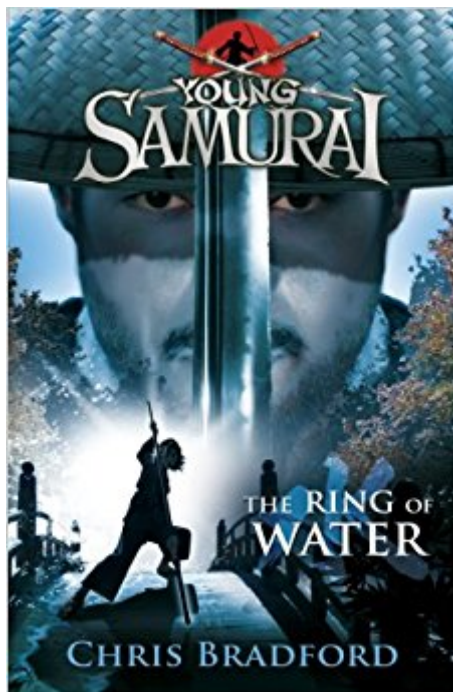


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Synopsis

Young Samurai: The Ring of Water is the fifth book in this blockbuster series by Chris Bradford. Jack Fletcher has been left for dead. Bruised and battered, Jack wakes up in a roadside inn wrapped only in a dirty kimono. He has lost everything, including his memory of what happened. Determined to discover the truth, Jack goes on a quest to retrieve his belongings—his precious swords, his friend Akiko's black pearl, and, most important of all, his father's prize possession. Relying on his samurai and ninja training, Jack realizes The Ring of Water is the key to his survival. But with only a washed up Ronin—a masterless samurai—for help, what will Jack manage to find? What will he lose? And what will he have to sacrifice?

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

"A fantastic adventure that floors the reader on page one and keeps them there until the end."

—Eoin Colfer, author, Artemis Fowl

Chris Bradford has trained in karate, kickboxing, and samurai swordsmanship. He earned his black belt in Zen Kyo Shin Taijutsu, the secret fighting art of the ninja. Before writing the Young Samurai series, he was a professional musician and songwriter and has performed for HRH Queen Elizabeth II.

Actually love this series. But the way this story plays on the historical history of Japan along with the action makes one wish this was a Netflix mini series.

I like these books a lot even though I'm in my 30's and they are geared for a younger crowd. They are a very easy read, lots of action, and remind me a lot of Harry Potter in a Japanese setting. What I liked most about this book is that it offers a lot of Japanese culture, which makes it educational in a very unexpected way. Not only do you get glimpses of Japanese history, you also get a lesson in language, food, politics, and Samurai code. Even having taken Japanese classes in college, I found myself learning things I never knew. These are good books for any age that are interested in Japanese culture. Well written. I will look forward to the continuing story.

The story is slow to come to a rhythm and it seems that all volumes are simply the same concept as the previous one, just stretched in a new way. Overall, I had not realized that these books were so short, priced so high and you can find better novels (Shogun, Musashi,..) which are much longer and hence 10 times cheaper. I did not buy book 6, I started another novel. In fact, I regret having bought all five volumes, it took me too long to realize the motivation of the author.

I bought the first book, Young Samurai, for my son. He quickly read it and all following books. He was so inspired by the story and history that he requested to learn how to use a katana. And he begged me to read the books for myself. I've read them almost as fast as he did.

This whole series is fun. I got through it in about 2 weeks. But all in all it was an entertaining read.

My 11 year old loved the first four books in this series and couldn't wait to get this one. Unfortunately, he was disappointed in this one...

Action packed and engaging. My 11 year old loves his series. Can't wait to start the next book. You'll love it

My grandson enjoys this series of books

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