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Young Samurai: The Way Of The Dragon



Synopsis

Critics and fans alike can't get enough of the heroism, friendship and adventure in this fast-paced series full of ancient dangers and treasures untold. Hailed as having "some of the most exciting fight sequences imaginable on paper," readers will be "studying for their belts in between episodes." In this final volume, Japan is threatened with war and Jack Fletcher is facing his greatest battle yet. Samurai are taking sides and as the blood begins to flow, Jack's warrior training is put to the ultimate test. His survival—and that of his friends—depends upon him mastering the Two Heavens, the secret sword technique of the legendary samurai Masamoto Takeshi. But first Jack must recover his father's prize possession from the deadly ninja Dragon Eye. Can Jack defeat his ruthless enemy? Or will the ninja complete his mission to kill the young English samurai?

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Customer Reviews

MJHReaderAre you a fan of the Ranger's Apprentice, or Five Ancestors books? Do you enjoy reading fast paced books with lots of action? Then try Chris Bradford's Young Samurai series. Undoubtedly one of the best I have ever read. Personally ranked over the critically-acclaimed Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan. He writes good books with action and immediate conflict, the conflict usually achieved by setting deadlines for a task to be completed. However, occasionally

lacks background information and extensive personal conflict. Chris Bradford has all of the action and conflict, but adds amazing amounts of background, personal dilemma and personality, managing to make it all evident without boring the reader to death. Young Samurai: Way of the Warrior, Way of the Sword, and Way of the Dragon have wonderful but subtly introduced character development and intriguing personal turmoil. The series keeps readers glued to each page, wondering what will happen next. Chris Bradford keeps readers guessing at how the samurai will conquer their inner demons and shocks with characters' decisions. I could spend paragraphs describing each character's wants and personal challenges. All of them are so developed it's hard to distinguish whether or not the character is actually a minor player in the book. Sensei Kyuzo, a slight antagonist who harbors a personal hatred for gaijin (foreigners), like Jack, the main character, and Jack especially because of the fact that he is being trained as a samurai. Sensei takes every challenge Jack passes as a personal affront to him, and tries his hardest to discourage Jack and make him wish he had never had the misfortune to land in Japan.

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