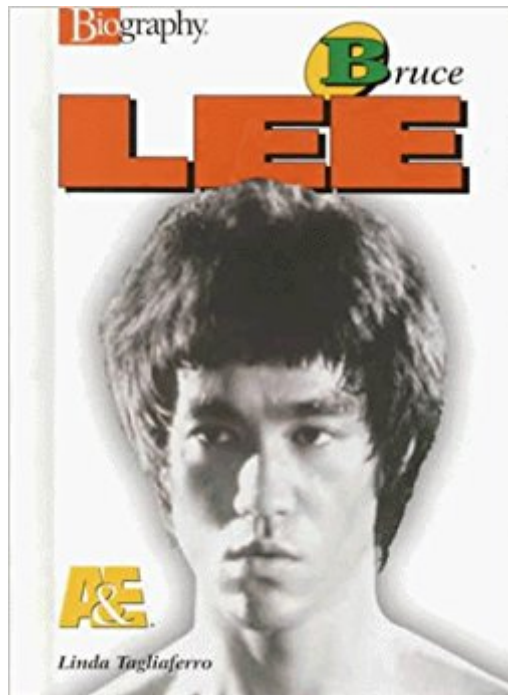




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# Bruce Lee: By Linda Tagliaferro (A & E Biography)



## Synopsis

A biography of the well-known actor and martial arts master, Bruce Lee, from his childhood in Hong Kong to his untimely death at the age of thirty-two. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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## Customer Reviews

Grade 5 Up-This biography is packed with information on Lee, his films, his family, and his legacy. It includes both the usual movie stills of Lee in action and rarer, more revealing photos in color and in black and white of him with his siblings, in his parents' home, and in a dance contest (he was a cha-cha champion in Hong Kong). Tagliaferro introduces Lee's daughter, whom many writers ignore in favor of her late brother, Brandon. The author gets much of her information from interviews with the people who knew Lee best (including his wife), and the quotes she incorporates give the book an added personal dimension. As with many biographies of larger-than-life characters, there seems to be some exaggeration, as when the author claims that Lee avoided punches "seconds" before they reached him. But all in all, this is a solid offering, with tidbits of unusual information and contacts for scholarships in Lee's name. Laura Santoro, Coventry Library, Cleveland Heights, OH  
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My 10 yr old read this for a biography report. We both learned a lot of interesting facts about Bruce Lee. For any martial-arts loving fan, this is a great read. Easy enough for a 4th grader and up.

The book provided a nice summary of Bruce Lee's life. I learned some things about his life that never crossed my mind. My son used it for a book report so it worked out fine.

Linda Tagliaferro's biography Bruce Lee offers an uncomplicated outline of Lee's life for young readers in the nine to twelve age group. The book portrays Lee as a positive role model for youngsters of any ethnic background. Additionally, the book gives brief scenarios for all of Bruce Lee's adult films and also offers a brief and thoughtful outline of Brandon Lee's short life and film career. Tagliaferro traces Lee's Life from his birth in San Francisco in 1940 to his all too brief brush with fame in Hong Kong before his sudden death in 1973 and subsequent posthumous stardom. The childhood years of Bruce 'never sits still' Lee in Hong Kong are nicely sketched by Tagliaferro. Also the descriptions of Lee's early days in America given by his various friends are touching. For example, Lee's life at Ruby Chows Chinese Restaurant in Seattle as recounted by his friend Skip Ellsworth. Lee's room is described as being, 'exactly the same size as a normal closet. He slept on the floor and the "desk" that he studied on was a wooden apple box.' Bruce kept his clothes folded on the floor next to his bed. There was one bare lightbulb hanging from the ceiling'. However, perhaps understandably, the later, more complex years of Bruce Lee's life are less fully portrayed. The 'facts' are presented simply and clearly. However, adult readers will be only too well aware that the 'facts' being presented are only one version of Bruce Lee's story. My main criticism of the book is that the absence of any real interest in Bruce Lee by Linda Tagliaferro is a weakness. Also the previous titles by Linda Tagliaferro for example, Genetic Engineering: Progress or Peril? chart a rather odd trajectory into writing about Bruce Lee. Overall however, Bruce Lee is a very pleasant little book; well illustrated with carefully chosen photographs on nearly every page. Furthermore, it attempts to offer children a positive message about what can be achieved in the face of obstacles and discrimination. For adult readers, it's strictly for the 'must have everything about Bruce Lee type'. Otherwise, find a child you can buy it for, then borrow it! All quotes taken from, Bruce Lee, by Linda Tagliaferro, (A&E Lerner Publications 2000).

The book, Bruce Lee by Linda Tagliaferro, is an action-packed biography, including Bruce Lee in his fantastic movies like: "Enter the Dragon", "Fists of Fury", "Way of the Dragon," "The Chinese Connection". "Way of the Dragon" was later known as "Return of the Dragon" because it was

released in the United States after Bruce's final movie, "Enter the Dragon". I would rate this book with four stars because this book has a lot of action in it and good fighting sequences. The book also shares about marriage to Linda Lee having two kids, Shannon and Brandon Bruce Lee. Brandon was born on February 1, 1965 and Shannon was born on April 19, 1969. On March 31, 1993 a tragedy happened in the making of "The Crow" Brandon died. He thought he was about to get shot with a blank but instead he was shot with a .44-caliber. Eric Draven pointed the gun at Brandon. He fired the gun and Brandon fell to the floor. The scene ended, but Brandon didn't get up. Read this book you will like this biography very much by Linda Tagliaferro.

I was looking for a book for a nephew who was interested in martial arts films and came across this one, which was attractive, useful, and extremely readable. It's a great gift for those who want an introduction to this interesting figure.

this bio is a good start for people wanting to learn about Bruce Lee. It covers the basic things about him but doesn't really go in depth. I would highly recommend this book for young people or for people who don't really know about Bruce Lee and want to learn more. The bio is very readable. I read it in an hour and it made me want to read more about Bruce Lee.

Although written for kids, this was a book that both adults and children would find fascinating and interesting. I couldn't put it down and wanted to read more. Many facts about Bruce Lee I had never known before. Wonderful pictures. Some educational background on Chinese culture.

New interviews with Bruce's wife, author of "Enter The Dragon" and several of his original students. Lots of pictures. Some I'd never seen before. Solid information.

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