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Derek Padula : Dragon Ball Culture Volume 1: Origin before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Dragon Ball Culture Volume 1: Origin:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A peek into the Dragon WorldBy Tyrannosaur87Focusing on the early life of Akira Toriyama and the cultural origins of Dragon Ball, volume 1 of Dragon Ball Culture delves deep into the past and introduces the reader to the classic fable Journey to the West and how it's cultural inluences helped to shape the Dragon World into what we know and love it to be. Jam packed with information, it's a fantastic work that

allows us to take a peek into the mind of Akira Toriyama and see the fantastic cultural influences that lie just beneath the surface. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. It paints a picture of how amazing Dragonball truly is. By Alex Topper I decided to recently rewatch dragonball, and as I am now in my early 20's I became aware of the heavy influence of Asian mysticism through out the show. When I discovered there was a book that explains the mysticism within dragonball I felt as if I had found a treasure chest. Within this treasure chest of a book is a rich esoteric history of everything that went into the show. It paints a picture of how amazing Dragonball truly is! 5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Journey to the East! By serendipity I arrived at this tome in a very interesting manner. While I was aware of Derek Padula's other work, "It's Over 9,000!" I actually stumbled upon "Dragon Ball Culture" by pure happenstance. While watching "Death Battle" on You Tube one day I noticed a particular match of interest. For those of you who don't know, 'Death Battle' is a series put forth by production studio ScrewAttack! where they pit famous characters from the world of fiction and see who comes out on top. The guys at ScrewAttack! really do their homework and, as if they were fighting a legal lawsuit, they contend fact against fact to see which fictional character would win a supposed 'Death Battle.' On this particular match the opponents happened to be none other than Superman vs. Goku. As reference for Goku's statistics they used several resources, one being the dao of dragonball.com. This is Derek Padula's very own website as most of you already know. A quick click had me swiftly informed about his forays into Eastern culture. Coincidentally, at this time I myself was also just wrapping up the third book in W.J.F. Jenner's translation of "Journey to the West." What luck! The perfect companion piece to my own journey to the East! Volume 1 bridges the gaps for any Westerner who has only just vague ideas about that mysterious and foreign region we call the Far East. What Mr. Padula has done here is monumental. His 11 year trek to uncover all the minutiae that holds the magnificent tale of Dragon Ball together is quite profound. Having a deep interest in Dragon Ball myself I have scoured to look for places that may shed some insights onto how the 'people from the East' look at this story with very little to find on the matter. "Dragon Ball Culture" answers many questions that only diehards like myself would ever consider. So if you're a casual fan, then it's probably best to stick to the anime or manga. This particular piece by Mr. Padula is clearly an effort to align fans of the series here in the West with an abundant amount of details that are misinterpreted or altogether absent in the translations that reach our shores. The reader gains a newfound appreciation and depth of understanding for the series which encompass stories as old as the 400+ year old "Journey to the West" to the more modern sci-fi stories of the 20th century. I've already started Volume 2 where things get much more intriguing but Volume 1 definitely lays the foundation for things to come in this projected 7 volume program. This volume also has the honor to serve as a de-facto biography to the author of Dragon Ball, Akira Toriyama, whom, as a secluded individual, is very hard to find out about. If you're a Westerner that has wanted to straddle the gulf inherent in an Eastern story, then this is your read! The culture is so different to our own that it invites curiosity but in that journey to satisfy those questions we find the Heart; that essence of spirit that speaks to us all: timeless storytelling that eventually points out that the differences are only a flimsy veneer.

See Dragon Ball with new eyes. This book is your cultural tour guide to Dragon Ball, the world's most recognized anime and manga series. Over 12 years in development, Dragon Ball Culture is a 7 Volume analysis of your favorite series. You will go on an adventure with Son Goku, from Chapter 1 to 194 of the original Dragon Ball, as we explore every page, every panel, and every sentence, to reveal its hidden symbolism and deeper meaning. In Volume 1 you will enter the mind of Akira Toriyama and discover the origin of Dragon Ball. How does Toriyama get his big break and become a manga author? Why does he make Dragon Ball? Where does Dragon Ball's culture come from? And why is it so successful? Along the way you'll be informed, entertained, and inspired. You will learn more about your favorite series and about yourself. Now step with me through the doorway of Dragon Ball Culture.

"Dragon Ball Culture is a must read. It's beyond interesting, it's inspiring. You'll never look at Dragon Ball the same way again!" - dragonballinsider.com "For Dragon Ball fans who think they know everything." - toonbarn.com "Dragon Ball Culture is an AMAZING resource. I guarantee you will learn a lot. You'll not only get your deepest Dragon Ball questions answered, you'll also get answers to questions you never thought to ask!" - MistareFusion Derek Padula's brilliant Dragon Ball Culture books are well-researched and written in a formal but still accessible manner, providing insight on the culture, themes, and history that influenced the story and world of Dragon Ball. Mr. Padula's books are excellent pieces for any Dragon Ball fan looking to dig deeper into the essence of the franchise, and I highly recommend them. - all-comic.com "Essential reading for Dragon Ball fans." - Geekdom101 From the Back Cover Volume 1 of 7 Discover the origin of Dragon Ball. the dao of dragonball.com About the Author Derek Padula is the author of The Dao of Dragon Ball website and book series; the first to reveal the deep history, philosophy, and cultural roots of the world's #1 anime and manga. Derek's journey begins when he sees the Dragon Ball anime in 1997. His love for the series inspires him to start martial arts training in Shaolin gongfu, taiji-quan, qigong, karate, and Falun Dafa meditation. He earns his B.A. in East Asian Studies and a minor in Chinese from Western Michigan University. Then he studies abroad in Beijing, China where he trains with the Buddhist Shaolin monks and a Daoist taij sword master. After returning home he begins his life's work. He is now an authority on Dragon Ball and loves to share his

understanding of this profound series that changes lives.