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With a preface by his daughter Shannon Lee and a foreword by wife Linda, the text is drawn directly from Bruce Lee's own diaries and journals. Based on the award-winning Warner Bros. documentary, *Bruce Lee: In His Own Words*, sections include:

- Chronology of the Life of Bruce Lee
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- Family—meeting Linda, having children, daily life

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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

People were drawn to the charismatic Lee (1940-1973) not only by virtue of his physical skills as a martial artist but also by his words as a teacher. Lee spoke in a uniquely concise, passionate and honest style that made people want to listen to him. The intensity of his words and presence is expertly captured in this wonderfully illustrated book. Based on editor Little's short documentary film Bruce Lee in His Own Words, the narrative traces Lee's life from his childhood in Hong Kong up to his death in 1973. It features quotes from Lee on the subjects that were most important to him: humanity, family, acting and, of course, martial arts. Lee speaks with conviction about these matters and makes use of both allegory and humor to get across his points. The book also features stills from Lee's movies and television appearances, as well as personal photos of Lee with his family. In all, this is an enjoyable, nostalgic read that goes behind the camera, allowing the reader to see Lee not as a legend but as a human being. Even 27 years after his death, interest in Lee remains strong, and so this book should prove popular, not only among his fans but students of the martial arts; sport and fitness stores and centers are an obvious ancillary outlet. (Nov.)

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Review

"Packed with tales about his youth in Hong Kong, his acting career in America, and his philosophies on fighting."—**Maxim**

"[An] expansive collection of photos, from his Hong Kong childhood to fatherhood with son Brandon."—**Men's Fitness**

"Childhood snapshots, behind-the-scenes Hollywood images, and rare candid photos combine to form a scrapbook of Bruce's whole life."—**Inside Kung Fu**

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"...nearly every page is a gorgeous photo of Bruce Lee in all his glory. [...] If a picture is worth a thousand words, then this book is worth millions of words." —**TheFightNerd.com blog**

"Little's volume provides readers with a glossy collection of pictures that would make a nice addition to any martial artists' coffee table. [...]a sumptuous visual companion..."—**Chinese Martial Studies blog**

About the Author

John Little is the world's preeminent authority on Bruce Lee and his work. He is the former associate publisher of Bruce Lee magazine, former managing editor of Knowing Is Not Enough the official newsletter of the Jun Fan Jeet Kune Do Nucleus, and former director of the Bruce Lee Educational Foundation. He's shared this information with Lee's fans in his other edited books published by Tuttle Publishing, including: *The Art of Expressing the Human Body*, *Bruce Lee: Artist of Life*, *Jeet Kune Do: Bruce Lee's Commentaries on the Martial Way*, *Letters of the Dragon*, *The Tao of Gung Fu: A Study in the Way of Chinese Martial Art*, and *Striking Thoughts: Bruce Lee's Wisdom for Daily Living*.

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