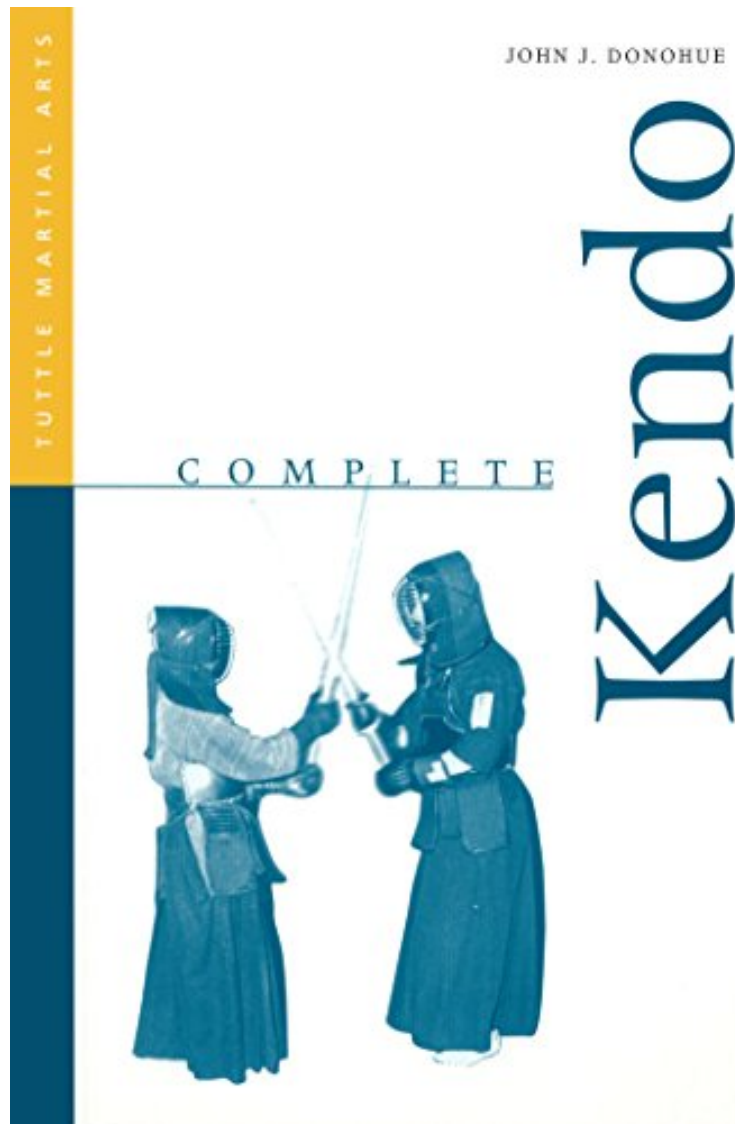


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Von John J. Donohue : Complete Kendo (Complete Martial Arts) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Complete Kendo (Complete Martial Arts):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Excellent book for the aesthetics of KendoVon Ein KundeThis book is an excellent companion to Kendo: The Definitive Guide (KDG). While KDG cover ALL of the technical aspects down to the last detail, this book's focus is aesthetics and beginners Kendo. It was recommended to me by one of my school's Sensei who felt it covered ideas and concepts that you would normally only hear through the spoken word: the relevance of Kata, the formal aspects of the

dojo, and why there is no defence in Kendo. The author is an anthropologist in NY, and I believe it gives him a nice perspective on the aesthetics and ideas behind Kendo that you will not find in most other books, especially those translated from the east. I think beginners and advanced students will learn a lot from this book and believe it is the perfect companion to Kendo: The Definitive Guide.0 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Very good for beginnersVon Ein KundeI appreciate how John tries to express the meaning that Kendo can have for people but I'm afraid that after reading the book and taking up Kendo it's not as formal as said in the book. There are also a few mistakes I have found in the glossary like Shimpan which is actually Shinpan. (referee) But overall this was a very informative book.

KurzbeschreibungComplete Kendo is a thorough introduction to the Japanese martial way of the sword and a guided tour of the principles and philosophy upon which the art is founded.This martial arts guide covers everything from the care and handling of hakama, the pleated trousers worn by kendoka (practitioners of kendo), all in an easy conversational dialogue that is a great pleasure to read.Structured to echo the organization of the Book of Five Rings by Miyamoto Musashi, Complete Kendo is a modern version of the swordsman's primer by a martial artist skilled not only in the art of kendo but, like Musashi, in many traditional Japanese arts, and with a superb understanding of the martial tradition and culture of Japan. The author uses lessons learned from a long career of teaching martial arts and academic subjects to impart clearly and concisely the fundamentals of kendo and the martial way.With explanatory line drawings by Kathleen Sweeney illustrating significant points of discussion, a handy glossary of kendo terminology and related concepts, and an unusually helpful bibliography, Complete Kendo is an essential volume for every kendoka's personal library.