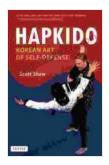
## Hapkido: The Korean Art of Self-Defense

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#### History of Hapkido

Hapkido was developed in Korea in the early 20th century. It is thought to have been created by Choi Yong-sul, a Korean martial artist who traveled to Japan and learned various Japanese martial arts. Choi returned to Korea in 1910 and began to teach his own martial art, which he called Hapkido.

Hapkido quickly became popular in Korea and was adopted by the Korean military and police. In the 1950s, Hapkido was introduced to the United States by Ji Han-jae, a student of Choi Yong-sul. Hapkido has since become a popular martial art in the United States and is practiced by people of all ages and backgrounds.

#### **Principles of Hapkido**

Hapkido is based on the principles of non-resistance and circular motion. The goal of Hapkido is to use your opponent's energy against him. This is accomplished by using joint locks, throws, and pressure points to control your opponent and neutralize his attacks.

Hapkido techniques are designed to be effective against opponents of all sizes and strengths. This makes Hapkido a very versatile martial art that is suitable for people of all ages and fitness levels.

#### **Benefits of Hapkido**

Hapkido offers a number of benefits, including:

- Improved self-defense skills
- Increased fitness
- Improved coordination and balance
- Increased self-confidence
- Stress relief

#### Hapkido Techniques

Hapkido techniques are divided into three main categories:

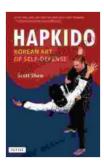
- Joint locks
- Throws
- Pressure points

Joint locks are used to control your opponent's joints and make them submit. Throws are used to unbalance your opponent and take them to the ground. Pressure points are used to target your opponent's nervous system and cause them pain or discomfort.

Hapkido techniques are very effective when used properly. However, it is important to note that Hapkido techniques can be dangerous if they are not used correctly. It is important to learn Hapkido from a qualified instructor.

Hapkido is a versatile and effective martial art that is suitable for people of all ages and fitness levels. It is a great way to learn self-defense, improve your fitness, and increase your self-confidence.

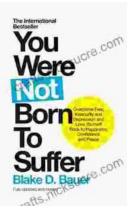
If you are interested in learning Hapkido, I encourage you to find a qualified instructor and give it a try.



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