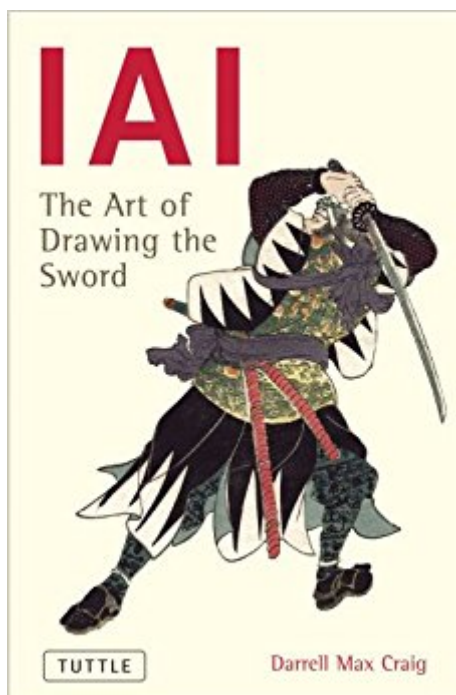


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I like how the author goes into a lot of detail about traditional methods to wear the hakama and sword, inspect the sword, clean it, and descriptions of how swords were tested originally. He gives a lot of insight into traditions that are sadly lost in a lot of schools today. The descriptions of techniques and kata are first rate, and the included drawings reinforce the explanations and fill in some gaps if your school is a little lacking. Also, including the story of the 47 Ronin (aka the 47 Loyal Retainers) at the end was a nice touch.

EXCELLENT book for the beginner in laido. It teaches some wazas and katas. It also teaches

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Very thorough, explained history, form, and technique. Better than I expected.

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