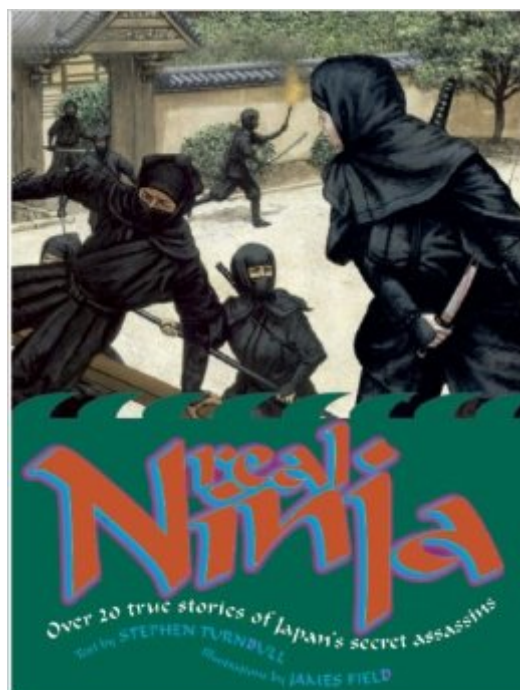


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# Real Ninja: Over 20 True Stories Of Japan's Secret Assassins



## Synopsis

A book where parents and kids can get the real story behind these masters of deception.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 and up

Grade Level: 3 and up

## Customer Reviews

I am not sure why has the wrong author listed for this book, but it is another great Turnbull book and a fantastic find for ninja enthusiast young and old. It is a children's book, so do not expect the level of scholarship found in Turnbull's other works. That said, it is an interesting collection of almost 30 very short (1 page) stories that do include a great deal of historical information. Each story is accompanied by the historically accurate and vivid illustrations by James Field, who happens to illustrate many of Turnbull's books. The large size of the book makes it great for reading in pairs or just to look at while daydreaming. There is moderate violence in the stories and images, so parents should consider this when buying. You may also find [Real Samuraito](#) be lots of fun, also by Turnbull. If you happen to be looking for more scholarly works on ninja and samurai, check out Stephen Turnbull's [Warriors of Medieval Japan \(General Military\)](#). Stephen Hayes' [The Ninja and Their Secret Fighting Art](#). An EXCELLENT series of historical Japanese fiction books for youth (and adults!) is by Thomas and Dorothy Hoobler. [The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn \(The Samurai Mysteries\)](#), [In Darkness, Death \(The Samurai Mysteries\)](#) and others in this series will entertain for hours. Enjoy!

This logical step-by-step progression through Japanese history from the 900's AD to the 1600's is bursting with battle lore and worthy military figures. The author hints at how the actions of the past may have molded current Japanese society. Focus is given to the difference between ninja and regular samurai. Ninja are portrayed as intelligent, clever, and ruthless. Though marked as a children's book, the Japanese names and rich vocabulary may be difficult for readers earlier than the seventh or eighth grade. See also: Real Samurai

This was misleading, more of a children's book. I thought it would have information I didn't already know, but it was mostly wrong with some guesses about historic events and even some incorrect. I can't believe Stephen Turnbull approved this.

My expectations were high, because I read a lot of books of the writer. A respected academic researcher. BUT, this book is a children's book. There is no mentioning of this detail. So, if you are serious interested in Ninjas, Ninjutsu etc. DON'T BUY THIS BOOK. I blame for not mentioning this in the product information.

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