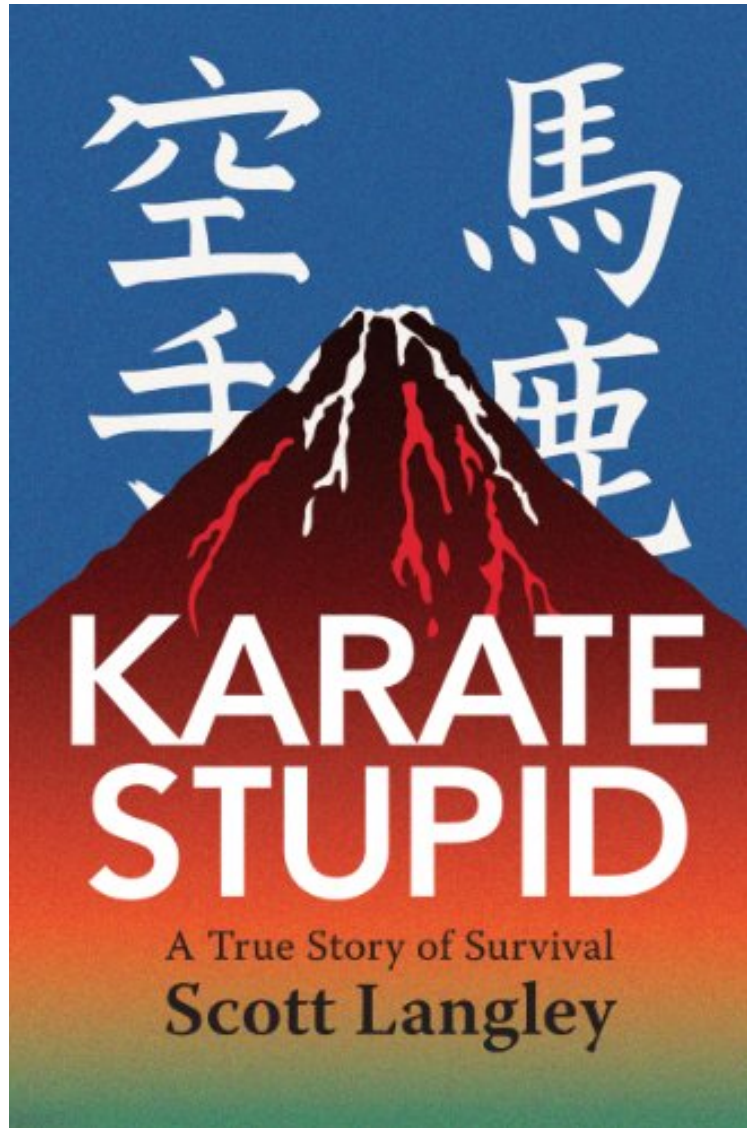


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**Von Scott Langley : Karate Stupid: A True Story of Survival (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Karate Stupid: A True Story of Survival (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Japan und Karate als selbstgewaehlter LeidenswegVon BettinaDie gute Neuigkeit: der Autor bleibt dem autobiographischen Format des Buches ohne jegliche Selbstkritik bis zur letzten Seite treu, und fuehrt einen mit der Haltung "ich bin ein Gaijin und stolz darauf" durch seine 5 Jahre Erfahrung in Japan, ohne erkennbares Interesse sich mit der Sprache oder

Kultur auseinanderzusetzen. Das Karate Training gefaellt ihm bis zu dem Punkt, an dem er in den fuer seine Intensitaet bekannten elitaeren Instructor's Course des JKS aufgenommen wird. Aufgrund seiner kuerzlich zerbrochenen Beziehung beschreibt er die folgenden zwei Jahre des Trainings als einsames, dunkles Martyrium, dass ihn psychisch und physisch ueberfordert, und dem er sich nur durch Alkoholkonsum am Wochenende in Auslaender-Bars entziehen kann. Er stellt jeder Kritik seiner Mentoren und Lehrer den Vorwurf des Rassismus entgegen, und zweifelt nie daran, dass seine Leistung adequat ist, auch wenn sowohl seine Performance im Training als auch bei den Championships - wie er selbst sie beschreibt! - das Gegenteil nahelegen. Obwohl er fast gegen seinen Willen nach immerhin 5 Jahren dann doch Japanisch lernt, scheint ihm die Kultur fremd zu bleiben. Ihm ist voellig unklar dass man nicht selbst den Termin zur Graduierung des Instructor's Course festlegen kann. Seine Lehrer sagen ihm, dass er noch nicht bereit ist, aber er tut dies wiederum als Schikane ab und stellt mit seinem gebuchten Flugticket ein Ultimatum. Dies waere, als ob man an einer Elite-Universitaet mit seiner Doktorarbeit zur Pruefungskommission ginge und kund tut, man habe die Arbeit selbst fuer gut befunden und wuerde sich nun gerne selbst promovieren. Man muss nicht "Karate Stupid" sein um zu wissen, dass der Instructor's Course psychisch und physisch eine extreme Belastung ist, und dieses Buch zeigt jemanden der letztendlich an den kulturellen Unterschieden in dem extrem traditionellen Umfeld von Karate in Japan scheitert, auch wenn er zu einem ausserordentlichen Karate-ka geworden ist. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Overall impression: Von Gernot Schmied A dark book, has a touch of Edgar Allen Poe and Bram Stoker, a book about hardships, isolation, inner fear and doubt, good writing and narrative style, enjoyed it.

**Kurzbeschreibung** The Japanese Instructors Course is infamous in the Karate world. In 1997 it had been running for 50 years, with less than one hundred people successfully completing it only four of which had been non-Japanese. In the same year Scott Langley was at the top of his game, a third degree black belt, captain of the British JKS National Team and JKS European and World Champion. He moved to Japan with a secret plan to be the fifth foreigner to complete the course. This is the true story of Scotts Journey, spanning five years, chronicling the highs and lows of facing karates toughest challenge and how he learnt to survive and never give in. In Autumn 2013 Scott sent this book to his Sensei in Japan for their approval. They responded immediately declaring the book to be full of lies and misrepresentations of Japan and forbade him to publish it. He was suspended for a month and then affectively expelled in January 2014. Suddenly, his 30 year relationship with Japanese karate had abruptly come to an end. This had been major a part of his entire karate life and he had dedicated himself to its values and rules, running a karate organization in Ireland for over ten years. He never wanted to jeopardize his position or damage the reputation of the group. However, unfortunately, the sacrifices he made during this true story are nothing compared to the sacrifices he has had to make to publish it. **About the Author** Scott Langley began karate in 1985. Showing a rare combination of aptitude, dedication and love of the art, Scott rose through the grades at a steady rate. In 1991 he gained his black belt. However, this was just the beginning. He quickly began winning national competitions and in 1993 was selected for the Japan Karate Shotorenmei national team. While at university he trained daily at his university club and under the guidance of Sadashige Kato 8th Dan. By the time Scott graduated, he was a 3rd Dan and had become one of the youngest people to win the JKS World Championships. But this was just the foundation of what lay ahead. In 1997 Scott moved to Japan to train full time at the World Headquarters. In 2000 he was invited to enter the elusive instructors course and after two years of intensive training, graduated, becoming only the fifth westerner to complete the challenge. He moved to Ireland with a mandate to promote the JKS within the British Isles. Within a decade Scotts group had become the biggest single style association in the UK and Ireland and was as big at the JKS in Japan. He now teaches fulltime at [www.hombudojokarate.com](http://www.hombudojokarate.com) **Kurzbeschreibung** The Japanese Instructors Course is infamous in the Karate world. In 1997 it had been running for 50 years, with less than one hundred people successfully completing it only four of which had been non-Japanese. In the same year Scott Langley was at the top of his game, a third degree black belt, captain of the British JKS National Team and JKS European and World Champion. He moved to Japan with a secret plan to be the fifth foreigner to complete the course. This is the true story of Scotts Journey, spanning five years, chronicling the highs and lows of facing karates toughest challenge and how he learnt to survive and never give in. In Autumn 2013 Scott sent this book to his Sensei in Japan for their approval. They responded immediately declaring the book to be full of lies and misrepresentations of Japan and forbade him to publish it. He was suspended for a month and then affectively expelled in January 2014. Suddenly, his 30 year relationship with Japanese karate had abruptly come to an end. This had been major a part of his entire karate life and he had dedicated himself to its values and rules, running a karate organization in Ireland for over ten years. He never wanted to jeopardize his position or damage the reputation of the group. However, unfortunately, the sacrifices he made during this true story are nothing compared to the sacrifices he has had to make to publish it. **About the Author** Scott Langley began karate in 1985. Showing a rare combination of aptitude, dedication and love of the art, Scott rose through the grades at a steady rate. In 1991 he gained his black belt. However, this was just the beginning. He quickly began winning national

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