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"The Chinese martial art of Bagua Zhang has a long and illustrious history of training manuals, and *Fu Zhen Song's Dragon Bagua Zhang* carries on this grand tradition. Lin Chao Zhen was a direct student of Fu Zhen Song, and his closeness to that renowned teacher is reflected in the detail shown in the various techniques in the book. I highly recommend this important and informative training manual."

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