

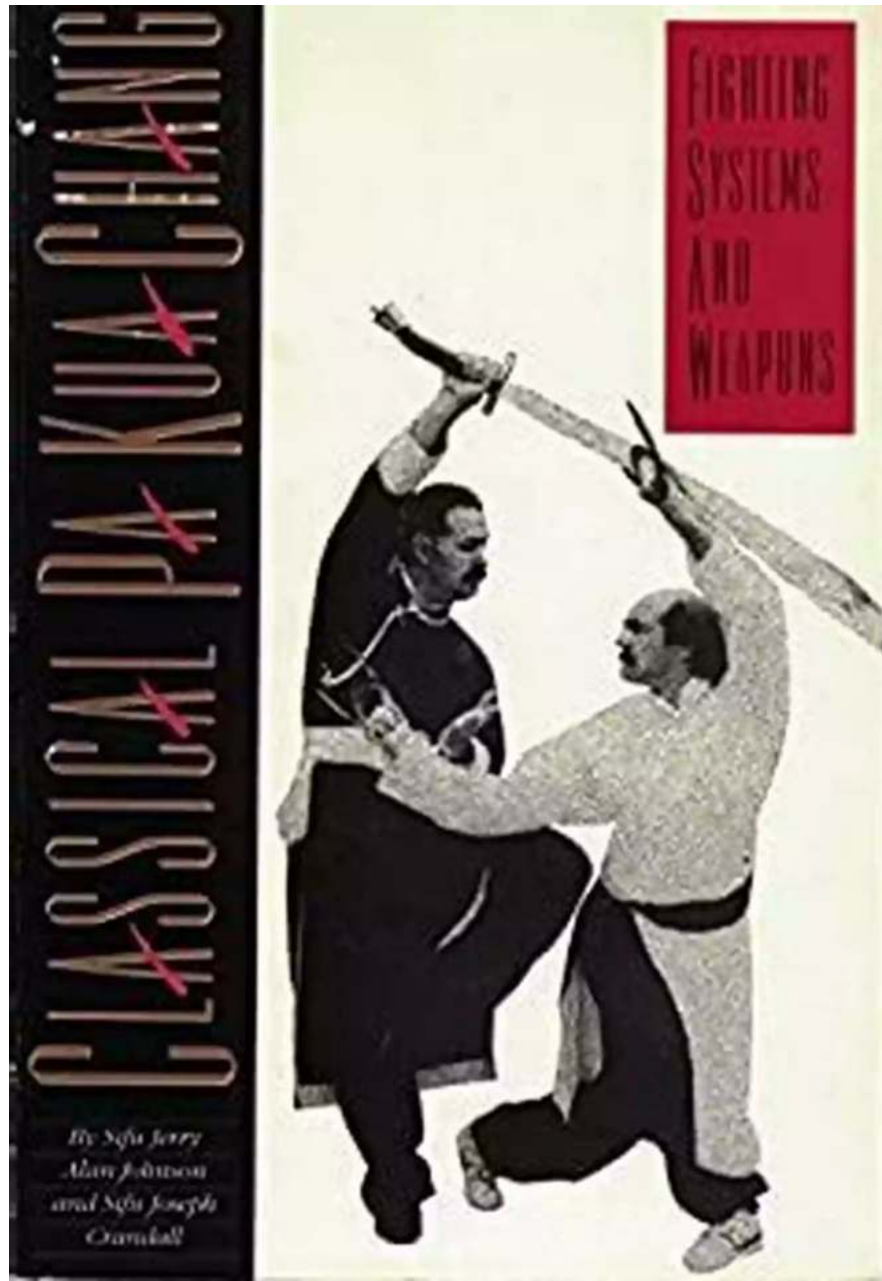
# **Classical Pa Kua Chang Fighting Systems And Weapons**

## **The Fascinating Art of Classical Pa Kua Chang**

Pa Kua Chang, also known as Bagua Zhang, is a traditional Chinese martial art that focuses on circular movements, fluid footwork, and continuous circular strikes. It is considered one of the most complex and sophisticated martial arts in the world. The art originated in ancient China and was developed by Taoist monks who sought to explore the principles of the I Ching, a Chinese divination text. Pa Kua Chang is not just a means of self-defense but also a way to cultivate the body, mind, and spirit.

## **The Fighting Systems of Pa Kua Chang**

There are various fighting systems within Pa Kua Chang, each with its own unique techniques and strategies. One of the most widely practiced systems is the linear system, commonly referred to as "straight-line" or "linear" Pa Kua Chang. This system emphasizes direct attacks and counterattacks, using linear footwork and strikes to overwhelm opponents.



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Another system within Pa Kua Chang is the circular system, which is characterized by continuous circular movements and strikes. This system focuses on redirecting an opponent's force and using it against them. Practitioners of the circular system often move in a spiral or circular pattern, making it difficult for opponents to anticipate their movements.

## **Weapons in Pa Kua Chang**

Pa Kua Chang also incorporates the use of various weapons, allowing practitioners to further develop their skills and techniques. Some of the commonly used weapons in Pa Kua Chang include the straight sword, broadsword, spear, staff, and the distinctive Pa Kua Chang crescent-shaped knife.

The straight sword, or jian, is a traditional Chinese weapon with a straight, double-edged blade. It requires precision and finesse to wield effectively. The broadsword, or dao, is a heavy, single-edged weapon with a curved blade. It is known for its slashing and chopping movements, making it a powerful weapon in close combat.

The spear is a long-range weapon with a sharp pointed tip. It allows the practitioner to attack from a distance and is known for its thrusting and sweeping techniques. The staff, or gun, is a long, solid weapon that can be used for both offense and defense. Its length provides reach and leverage, making it versatile in combat.

Last but not least, the Pa Kua Chang crescent-shaped knife, or Bagua Dao, is a unique weapon designed specifically for practitioners of Pa Kua Chang. It

features a curved blade resembling a crescent moon and is used for slashing, hooking, and trapping techniques.

## **Benefits of Practicing Classical Pa Kua Chang**

Practicing Classical Pa Kua Chang offers numerous benefits for the body, mind, and spirit. Physically, it enhances flexibility, strength, coordination, and agility. The circular footwork and strikes also provide an effective cardiovascular workout.

Mentally, Pa Kua Chang improves focus, concentration, and discipline. The art requires practitioners to be fully present and attentive to their movements. It also cultivates patience and perseverance as progress in the art is achieved through dedicated practice over time.

Spiritually, Pa Kua Chang encourages the development of inner harmony and a deep connection with nature. The circular movements and adherence to the principles of the I Ching promote a sense of balance and flow, aligning practitioners with the natural rhythms of life.

Classical Pa Kua Chang is a fascinating martial art that combines circular movements, various fighting systems, and the use of weapons. It offers practitioners a holistic approach to self-defense, physical fitness, mental focus, and spiritual growth. Whether one seeks to master the art of combat or simply wishes to improve overall well-being, Pa Kua Chang provides a rich and rewarding journey.

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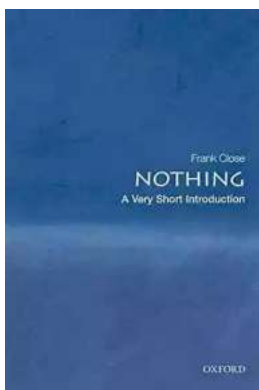


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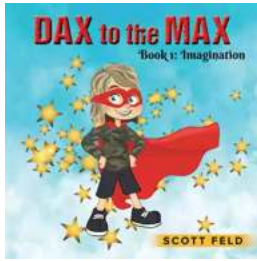
Originally written in 1990 by Dr. Jerry Alan Johnson and Sifu Joseph Crandall, the “Classical Pa Kua Chang Fighting Systems and Weapons” is the third English book ever written by a Pa Kua Master in the United States that unveils the esoteric art and theories of Pa Kua Chang (Baguazhang) fighting to the American public.

This third book contains the secrets of 28 Pa Kua Masters and their different fighting systems – along with many types of Pa Kua Weapons. It also contains many great pictures and is designed to inform and educate all internal martial arts enthusiast.



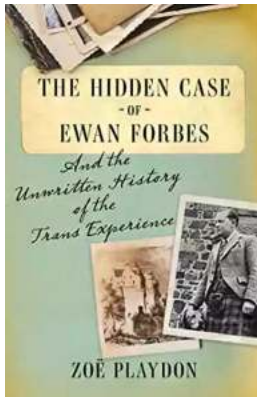
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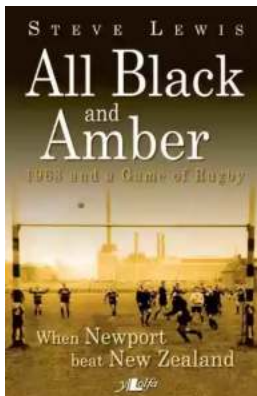
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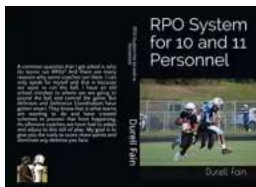
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