

Foreword

There are countless books out there for learning kanji. Most of them are functionally designed and highly effective tools for efficiently studying the characters—their readings, stroke order, origins, and so on.

This book teaches you none of that.

Absolutely none.

This book is structured into seven chapters:

- Chapter 1 Nature
- Chapter 2 Myths & Symbols
- Chapter 3 Battle
- Chapter 4 Powers
- Chapter 5 Emotions & Will
- Chapter 6 Zodiac Signs
- Chapter 7 Kanji, assemble!

All you have to do is look at the kanji, see the illustration that symbolizes its meaning, and just think, “Damn, that looks cool.” That’s it.

If regular kanji workbooks are like anatomical textbooks, this one is a photo book—a glossy pictorial magazine of kanji.

So empty your head, relax, and dive into the world of kanji with Issen as your guide!

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Flame

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Dragon

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Tiger

虎 彪

處 虎



Martial

武 武

武 武



Hide

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隠 隠



天秤





風林火山

Swift as the Wind, Silent as the Forest,
Fierce as Fire, Immovable as a Mountain



喜怒哀樂

Joy, Anger, Sorrow, and Pleasure



疾風迅雷

Swift as the Wind, Sudden as Thunder