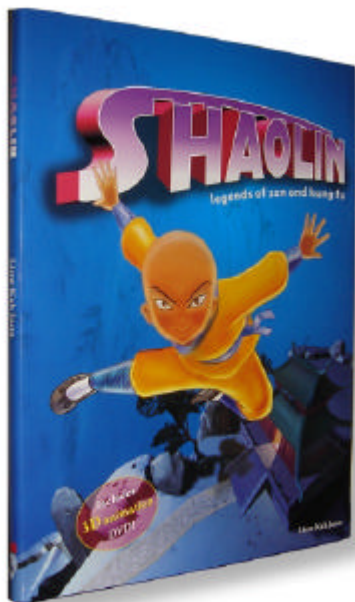


Shaolin: Legends of Zen and Kung Fu

The Book for all Kids Interested in Martial Arts or Kung Fu



“All the Kung Fu in the World Arise from Shaolin”
So goes a popular Chinese saying.

This book takes young readers on an exciting discovery of Shaolin Kung Fu.

Shaolin is a 1,500 year-old Zen Buddhist temple in China that is famous worldwide for its **peaceful-looking monks** who perform **incredible kung fu stunts**.

How do these monks perform such amazing feats? Why do monks learn martial arts in the first place? And what do **Star Wars** and **The Matrix** films have anything to do with Shaolin Kung Fu?


These questions and more are answered through words, illustrations, and an **original 3D-animated kung fu film on DVD, Enter the Zen**. *Enter the Zen* is a funny and exciting short story about a courageous boy who wanders far and wide in search of the ultimate kung fu. At last, he finds it, but it is not what he thinks! *Shaolin* carries a message of compassion for others – the heart of the wisdom of Shaolin Kung Fu.

Liow Kah Joon's children's books allow kids all over the world to experience Asian stories in entertaining ways. With *Shaolin*, Kah Joon has taken the 1,500 year-old myths and wisdom of Shaolin Kung Fu and re-created them for kids and grownups alike who enjoy **Jackie Chan** and **Jet Li** movies. Kah Joon is the author of the **ABA 2004 Children's Pick**, *A Musical Journey: from the Great Wall of China to the Water Towns of Jiangnan*, (0973349212) which **PW** calls a “resounding success”.



Shaolin: Legends of Zen and Kung Fu by Liow Kah Joon. Dimension (in inches): 0.44 X 10.66 X 8.50. Hardcover 32 pages, illustrated throughout, includes 3D-animation DVD, Age 8+. ISBN 0973349239. USD26.95. Publication Sept 2006. Distributed in North America by Greenleaf Book Group, Ingram, Amazon.

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Here's what people are saying about "Shaolin":

What the Shaolin Kung Fu Sifu say:

Your book is wonderful, a book I would recommend to all my kids coming thru this school. I enjoyed the DVD too; I wish it was a little longer but the point was well made. Martially Yours, *Sifu Gino Belfiore, Shaolin Institute, Richmond Heights, Ohio, USA, <http://www.shaolininstitute.com/>*

An excellent broad view of the Shaolin, Martial Arts & Zen. The author has done a wonderful job of presenting a brief history of Shaolin - the temple and the monks. He also offers a simple and easy to understand overview of the training techniques used by Shaolin Martial Arts practitioners. While the illustrations will appeal to children young and old, the message will probably be best received by young people 8 and above. It is a welcome addition to our martial arts schools library. *Sifu Katherine E. Myrick, Chinese Shaolin Center, Norcross, Atlanta Ga, USA, <http://www.shaolincenter.com/>*

Independent Bookstores in the US Love "Shaolin"!

"We have received a copy of Shaolin and I really like it. The illustrations (so colorful!) and the text are great - the explanations/descriptions are well-written and the occasional links to movies make the information more accessible. It's a book that can be read over and over because it contains so much information and is so interesting. **I can't wait to share it with my daughter!**" -*Jennifer Geraedts, Sister Wolf Books, Park Rapids, MN 56470*

"You've done a great job of simplifying complex ideas for young readers. The DVD was a real treat! I will be adding this book to my kids /activity shelf. You've achieved just the right balance between facts and fun." Sincerely, *Keri Holmes, The Kaleidoscope: Our Focus is You, 112 1st Avenue NW, Hampton IA 50441*

Anyone young and old can enjoy this "Shaolin":

GREAT BOOK FULL OF GREAT INFORMATION! I got the book in the mail and barely glanced at it before my boys (11 and 7) stole it away. I finally had to steal it back to read it myself! The first thing I noticed was how beautiful the artwork is. **Each drawing has such fluid lines and bright colors, they truly look like they will move at any moment!** Once I started reading I noticed that several key words are in a larger, different font, in different colors. It really makes the reading flow more quickly and easily, especially for a younger reader. Also to be mentioned are the many references to "see website" sprinkled all throughout the book to add to the marvelous content you'll find in this book. These refer to the author's own website where you'll find a wonderful place to learn so much more about all things Chinese, in addition to more about the different topics in this terrific book. Lastly, there's a short little story on the included DVD that you'll enjoy as much as your kids. — *S. J. Meyer "Sharebear", Round Rock, TX*

"When I saw SHAOLIN in its early stages I was grateful that I had in hand a book that would explain to me some of the history and theory behind both Zen and Kungfu — two subjects with which a resident of China is constantly confronted. Since the book was to be pitched at a young level, I hoped that it would provide an easy read for me on those subjects. It did, and I found it both **enlightening and delightful**. Later I was handed the finished product and I was impressed with how it had grown into a vibrant and fact-filled book. Along with simple explanations for complicated concepts, clever cartoon drawings now further enhance the text. And there is another bonus for those who would rather watch than read. Tucked into the back flap is an animated DVD, thus completing the picture. It is the book that I would give any child interested in martial arts or Kungfu. — *Tess Johnston, Old Chinahand Press; author of many books on old Shanghai and English language editor of "Shaolin", Shanghai, China*