centers on an assemblage of rare illustrated books devoted to the subject of fencing and dueling, drawn (with one exception) from the library of the Arms and Armor Department of The Metropolitan Museum of Art ... Accompanying the books and giving vivid impact to their illustrations are a selection of swords, rapiers, parrying daggers, bucklers, and other accoutrements, which follow the chronology of, and changes in, fighting styles depicted in the books"--Introduction, page 3.

Mastering the Art of Arms, Volume 2 Spada Press
 This sixteenth-century German guide to sword fighting and combat training is a crucial source

for understanding medieval swordplay techniques. Following his translation of Joachim Meyer's *The Art of Combat*, Jeffrey L. Forgeng was alerted to an earlier version of Meyer's text, discovered in Lund University Library in Sweden. The manuscript, produced in Strasbourg around 1568, is illustrated with thirty watercolor images and seven ink diagrams. The text covers combat with the longsword (hand-and-a-half sword), dusack (a one-handed practice weapon comparable to a sabre), and rapier. The manuscript's theoretical discussion of guards sheds significant light on this key feature of the historical practice, not just in relation to Meyer but in relation to medieval combat systems in general. *The Art of Sword Combat* also offers an extensive repertoire of training drills for both the dusack and the rapier, a feature largely lacking in treatises of the period and critical to modern reconstructions of the practice. Forgeng's translation also includes a biography of Meyer, much of which has only recently come to light, as well as technical terminology and other essential

information for understanding and contextualizing the work.

The Art of Longsword Fighting Royal Armouries
 Monsieur L'Abbat was an early 18th century tutor of fencing and sword fighting, who instructed many students in France with the techniques contained in this guidebook. Discussing techniques, tactics, stances, and movements essential for the skilled swordsman, L'Abbat treats the pivotal motions with great attention. With the aid of pictorial examples alongside, we learn how to assume a good battle stance, how to lunge or thrust in attack or defend with a parry or riposte. The finer points of conduct during a sword fight are given much attention, with L'Abbat relating experiences with other masters of the craft. Monsieur L'Abbat lived at the time the culture of the musketeers was at its height. Emblematic of French bonhomie and martial prowess, these soldiers were expected to gain mastery of both the musket firearm and the thin, lengthy sabre. Many would hone their techniques with both weapons for years in special military barracks.

The Art of Longsword Fighting Frontline Books (Applause Books). SWORD FIGHTING; A MANUAL FOR ACTORS AND DIRECTORS is a comprehensive new work on the art of creating realistic and exciting fight sequences for theatre, film and TV. This book is the product of thirty years research and experimentation into traditional European martial arts by acclaimed fight director John Waller and his associates, and possibly the most wide-ranging and practical book on stage combat ever published.

Persian Archery and Swordsmanship Lulu.com Royal Armouries MS I.33 Companion Deciphering the martial techniques in RA MS I.33 can be difficult. Paul Wagner & Stephen Hand of the Stoccata School of Defence, Sydney, have studied the manuscript for five years, working to unlock its intriguing secrets. What emerges is a complex system of civilian sword and buckler combat (including wrestling). All of the I.33 techniques are presented here with clear text are presented with more than 400 photographic illustrations, a complete martial arts system useful for historical martial

artists, reenactors, SCA combatants, or any student of medieval military history. Alone or as a companion to Dr. Jeffrey Forgeng's *Medieval Art of Swordsmanship*, this book is sure to become a swordsmanship and martial arts classic.

Japanese Sword Fighting The School of European Swordsmanship This book is a simple, straight forward translation of Philipppo di Vadi's "De Arte Gladiatoria Dimicandi" (1482), which covers a theoretical framework for the Italian longsword as well as plays of the sword, sword in armor, spear, poleaxe, and dagger.

The Art of Longsword Fighting Freelance Academy Press Focusing his expertise on the techniques and history of the bokken—the wooden training sword used by both ancient samurai and today's swordsmen—the author maintains that training with the bokken is important on two levels for the modern practitioner: to build the physical stamina, rhythms, and adroit body movements of traditional swordsmanship and to achieve something of the animating spirit of the traditional swordsman.

This history of the bokken combines the author's concise, eloquent writing style with more than 100 photographs to provide the reader with the traditional and modern perspectives of this vital, historically rich practice tool.

The Flower of Battle National Geographic Books

From the Foreword by Neal Stephenson:

"Whether you are a writer or game-maker seeking the kind of information I sought while writing *The Baroque Cycle*, or just a general reader with an interest in the arts to which Guy Windsor has dedicated his career, you should find much that is rewarding in these pages." This book is a collection of essays and articles, about half of which have been adapted from Guy's successful blog, at guywindsor.com, the rest have never been published before. It is in eight sections: "What is Historical Swordsmanship?" covers some aspects of researching and recreating the Art. "Martial Essentials" covers some of the less-well-understood aspects of what martial arts are and how they work. "Lessons from the Art" covers some

of the wider real-world benefits of training, especially dealing with questions of mistakes, risk, and fear. "Swords" describes the main classifications of the weapons we use, and includes discussion of appropriate training tools. "Fighting" includes historical examples of duels, and discussions about the nature of real violence. "Writing Swordfights" is about how swords and swordfights should be represented in fiction, with examples of fights done both well and badly. "Gaming" is a discussion of the ways in which swordsmanship can be adapted for game design purpose. "Training" includes key insights into how we train swordsmanship."

[De Arte Gladiatoria Dimicandi](#) Lulu.com

A comprehensive introduction to the subject of sword fighting: Herbert Schmidt explains the fundamentals of fighting with the long sword, the guards, cuts and Master Cuts, as well as advanced techniques and tactics for practical fighting. These also include wrestling at the sword. Typical combat sequences, equipment tips, cutting tests, training and free fighting, plus an extensive glossary round

out this new standard work. Its modern approach and numerous photos make this book a valuable textbook and reference work.

The Art of Fencing: A Manual of Sword Fencing; Historical Techniques by an 18th Century Master
National Geographic Books

Jointly Published with the British Royal Armouries
Medieval fighting has long been thought to be rough and untutored. Visions of men madly slashing to and fro and hoping for the best still dominate not only popular culture but modern histories of fencing as well. In recent years, the survival of more than 175 fighting treatises from the Middle Ages and Renaissance has provided a whole generation of enthusiasts, scholars, reenactors and stage choreographers with a wealth of new information. This text represents the earliest known text on swordsmanship anywhere in the world. Royal Armouries MS I.33 presents a system of combat that is sophisticated and demonstrates the diffusion of fighting arts beyond the military classes. Within the manuscripts richly

illustrated full-color illustrations lie still-potent demonstrates of sword techniques, surprisingly shown by a Priest and Scholar. Most surprisingly, however, is the presence of a woman practicing in the text, the only one illustrated in any European fighting treatise. This full color facsimile & translation has been long-awaited and promises to become an important resource for years to come
Swashbuckling The School of European Swordsmanship
Renowned budo (martial arts) and ninja grandmaster Hatsumi explains how Japanese sword fighting embodies the essence of budo and the spirit of the samurai. For centuries, sword masters like Miyamoto Musashi have been revered, and have fascinated and inspired people everywhere. Now, in his definitive work, Masaaki Hatsumi, the world's most famous living budo and ninja grandmaster, shares his vast knowledge of Japanese sword fighting as it's been practiced through the ages: its history, techniques, styles, and core philosophies, along with the deepest secrets of this

venerable martial art. Hatsumi covers a variety of classical techniques, including ninja kenpo and two-sword fighting, and also demonstrates applications using the stick, spear, naginata, and kusarigama. He then explores such secret techniques as those involving armor, and the mutodori (no-sword) forms, considered the ultimate samurai skill. Detailed demonstration photos, works of calligraphy by famous samurai artists, historical scrolls, and illustrations enhance the text. Within Hatsumi's technical descriptions and musings on the history of bushido (the way of the warrior) are sections in which he places budo and sword fighting in their cultural context, discusses their practical applications, and conveys his personal philosophy of promoting a world of peace and tolerance.

The Art of Sword Fighting in Earnest

Frontline Books
Full colour facsimile of Philippo Vadi's important fifteenth century manuscript on knightly commentary, with a detailed introduction, accurate translation and practical commentary from world-renowned

swordsmanship instructor and researcher Dr. Guy Windsor.

Bokken Black Belt Communications Incorporated
The teaching of Historical European Martial Arts has widespread appeal with numerous clubs in many countries. However, comparatively few people who run their own club have qualifications that would make them an instructor in traditional martial arts organizations. Even those with such qualifications lack in-depth cohesive resources for teaching a given style – often because they can only work from incomplete sources. Thus, the need for a book which is grounded in exhaustive research into historical teaching methods and in particular focusing on the specific style of Sigmund Ringeck, who was himself a teacher of fighting arts in the late 14th century or the early or mid-15th century. In *The Art of Longsword Fighting*, Benjamin J. Smith therefore offers the broader information necessary for teachers of historical swordsmanship to deliver courses based on original, authentic techniques. This includes the various cutting methods, the role of

competition in learning these arts, the mechanics of the interpretive process, and insights into how to use a wide range of activities to enhance students' experience. All of this is achieved through a panoply of photographs showing each move along with explanatory diagrams as well as detailing how and when to introduce each next step in a manner that is faithful to Ringeck's style. There is no current literature available which demonstrates how each move should be undertaken and, most importantly, why each step should be taken in the sequences described. There is no doubt that a book of this nature has been long awaited and will be welcomed by instructors and students alike as well as those general readers interested in fencing and the longsword of the Renaissance period. [Sword Techniques of Musashi and the Other Samurai Masters](#) Metropolitan Museum of Art
English translation of one of the most significant medieval texts on fighting with swords. *Sword Fighting* Paul H Crompton Limited
"Guy has the rare talent

of making this material accessible” -Neal Stephenson (from his Foreword to Swordfighting) “Guy Windsor's greatest gift to WMA/HEMA is his marvellous ability to translate period language into a meaningful experience for modern WMA/HEMA practitioners and he has once more shown his ability to do exactly that.” - Adam (review of Veni Vadi Vici)
NOTE: THIS EDITION DOES NOT INCLUDE A FACSIMILE OF THE MANUSCRIPT From the late fifteenth century

comes a detailed manuscript on knightly combat, written by Filippo Vadi. Dedicated to one of the most famous Italian condottiere of the age, Guidobaldo, Duke of Urbino, this book covers the theory of combat with the longsword, as well as dozens of techniques of the sword, the spear, the pollax, and the dagger. The Art of Sword Fighting in Earnest includes a detailed introduction, setting Vadi and his combat style in their historical context, a complete translation of

the manuscript, and a detailed commentary from the perspective of the practising martial artist. Please note it does not include a facsimile of the manuscript, but that may be downloaded from a link provided in the text. This volume is the second edition of Dr. Windsor's earlier work, Veni Vadi Vici, updating the translation and the introduction. This is essential reading for any practitioner of knightly combat, academic historian, or enthusiast for the quattrocento period of Italian history.