

## Training The Samurai Mind A Bushido Sourcebook

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Mason's Backyard Workout is a story about a mouse name Mason who decides to have a backyard workout get-together with all of his animal friends after seeing a commercial on TV about how everyone needs to move and exercise. Mason asks his friend Ellen, the eagle, to help get the word out by dropping invitations to all his friends. His friends were excited about the backyard workout. The story uses a variety of animals who participate in Mason's exercise fun with each one adding an exercise that they enjoy doing. As children experience Mason's Backyard Workout they will meet Mason the mouse and his animal friends and engage their imaginations in a way that will encourage them to have their own exercise fun.

"Thomas Cleary shows us how well-known attributes such as the reserve and mystery of formal Japanese behavior are deeply rooted in the ancient strategies of the traditional arts of war. Citing original sources that are popular among Japanese readers today, he reveals hidden forces behind Japanese attitudes and conduct in political, business, social, and personal life."--BOOK JACKET.

The images in this book each represent one of the 12 Spiritual Powers. Each drawing is accompanied by a page of information about the attributes of that power, the disciple associated with it, the color, the body energy point, and any angels, flowers or herbs associated with the power. Consciously using this information allows the essence of each power to become more real, and a powerful tool in our daily lives.

Mind Your Thoughts is a book that will help you quiet and focus your thoughts so you speak directly to your unconscious state of being in a language the mind understands. Meditation is nothing more than relaxation, and in a meditative state, your conscious can relax and allow you to speak directly to the unconscious. The unconscious is in charge of your life, even though you allow your conscious to be in control. If you want to experience change in your life, you need to learn to bypass the conscious control which can be described as critical, analytical, and most of all judgmental. Meditating through relaxation is how you reprogram your unconscious with new concepts and information. The unconscious learns by applying this information against the storage of all your memories, experiences, reactions, and emotions. Also, the unconscious is much more accepting of change because it processes information without judgment. You will see both mental and physical changes resulting from this process. Practice with the thoughts in this book; your unconscious will understand even if your conscious seems confused. Mind your thoughts and experience a human metamorphosis from the inside out. The purpose of meditation is to quiet the mind. Meditation removes the clutter of thoughts from everyday life, and also helps you to get in touch with your higher consciousness. It does take practice, so do not become discouraged. Set aside 45 minutes each evening before you go to sleep. Sit in a quiet room, in a comfortable and relaxed position wearing loose clothing. Close your eyes and take a deep breath in through your nose and let it out slowly through your mouth. With each breath in, clear your mind of all thoughts, and feel your body relax. Repeat this 9 times before beginning. This book contains 81 thoughts for you to meditate on. There are 9 sets of 9 thoughts each. Start with Set One and allow 5 minutes of meditation for each thought. After your initial warm up of 9 deep breaths, read the first thought of the first set. Close your eyes and continue your deep breathing as you reflect on the thought and what it may mean to you and your life. Think of nothing else. Repeat this with each thought until you complete Set One. It will take you at least 9 evenings to get through all of the sets in the book. You may want to repeat a set over and over again before moving on to the next set. Eventually, you will have your favorite thoughts that you will want to dedicate your meditations on. Most people enjoy thoughts of wisdom, but rarely take the time to internalize them enough to be life changing. Practice mindfulness in life and create ripples that will forever change your life. This is not an instructional book on the art of meditation.

At just twenty-two years of age, Briana Mils finds herself at a desperate crossroads. Once a promising student at the University of Oregon, she now finds herself alone on the streets of Portland with only the clothes on her back, memories of a happier time, and the stray dog that's adopted her. And she's got the drug that helps her forget. Briana's mistakes haunt her, lashing her with severe consequence, forcing her to make a decision few would ever make. Still, in a final attempt to make her young life count for something, Briana begins writing it all down—everything—so that others walking the crumbling precipice of rebellion might leap to safety before it's too late. She writes about her present struggles and the past. She writes about Michael, the boy she loved and left behind when she went off to college. She writes about the violent activism and drug that derailed her life. She writes about the demands placed on her by a socially conscious mother, and the adoration shown by a proud father. And Briana talks about Brody—the young activist leader who captured her heart, took it to the altar, and then crushed it. What develops is an engrossing record of a young and troubled life, one both beautiful and ugly, innocent and corrupt, lost and then found. And wrapped in its literary sinew is a cast of characters as diverse and engaging as the stars, and an impassioned love story sure to transcend time. What readers are saying: "Timeless...provocative." "Characters so real you'd swear this was a true account." "A brilliant read!" Alone Among People is D. M. Anthony's first novel. He lives in California where he's at work on his next book. This review is from: Alone Among People (Paperback) A Compelling and Heart Warming Story, September 25, 2012 "Alone Among People is at once an engaging, moving story and a provocative statement about the thin line between thriving and sinking into an abyss as inescapable as quicksand. Its timeless and uplifting messages of hope conquering despair, healing borne of love and care, and peace at discovering one's identity are an inspiration. The author's empathy for the characters and their plight betrays knowledge of what he writes, and offers the reader a unique glimpse into a vulnerable and intimate place... his heart. I recommend this book to anyone who has traveled through the anguish of darkness and longed for the light; it may just guide your way."

Written by an expert dog whisperer and dog owner, the Kelpie Complete Owner's Manual has the answers you may need when researching this tireless herding breed. Learn about this highly

energetic, very smart, purebred and find out whether or not this outstanding working dog will be the best choice for you and your family. Learn everything there is to know, including little known facts and secrets and how to care for every aspect of the Kelpie 's life. This manual contains all the information you need, from birth to the Rainbow Bridge, including transitioning through house breaking, care, feeding, training and end of life, so that you can make a well-informed decision about whether or not this dog is the breed for you. If you already have a Kelpie, this book will teach you everything you need to know to make your dog a happy dog and to make you a happy dog owner. The author George Hoppendale is an experienced writer and a true animal lover. He enjoys writing animal books and advising others how to take care of their animals to give them a happy home. Co-Author Asia Moore is a professional Dog Whisperer, Cynologist and Author, living on Vancouver Island, off the west coast of British Columbia, in Canada, who believes that all humans and dogs can live together in harmony. She and her dog whispering team, which includes an 8-year-old Shih Tzu named Boris, teach dog psychology to humans, to help alleviate problem behaviors that arise between humans and their canine counterparts so that everyone can live a happy and stress-free life together. Covered in this book: - Temperament - Pros and Cons - Vital statistics - Before you buy - Choosing the right dog - Finding a breeder - Puppy proofing your home - The first weeks - Health and common health problems - Medical care & safety - Daily care - Feeding - Bad treats and snacks - Good treats and snacks - House training - Grooming - Training - Poisonous Foods & Plants - Caring for your aging dog .... and much more.

This wonderful little book was totally inspired by jeweled passages from the modern-day masterpiece, A Course in Miracles. It offers a unique blend of the classic Japanese poetic form, the Haiku, three lines composed of seventeen syllables in the pattern of 5-7-5, and masterful photographs from the collection of Theo O'Connor and Leda Robertson. Each of their photographs enhances the meaning of a Haiku, and each Haiku brings out the essence of the photograph. This book offers a gentle, simple introduction to A Course in Miracles for those unfamiliar with it, and provides a loving reminder of its timeless treasures for those who are. Reading this book will be an illuminating experience.

The Samurai Series brings together three of the most important books dealing with the Samurai path and philosophy into one deluxe, illustrated hardcover volume. "The Book of Five Rings" was written by Miyamoto Musashi, a Samurai of legendary renown, about 1645. It is a masterpiece of simple exposition written by a master swordsman, who, near the end of his spectacular life, tried earnestly to explain the essentials of individual combat and the essence of being a Samurai. His book is widely considered to a cornerstone of the philosophy of "Bushido." "Hagakure - The Way of the Samurai," which means: "Hidden by Leaves," was composed from dialogs by the famous Samurai Yamamoto Tsunetomo, by a scribe, Tashiro Tsuramoto, about 1716 AD. It explains the major ideas and philosophy that are essential to the "way of the Samurai," by which is meant the "way of dying." It contains numerous tales of various Samurai and their deeds which illustrate their philosophy and practice. "Bushido - The Soul of Japan" by Inazo Nitobe was first published 1899. It is an extremely literate presentation by a Japanese intellectual who wished to present Japan and its fundamental philosophy in a way that could be understood by Westerners. It describes how the Shinto religion and Buddhism are the underpinnings of the essentially militaristic view of honor and life that are inherent in Bushido, the Samurai code. Excerpt from The Book of Five Rings. Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved. The Gaze in Strategy The gaze should be large and broad. This is the twofold gaze, "Perception and Sight." Perception is strong and sight, weak. In strategy, it is important to see distant things as if they were close, and to take a distanced view of close things. It is important in strategy to know the enemy's sword, yet not be distracted by insignificant movements of his sword. You must study this. The gaze is the same for single combat and for large-scale strategy. It is necessary in strategy to be able to look to both sides without moving the eyeballs. You cannot master this ability quickly. Learn what is written here; use this gaze in everyday life and do not vary it...

Did you know that by adding a few simple steps to your selling process you could achieve sales you only dreamt of in the past? GoodbyeSellingProblems.com provides a 12 step system that you, as a business owner, or you, as a sales manager, can implement in less than a day and dramatically increase your results. Your sales efforts become much more productive and less stressful. It provides a framework for small businesses to structure their sales process. It strips away all the "fluff" and confusion that you encounter with most expensive sales training courses. The simple 12 step system provides a "nuts and bolts" approach to selling. It allows you to enter every sales situation with a purpose for closing the sale and gets you away from the deadly "sales visit" dilemma that most business owners and sales professionals fall into. In a just a few hours, you can literally gather the information that system introduces you to and make the most powerful sales presentation your company has ever encountered. When this system becomes part of your selling culture, it will provide you with improved sales, greater margins, and eliminate the competition. Author, Buzz Glover, after quietly reviewing and critiquing the sales people that called on him in his own businesses for over 15 years, became disillusioned with the fact that the great majority of salespeople were ill-prepared to sell their products or services. He knew that if he could introduce them to a system that he had developed and refined as a salesperson (and later as a sales manager), they could easily become much more effective at closing more sales faster! The system became a reality when he wrote this book as a companion to his system's website, [www.goodbyesellingproblems.com](http://www.goodbyesellingproblems.com). Through this sales system he is confident that he can change the way small businesses sell and make fundamental cultural changes in their approach to marketing their products and services.

Samurai Warriors illustrates the truth about the fighting men that are iconic in Japanese culture. Comprehensive historical text on the samurai separate myth from fact in chapters detailing their history, from formation to decline, their political role and social structure, and their warfare. Photographs, artwork, and maps illustrate their fighting style and strategy, and depict battles, weapons, and armor. For a period of over fifty years, the samurai helped rule Japan, but these fighter still represent the power and prestige of the warrior.

Through the ages, the samurai have been associated with honor, fearlessness, calm, decisive action, strategic thinking, and martial prowess. Their ethos is known as bushido, the Way of the Warrior-Knight. Here, premier translator Thomas Cleary presents a rich collection of writings on bushido by warriors, scholars, political advisors, and educators from the fifteenth century through the nineteenth century that provide a comprehensive, historically rich view of samurai life and philosophy. Training the Samurai Mind gives an insider's view of the samurai world: the moral and psychological development of the warrior, the ethical standards they were meant to uphold, their training in both martial arts and strategy, and the enormous role that the traditions of Shintoism, Buddhism, Confucianism, and Taoism had in influencing samurai ideals. The writings deal with a broad range of subjects—from military strategy and political science, to personal discipline and character development. Cleary introduces each piece, putting it into historical context, and presents biographical information about the authors. This is an essential read for anyone interested in military history and samurai history, and for martial artists who want to understand strategy.

Dave Lowry juxtaposes his singular experience as an adept student of kenjutsu (the art of swordsmanship) under a Japanese teacher in St. Louis with a riveting account of the samurai tradition in Japan. Intertwining tales of the masters with reflections on his own apprenticeship in the samurai's arts, he reveals in their time-honored methods a way of life with profound relevance to modern times. The result is a fascinating, singular autobiography. Lowry captures the sense of wonder and mystery that makes martial arts compelling to so many practitioners. Even those who do not practice martial arts will delight in this unusual coming-of-age story.

Bushido: the samurai code of Japan is one of the most influential books ever written on "the way of the warrior." A classic study of Japanese culture, the book outlines the moral code of the samurai way of living and the virtues every warrior holds dear. In Bushido, Nitobe points out similarities between Western and Japanese history and culture. He argues that "no matter how different any two cultures may appear to be on the surface, they are still created by human beings, and as such have deep similarities." Nitobe believed that connecting Bushido with greater teachings could make an important contribution to all humanity, that the way of the samurai is not something peculiarly Japanese, but of value to the entire human race.

!-StartFragment- In her most popular bestseller ever, the beloved author and minister Joyce Meyer shows readers how to change their lives by changing their minds. Joyce Meyer teaches how to deal with thousands of thoughts that people think every day and how to focus the mind the way God thinks. And she shares the trials, tragedies, and ultimate victories from her own marriage, family, and ministry that led her to wondrous, life-transforming truth--and reveals her thoughts and feelings every step of the way. Download the free Joyce Meyer author app.

In this book, Shaw draws upon his knowledge of Asian culture and years of study in the martial arts to show us how we, too, can achieve higher understanding through the tenets of Zen Buddhism. Iado - the meditative way of the sword becomes a path to enlightenment. The first step is to learn to control the physical body; once physical senses are honed, the thinking mind can be silenced and can join with the body to become a unified force.

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Learn the ways of the Japanese Bushido Code with this very readable, modern translation of the Bushido Shoshinshu. Code of the Samurai is a four-hundred-year-old explication of the rules and expectations embodied in Bushido, the Japanese Way of the Warrior. Bushido has played a major role in shaping the behavior of modern Japanese government, corporations, society, and individuals, as well as in shaping modern Japanese martial arts within Japan and internationally. The Japanese original of this book, Bushido Shoshinshu, (Bushido for Beginners), has been one of the primary sources on the tenets of Bushido, a way of thought that remains fascinating and relevant to the modern world, East and West. This handbook, written after five hundred years of military rule in Japan, was composed to provide practical and moral instruction for warriors, correcting wayward tendencies and outlining the personal, social, and professional standards of conduct characteristic of Bushido, the Japanese chivalric tradition. With a clear, conversational narrative by Thomas Cleary, one of the foremost translators of the wisdom of Asia, and powerfully evocative line drawings by master illustrator Oscar Ratti, this book is indispensable to the corporate executive, student of the Asian Culture, martial artist, those interested in Eastern philosophy or military strategy, as well as for those simply interested in Japan and its people.

Juju 'Round The World is a Non-fiction international children's book series that details the journey of a 5-year-old African American girl as she moves from Atlanta, GA to Japan with her mom and brother. As with many people, fear of the unknown is scary. Could you imagine a drastic change at such a young age? Juju quickly finds out that all change isn't bad as she embraces the new culture introduced to her. This international travel series aims to bridge the gap between what is often thought of as the impossible for many people of color within inner cities in the US with the rest of the world. Join Juju as she meets new people and explores different cultures while traveling the world with her family. \*\*\*\*\*A percentage of proceeds from each book are allocated to assist with initiatives and crisis on a continuous basis.

In "A Book of Five Rings," Miyamoto Musashi takes the reader into a world filled to the brim with devotion, self-respect, discipline, honesty and purity of thought. Written originally for warriors and samurai in a completely different time and culture, Musashi's book provides a remarkable source of inspiration for self-development today. His teachings are concise and to the point. He uses phrases like "you must understand this" and "you must practice diligently" and explains only general, but unquestionable and fundamental, concepts of the Way of the Warrior. While some of his guidelines are not directly applicable in our time and age, those about striving to achieve improvement on the inside as well as the outside couldn't be more on target. Taken literally this book is about how to become an efficient, albeit enlightened, killer. It's value comes from reading between the lines--lines which speak volumes.

The author presents his perspectives and personal experiences on mentalism and how it can be used to tap into the mind's hidden powers.

"On the origin of Mind' is a detailed description of how the mind works. It explains the dynamics from the neuronal level upwards to the scale of group behaviour, society and culture."--Publisher's website.

The Book of Samurai series presents the lost arts of the samurai in the English language for the first time. Antony Cummins and Yoshie Minami have brought the teachings of the famed samurai school Natori-Ry? back to life through The Book of Samurai series, and present the lost arts of the samurai in the English language for the first time. BOOK ONE is a translation of two secret scrolls and establishes the Fundamental Teachings of a samurai student, revealing the basic traditions of Natori-Ry?. The first scroll, Heika J ?dan, contains 290 lessons that define the baseline for samurai during times of peace, a time which is considered as preparation for war, focusing each student on expanding their own ability and conduct, giving them the mind-set needed for any battles to come. The second scroll, Ippei Y?k?, moves the student onto the field of battle, giving them an understanding of what is expected of them during a campaign of war and providing the necessary guidance for samurai who are to take up arms for the first time. These first two Natori-Ry? documents are an in-depth and detailed account of the practicality of samurai warfare, opening up the lost world of these Japanese warriors to all modern readers.

Alphabetically arranged entries along with primary source documents provide a comprehensive examination of the lives of Japan's samurai during the Tokugawa or Edo period, 1603–1868, a time when Japan transitioned from civil war to extended peace. • A timeline highlights important events related to the samurai, while a narrative history overviews the background of the samurai • More than 100 alphabetically arranged reference entries provide authoritative information about the samurai and their world • Sidebars provide interesting facts, note the role of the samurai in popular culture, and mention various tourist sites for readers to visit • Entries provide suggestions for further reading, and an end-of-work bibliography directs users to other important works about the samurai

Though he typically wrote under the guise of anonymity, using an array of pseudonyms and pen names, author and thinker William Walker Atkinson was an enormously influential figure in the "New Thought" movement. In fact, he is often credited with being the original source of the ideas that later coalesced under the term "the Law of Attraction." The volume Thought-Culture offers an array of practical tips for those who are interested in improving their mental acuity.

Far-Out! follows the life of four best friends; Nick, Jason, Franklin and Yumi, as they face their toughest challenge yet, the 8th Grade!

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Jay Shetty, social media superstar and host of the #1 podcast On Purpose, distills the timeless wisdom he learned as a monk into practical steps anyone can take every day to live a less anxious, more meaningful life. When you think like a monk, you'll understand: -How to overcome negativity -How to stop overthinking -Why comparison kills love -How to use your fear -Why you can't find happiness by looking for it -How to learn from everyone you meet -Why you are not your thoughts -How to find your purpose -Why kindness is crucial to success -And much more... Shetty grew up in a family where you could become one of three things—a doctor, a lawyer, or a failure. His family was convinced he had chosen option three: instead of attending his college graduation ceremony, he headed to India to become a monk, to meditate every day for four to eight hours, and devote his life to helping others. After three years, one of his teachers told him that he would have more impact on the world if he left the monk's path to share his experience and wisdom with others. Heavily in debt, and with no recognizable skills on his re?sume?, he moved back home in north London with his parents. Shetty reconnected with old school friends—many working for some of the world's largest corporations—who were experiencing tremendous stress, pressure, and unhappiness, and they invited Shetty to coach them on well-being, purpose, and mindfulness. Since then, Shetty has become one of the world's most popular influencers. In 2017, he was named in the Forbes magazine 30-under-30 for being a game-changer in the world of media. In 2018, he had the #1 video on Facebook with over 360 million views. His social media following totals over 38 million, he has produced over 400 viral videos which have amassed more than 8 billion views, and his podcast, On Purpose, is consistently ranked the world's #1 Health and Wellness podcast. In this inspiring, empowering book, Shetty draws on his time as a monk to show us how we can clear the roadblocks to our potential and power. Combining ancient wisdom and his own rich experiences in the ashram, Think Like a Monk reveals how to overcome negative thoughts and habits, and access the calm

and purpose that lie within all of us. He transforms abstract lessons into advice and exercises we can all apply to reduce stress, improve relationships, and give the gifts we find in ourselves to the world. Shetty proves that everyone can—and should—think like a monk.

Evanna Amaranthine, a ruthless, 600 year old vampire, has a new assignment: to leave the walls of Benajah, her beloved vampire guild, enter the realm of humans to stalk down her prey, Rian Delmar, and kill him. At first, the prospect of being around humans any longer than the time it takes to drain them repulses Evanna, but after moving in with her new human-loving vampire housemate, she soon becomes hopelessly entangled with Messiah Scarborough, his strikingly good-looking artist friend. When dreams of a past life begin to plague her as she continues her crusade, can she control emotions that threaten to overwhelm her? Filled with fast-paced action and steeped in suspense, Benajah's Keeper by Aeryn Dougan is an urban fantasy that will capture readers' hearts as it addresses the significance of family, fate, and loyalty. Dramatic, gritty, and deeply passionate, this unique take on the vampire legend will definitely leave you wanting more.

Discover the wonder of a life with God you can't contain. The pages of scripture are full of ordinary people who walked with God as he poured himself out through them to a world in need. What if God never changed? What if he is still speaking to us and longing to work miraculously through us? What if it isn't a matter of more training or effort but simply receiving and releasing everything he already purchased? "Life in the Overflow" invites you to know God intimately as your Daddy in a way that spills out of you naturally. Filled with disarming honesty and fervent expectation, this book mirrors a reflection of who you are, who your God is and what he actually longs to do through "ordinary, messy kids" today!

Memorialized in countless books and movies, the history of Japan's fearsome samurai warriors is known all over the world. Who can forget these Japanese masters' skills with the sword? Today, samurai warriors no longer exist, but their legacy of swordsmanship endures. Now, the way of the samurai sword is learned in the martial arts Iaijutsu and Kenjutsu. This book is the perfect introduction to using this beautiful and ancient weapon. In Mastering the Samurai Sword, you'll learn the sword's fascinating history, its evolution, and the philosophy behind its use. You'll also learn practical guidance for mastering the sword itself. Full-color, step-by-step photographs detail many of the most useful and famous samurai moves, including: drawing the samurai sword guard positions, cutting blows, and blocking falling and rolling techniques, and evasive strategies standing forms and kneeling forms All of the martial arts techniques discussed in the book are performed for readers in the downloadable material to help you perfect your form. Beginners will learn everything from proper attire and behavior in the dojo to how they might practice at home, while more experienced samurai swords people will find a new appreciation for the deeper meaning and tradition behind the graceful way of the sword.

The Samurai Mind is a collection of five seminal Japanese texts that convey the essence of traditional samurai philosophy and ethics from very different, but complementary points of view. These texts range from the ferocious to the esoteric—with their common thread being the importance of mastering one's own mind as the key to overcoming opponents. They were written from the mid-18th to early 19th century, The authors were acknowledged master samurai warriors keen to address a broader audience beyond their circle of students and acolytes. Their aim was to explain their craft to the outside world, and they do so with great insight. The classic Japanese texts are: The Mysterious Skills of the Old Cat Sword Theory A Treatise on the Sword Joseishi's Discussions on the Sword Ignorance in Swordsmanship Four of the five texts presented here are translated into English for the first time making The Samurai Mind an important addition to the literature on Japanese martial arts and a valuable resource for all martial artists. This samurai philosophy book is an informative look at the samurai of Japan with particular emphasis on the warrior's relationship with his samurai sword—the most fabled weapon in history—and on his need to cultivate mental discipline to achieve his goals.

The true nature of the samurai warrior is an elusive and endlessly fascinating enigma for those in the west. From their inauspicious beginnings as barbarian-subduing soldiers, the samurai lived according to a code known as bushido, or 'Way of the Warrior'. Bushido advocated loyalty, honour, pride and fearlessness in combat. Those who broke the code were expected to perform seppuku, or suicide through belly-slitting. By its very design, seppuku aimed to restore honour to disgraced warriors by ensuring the most painful of deaths. But as the samurai grew into large warrior clans, the bushido virtues of loyalty and honour fell into question, as control was seized and the emperor supplanted by a powerful military ruler, the shogun. Samurai tells the story of the ensuing centuries-long struggle for power between the clans, as Japan's martial elite rose and fell.

A Collection of Thoughts, Sayings and Meditations on the Way of the Samurai "It is said that what is called "the spirit of an age" is something to which one cannot return. That this spirit gradually dissipates is due to the world's coming to an end. For this reason, although one would like to change today's world back to the spirit of one hundred years or more ago, it cannot be done. Thus it is important to make the best out of every generation." — Tsunetomo Yamamoto, Hagakure: The Book of the Samurai A formerly secret text known only to the Samurai, Hagakure is a classic text on Bushido--the Way of the Warrior. More than just a handbook for battle, Hagakure is a text that filled with teachings that still apply in business, political and social situations today. This Xist Classics edition has been professionally formatted for e-readers with a linked table of contents. This eBook also contains a bonus book club leadership guide and discussion questions. We hope you'll share this book with your friends, neighbors and colleagues and can't wait to hear what you have to say about it.

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