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Landmark Martial Arts Title Returns to Print

Koryu Books Reissues "Persimmon Wind" — Vivid Account of a Martial Artist's Journey in Japan

BERKELEY HEIGHTS, NJ – Koryu Books announces the reissue of Dave Lowry's *Persimmon Wind*. This landmark title—part memoir, part martial arts history, and part travelogue—relates Lowry's experiences as he travels to Japan to reunite with his *sensei*, visit the graves of others of his martial lineage, and explore a country and culture that profoundly influenced his life.

Persimmon Wind reveals a Japan unlikely to be witnessed by the average Westerner. Drawing on his deep knowledge of the martial arts, Lowry acts as an interpreter of sorts, deftly describing for the reader the myriad ways in which Japan's subtle, yet rich customs and rituals inform and enrich the seemingly mundane practices of life. On his journey, he interweaves musings from his daily encounters—his introduction to an old ryokan-keeper; a contemplative visit to Kyoto's Daitokuji, "Temple of Great Virtue"; he even witnesses a ghost or two—with reflections on local history and the philosophies and origins of the Shinkage-ryu, one of Japan's oldest schools of classical swordsmanship.

At the same time, Lowry's experiences in Japan serve as an unexpected opportunity bringing him to terms with the extraordinary relationship that exists between teacher and student, with his own past, his place in the long line of swordsmen from whom he has come, and with the challenge he faces in integrating the cultural streams of East and West.

This beautifully redesigned edition of *Persimmon Wind* is a landmark work, providing an enriching perspective for students of the martial arts, as well as for those with a more general interest in Japanese culture and travel.

About the Author

Considered a pre-eminent authority on the authentic, classical Japanese martial arts, author **Dave Lowry** has written over 100 articles on the martial arts published in the U.S., Japan, and the U.K. His columns appear in *Black Belt*, *Inside Karate*, *Furyu*, and *Fighting Arts International*. In addition to *Persimmon Wind*, Lowry has written nine other books, including the prequel *Autumn Lightning*. Lowry resides near St. Louis with his wife and son.

About the Publisher

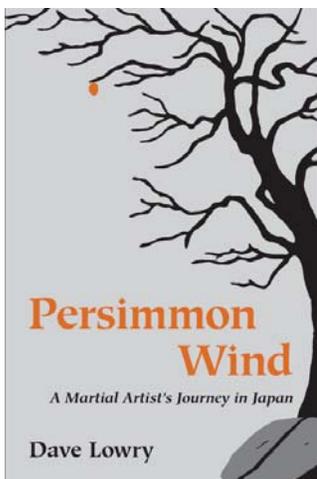
Koryu Books is a premiere publisher of quality information on the classical Japanese martial arts. Dedicated to providing only the highest quality of well-researched, verifiable material, Koryu Books was founded in 1996 by Diane and Meik Skoss.

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