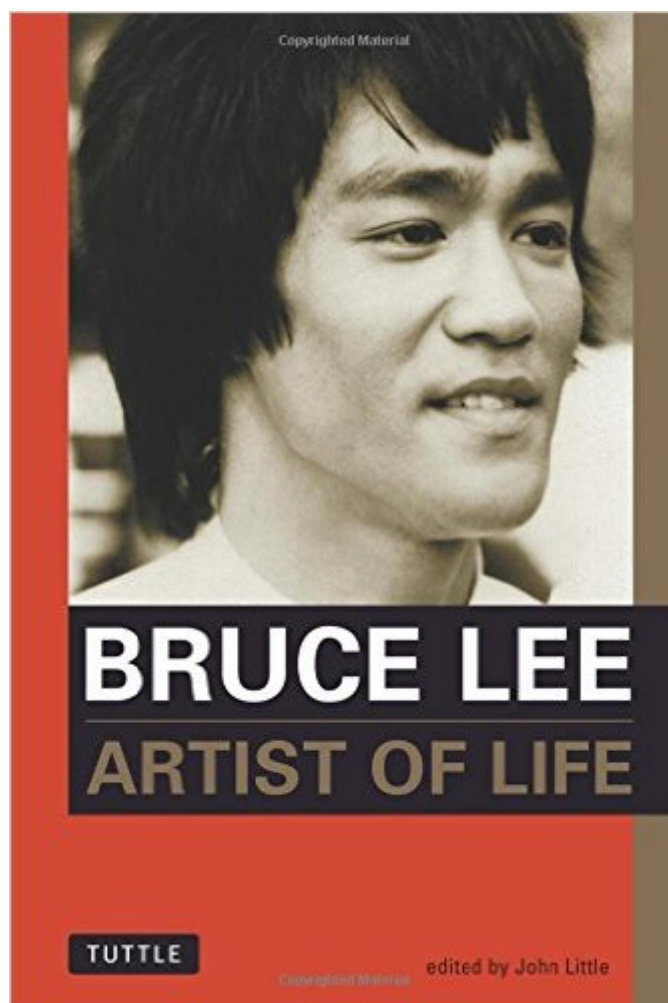


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# Bruce Lee: Artist Of Life (Bruce Lee Library)



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Every martial artist is going to be eventually confronted with the images and writings of Bruce Lee. Regardless of what martial art you practice, he is an inescapable force in martial arts. He has almost become the patron saint of martial artists. At some point most martial artist want to learn more about the man. This book takes a different take on him. It looks at the process of how Bruce's now famous ideologies came to be, most often using Bruce's own written words.  
Content  
The book starts off with an forward by Linda Lee Cadwell describing Bruce as not only a martial artist, but as an artist of life. Then the editor John Little offers his own piece in the introduction and first chapter where Mr. Little sort of explains some of the more common philosophies of Bruce Lee, often quoting directly from handwritten notes that Bruce Lee took on everything. What follows though is the real meat of the book. It is collections of Bruce Lee's notes transcribed. It starts out with his notes and papers from his philosophy classes at University of Washington. It follows the same set, but each section shifts emphasis of one aspect of Bruce's life. The list of subjects covered by these notes include psychology, poetry, Jeet Kun Do, acting, and finally self knowledge, which is sort of a running theme through the rest of the sections anyway.

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