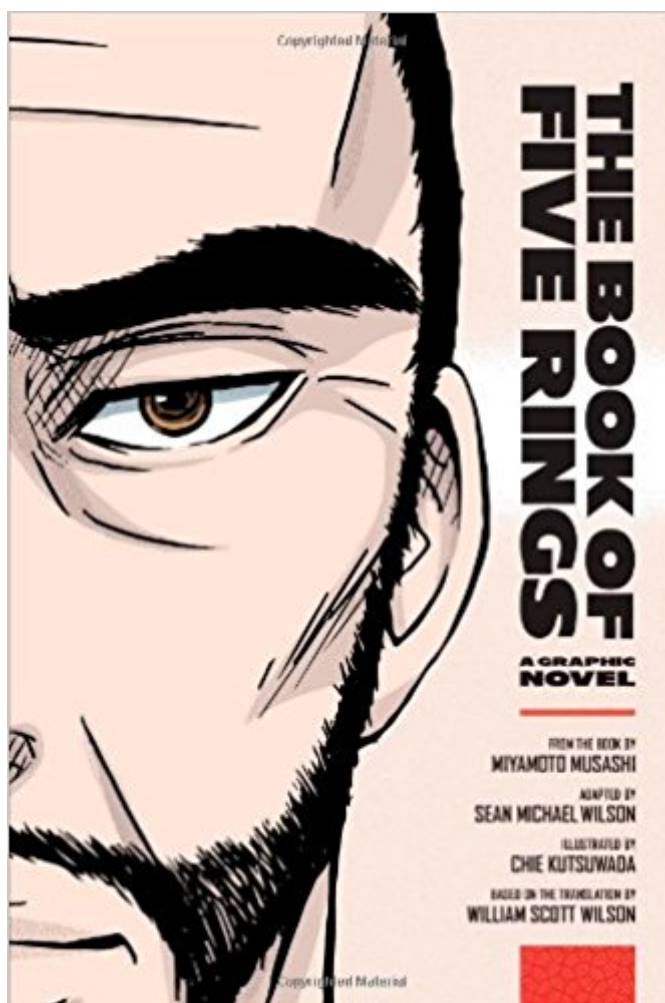


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# The Book Of Five Rings: A Graphic Novel



## Synopsis

This graphic novel version of *The Book of Five Rings*, the iconic book of confrontation and victory by the famed seventeenth-century duelist and undefeated samurai Miyamoto Musashi, illuminates this brilliant manifesto, which has long inspired martial artists and anyone interested in cultivating a strategic mind. With evocative drawings and a distilled but faithful text adapted by acclaimed manga writer Sean Michael Wilson, *The Book of Five Rings* comes alive both as a guide to swordsmanship and strategy, and as a view into Musashi's world.

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## Weekly

Sean Michael Wilson is a comic book writer who lives in Japan. He has had more than a dozen books published by a variety of US, UK, and Japanese publishers, and he often works with Japanese and Chinese artists on manga-style books, such as Hagakure and Yakuza Moon.

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A lot of great quotes and insights. A short read, but definitely one you can read over and over again, and continue to pick up new things.

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worth spending a few extra \$\$ for this version. weird shape of pages, almost square, but ok

Wilson (translator) is not only a good translator, he is sufficiently immersed in the cultures of the ancient East to understand what he is translating and make it fully comprehensible to the Western reader. His introductions and footnotes alone are worth the price of the book. If you are looking for a definitive translation, look no further.

Lovely book. I was told by a friend to purchase it!!! I'm glad I did!!!

This is an excellent book. If you are an Asian Studies major or intrigued by Eastern Culture,

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