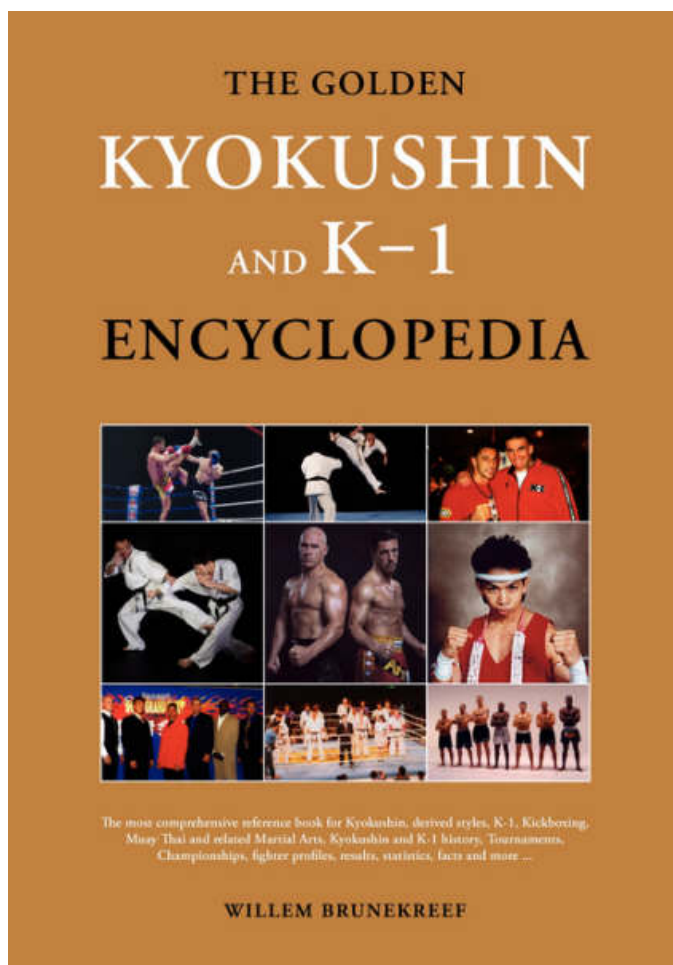


The Kyokushin family tree, from the teachers of the teachers of Mas Oyama - the most prestigious Kickboxing league, K-1



Kyokushin Martial Arts is a family tree. The history of K-1, Kickboxing and several Kyokushin descended styles goes back to the Kyokushin family tree. About half this book, 14 chapters, is about Kyokushin, the world strongest Karate and its family tree. The book starts with chapters about the life and the accomplishments of the legendary founder of Kyokushin, Masutatsu Oyama, his teachers and their teachers, Okinawan Masters, such as Chōjun Miyagi, Mabuni Kenwa, Choki Motobu, Yasutsune Azato, Kanryo Higashionna, Yasutsune Anko Itosu, Kōtarō Yoshida and Gichin Funakoshi. From 1976, Kyokushin related Karate styles like Seidokan Karate (Kazuyoshi Ishii), Ashihara Karate (Hideyuki Ashihara), Seido Juku (Tadashi Nakamura), Enshin Karate (Joko Ninomiya), Oyama Karate (Shigeru Oyama), Shidokan (Yoshiji Soeno) and Kickboxing (Kenji Kurosaki) were established by teachers who departed from Kyokushin. Since Founder Mas Oyama past away, in 1994, the International Kyokushin Organization IKO itself was parted in new organizations with new leaders. This book includes wide-ranging Kyokushin -and related styles- background information, profiles, statistics, results and fighting records of the best Kyokushin fighters from the last decades, results of the most important Kyokushin and Kyokushin related Tournaments in Japan, USA and Europe. Kyokushin champions, like Andy Hug who won the prestigious K-1 World Grand Prix Final Tournament in 1996, Francisco Filho, Glaube Feitosa, Ewerton Teixeira and several others took successfully part in K-1 events and the founder of Seido Kaikan and K-1 Mr. Kazuyoshi Ishii, a is originally from Kyokushin. This is why Kyokushin -like a continuous thread- can be found in all chapters in this book.

K-1 K-1 is probably the most famous and prestigious Martial Arts event in the world. Almost every Country in the world is involved and the Tournaments are broadcasted Worldwide. In less than a decade not only the K-1 organization has been through an unbelievable growth, the income of the Fighters has been as well (US \$ 100,000 for the tournament champion in the beginning of K-1, in 1993, but nowadays this amount is multiplied by four to US \$ 400,000). K-1 is an in Japan founded

and established concept: K stands for K-sports, like Karate, Kickboxing, Kempo, Kyokushin and 1 for number ONE, the strongest fighters in ONE weight class. In a K-1 Tournament Full Contact fighters of all kinds of Martial Arts, mostly Kickboxing and Karate, from all over the world compete each other till the strongest two fighters meet in the final fight. The roots of Kickboxing can be found in Muay Thai and Kyokushin Karate. A special chapter is a tribute to Mr. Kazuyoshi Ishii, the Founder of Seidokan Karate, Seido Kaikan, and the K-1 concept.

K-1 History This book gives a comprehensive insight about how it all started, even in the years before K-1 was established, how K-1 became BIG Business in Japan and the rest of the world, the K-1 concept, founder Kazuyoshi Ishii, profiles, results and statistics of the K-1 Fighters and a lot more. Because K-1, finds its roots in Kyokushin Karate and Kickboxing this book gives comprehensive information about these roots. K-1 probably had never been as BIG as nowadays without the huge contribution of the Dutch. Even before day one of K-1 the Dutch, like the author of this book, have been involved. Since the existence of K-1 no less than 12 of the 14 yearly held K-1 World Grand Prix Final Tournaments have been won by a fighter from Holland.

Andy Hug 4 special chapters, 30 pages with unique and never published information and photos, are a special tribute to a great champion in both, Karate and Kickboxing. Andy Hug, the person, his life, his sports career, summaries and results of all his Kyokushin-, Seidokan- and K-1 fights (1977-2000), and his life that changed from "well known amateur" into the life of a professional fighter and superstar. The author of this book met Andy Hug in 1981, when Andy was only 17, for the first time and they have been friends for almost 20 years. It was also the author of this book who in 1991 approached Andy, on special request of Mr. Kazuyoshi Ishii, to take part in the Seidokan Karate World cup which resulted in a professional Karate- and K-1 career.

Statistics over 14 years of K-1 Fighters and Grand Prix Tournaments. A must for K-1 fans. 10 Chapters with all there is to know; statistics and facts over 14 years of K-1, fighter profiles of the K-1 (and K-1 MAX) fighters, with Summaries of all their fights; who they have been fighting, who won or lost, who achieved the most or fastest KO's, more than 250 K-1 worldwide events (where held, who won), the eldest-, the heaviest-, the tallest fighters, the number of appearances in K-1 events where and when, and a lot more!!! Ernesto Hoost and Peter Aerts, statistically the best K-1 fighters ever, are head to head compared in a special chapter.

4 Chapters about the history of Kickboxing and Muay Thai in Japan, the USA, Thailand and Holland. The Dutch K-1 and K-1 MAX fighters, have been practically unbeatable the last decades. Also in the 1970's, 1980's and 1990's (before K-1) Holland produced the strongest fighters. In a special chapter about the history of Kickboxing in Holland, you can read about the 1970's when gyms like Chakuriki, Mejiro gym and Vos gym in Holland were founded. Follow the careers of K-1 Champions like Ernesto Hoost, Peter Aerts, Remy Bonjasky and others in the years before the First K-1 event in 1993 was held. In the chapter the history of Martial Arts, (mainly Kickboxing and Kyokushin) in Holland not only Champions like Ernesto Hoost, Peter Aerts, Remy Bonjasky, Sem Schilt, Badr Hari, Andy Souwer, Albert Kraus, but also earlier retired Dutch Champions can be found, like Rob Kaman, Ramon Dekkers, Branco Cikatic (originally from Croatia, but trained in Holland), Lucia Rijker (nowadays a Hollywood movie star), Lucien Carbin, Ivan Hippolyte, Gilbert Ballentine, Ron Kuyt, Rik van de Vathorst, Andre Brilleman, Miloud el Guebli, Leo de Snoo, Michel Wedel and the unforgettable Peter "the Hurricane" Smit, who was a great champion in both, Kyokushin and Kickboxing. In the chapters about Japan and the USA: Kenji Kurosaki, Toshio Fujiwara, Akio Fujihira, Benny Urquidez, Chuck Norris, Joe Lewis, Bruce Lee, Bill Wallace, Jean Claude van Damme and all others whose contribution to the popularity of Martial Arts have been of incalculable value. In the chapter Muay Thai, all Muay Thai related sports are described and compared.

This book includes all possible Kyokushin- and K-1 information, over the last decades, with the most unique -and never published- photos and is a treasure; a complete lexicon, reference book, encyclopedia, wannahave and collectors item for all in Karate, K-1 and other martial arts.