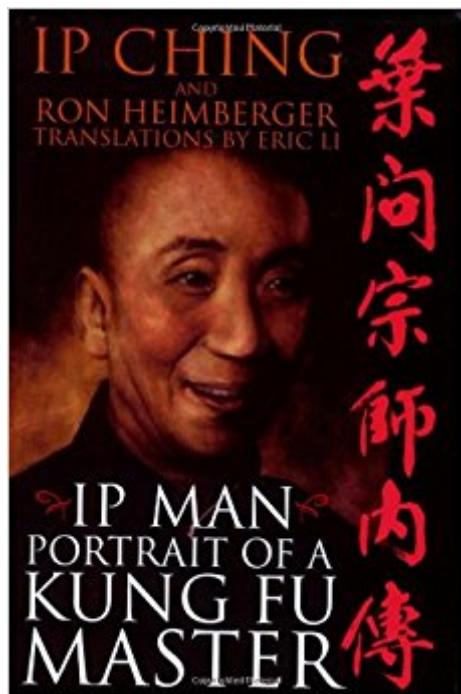


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IP MAN: PORTRAIT OF A KUNG FU MASTER (copyright 2000) by his son Ip Ching is a slender volume full of riveting photos and pretty nice text. This is no heavy-weight biography; it is a reminiscence by a respectful and loving son. The attention he pays to his father's legacy and attitudes is splendid. His details are less than forthcoming. In other words, aside from some - not all - bare-bones dates, there is no biography here. There is no real history of Wing Chun (which is

spelled "Ving Tsun" in this book). The history is a subject I love since its original proponent was a Buddhist nun seeking a new way of self-defense. If you've seen any of the IP MAN films starring Donnie Yen, and you read this book, you will be scratching your head. Where the heck did the producers get all those details for the movies? Is it 100% drama in those films? For example, in the book we learn that in the 1950s, Master Ip Man was the Chief of Foshan Police and was known/respected in Hong Kong as a master AND as former chief of Foshan. He is also highly regarded as the "heir" of Wong Fei Hung, who hailed from the same town. In Ip Man 2, at circa 1950, Master Ip gets arrested by the chief, who furthermore is credited only as "Fatso"! What an insult. So much for Chinawood, but they redeemed themselves with the Oscar-worthy Ip Man: The Final Fight [Blu-ray] (see my reviews of both movies). It can happen in real life also, only without the insults.

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