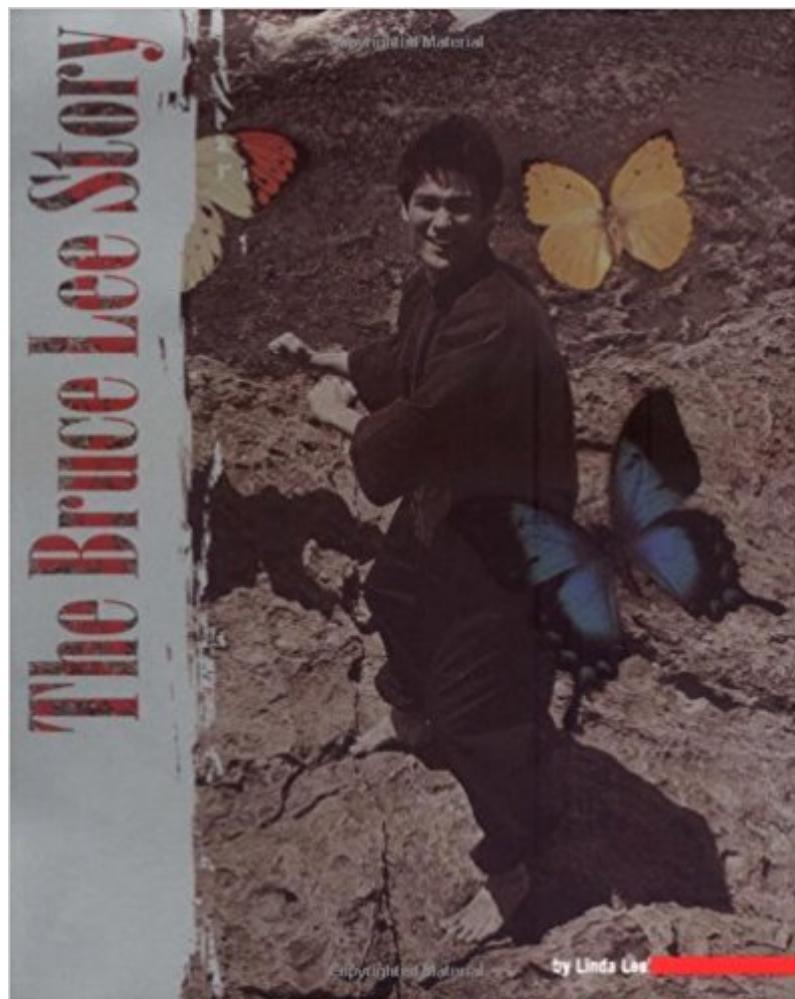


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# The Bruce Lee Story



## **Synopsis**

Here is the complete story of the great martial artist/actor Bruce Lee, told with great personal insight by Linda Lee with hundreds of photos from Lee's personal albums.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

First, this is a good book, but it's not objective -- not surprising in that it's not only written by his wife Linda Lee, but by "ghost writer" and her second husband, Tom Bleecker, who went on to write a couple of "tell-all" books after divorcing Linda in 1990. I'm sure this book was presented with best intentions and, with the exception of some repetition, it read well and was chock-full of family photos. It's a good first book on a larger-than-life character like Bruce Lee. It sure blows away anything remotely "biographical" that the big screen has presented and most definitely pulls the covers off the fictional Hollywood movie "Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story." It's a very fast read and succinctly distills Lee's deep philosophical views on the martial arts, in particular, his own jeet kune do. It's a nice insider's view of the incredible and all-too-short life of Lee, who mysteriously died at 32. I've been a fan of Bruce Lee since the mid-'70s and for my money the best book on him is "Bruce Lee: Fighting Spirit," by Bruce Thomas. It doesn't only look at Lee through rose-tinted glasses and addresses many of the myths about him as well. I wouldn't waste my money on anything else by Bleecker, who asserts that Lee used anabolic steroids and diuretics (though looking at how shredded Lee was in "Enter the Dragon," it's not an impossible proposition). He also doesn't discount that a highly potent hashish, not the one pill of Equagesic that was found in his

body (along with cannabis), was what killed him and that concrete, not Lee, resides in his Seattle grave. When one looks at the intent of these books, it's not hard to decide on buying this book as well as "Bruce Lee: Fighting Spirit" and avoiding Bleeker's. No man is perfect, but it's pointless to chase crass myths, which because of Linda Lee, this book doesn't do.

The Bruce Lee story is really good! Linda Lee's book about her husband, the legendary Bruce Lee is a great biographical story! Linda Lee shares her private moments and her thoughts about the man she loved so much! Bruce Lee is the Chinese-American who would eventually become the greatest Martial Artist of all time! The photos from Linda Lee's personal collection are great! Bruce Lee is at his best when pictured on the set of his movies, like the Big Boss, Fist of Fury, Way of the Dragon, Game of Death, and Enter the Dragon! I do recommend this book because Linda Lee is the only person who knew Bruce Lee better than anyone because she was his wife! There is no information on the death of Brandon Lee because this book was published in 1989. A+

Glad to get a first hand account of Bruce's life through the eyes of his widow - Linda Lee Caldwell. Thanks Linda.

Bruce Lee. Some things the average reader will not know about this man: Bruce Lee only made four movies in his lifetime. Bruce Lee was an intellectual. Bruce Lee revolutionized the martial arts. Bruce Lee brought the martial arts to the masses. This book is written by Bruce Lee's wife. It is a short and loving memory to an extraordinary man who is still famous. Why exactly is a mystery. Perhaps it is the outstanding artistry Bruce Lee brought to the martial arts. Bruce Lee had been a child actor in Hong Kong before coming to the United States and studying at the University of Washington. Ironically, he was a philosophy major. However, Lee transformed himself into a tremendous human specimen through his physical discipline, and an intellectual regarding his sport. He introduced "the way of the moving fist," which was a new methodology in the training of martial arts. He also dared to teach the subject to non-Asians, an idea which was tremendously disturbing to many and resulted in a fistfight with a young challenger in Lee's studio in Oakland, California. Linda Lee comes across as a traveler who feels lucky in being able to travel (for a brief while) on the road with Bruce Lee. He was convinced to move to Hollywood, where he began training stars like James Coburn, and later Kareem Abdul Jabbar. Unfortunately, Bruce Lee had to fight racism and stereotypes. At home, his wife's family rejected him because of his Asian heritage. Hollywood rejected him because he didn't want to play the 'chop-suey' roles Hollywood routinely put forth in

portraying Asians in film and television. However, a searing performance in the late 1960's on a detective show cemented his star quality, and he made some appearances on "the Green Hornet." Finally, he made some pictures in the Hollywood system such as "Enter the Dragon." Unfortunately, his most interesting and allusionary work, "The Game of Death," which was supposed to be a representation of his philosophy of his art was never completed. I believe an assembled film was cobbled together after his death, but the film was never finished. Interestingly, Kareem Abdul Jabbar played the ultimate obstacle in the movie. Linda Lee's book has many interesting pictures, and I think gives an interesting look at Bruce Lee's life and impact that will have even the most casual reader satisfied. If you are looking for lurid details, conspiracies and the like this book is not for you. Understandably, Ms. Lee does not cover the topic of Bruce Lee's supposed drug use and the unusual circumstances of his death, but what would you expect, this is a loving portrait by a woman who obviously loved Bruce Lee very much. Cheers for her! Interestingly, several weeks ago, I watched a Turkish film in which a character kept repeating the line, "I will chop them up like Bruce Lee." In a Turkish film for crying out loud. Obviously, Bruce Lee had a great impact on the world for his incredible talent which was taken from us before Bruce Lee could interpret it for the rest of us. In this way, he reminds me of Jimi Hendrix; Bruce Lee was a shooting star across the heavens. This is a good book, and I believe you will like it as well.

I'm a big Bruce Lee fan. This book has some info I already knew but also some new stuff to me. All around I like the book. I'm collecting all his books

Bruce Lee books or papers about him and his success are the best basis for every serious training martial artist. BL & his JKD are open minded, only truth development we can join this world.

This was a gift for my son-in-law who is a huge Bruce Lee fan as well as a martial arts student and he couldn't put this book down.

I was surprised at how poor a quality the actual book was. It's large, but the paper that it was printed on just made me think how cheap it was. The content of the book was alright. It's a nice short read, but there are parts that are kind of slow.

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