

# REMEMBERING BRUCE LEE

## And Jon Benn's Other Adventures

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after Bruce Lee's passing

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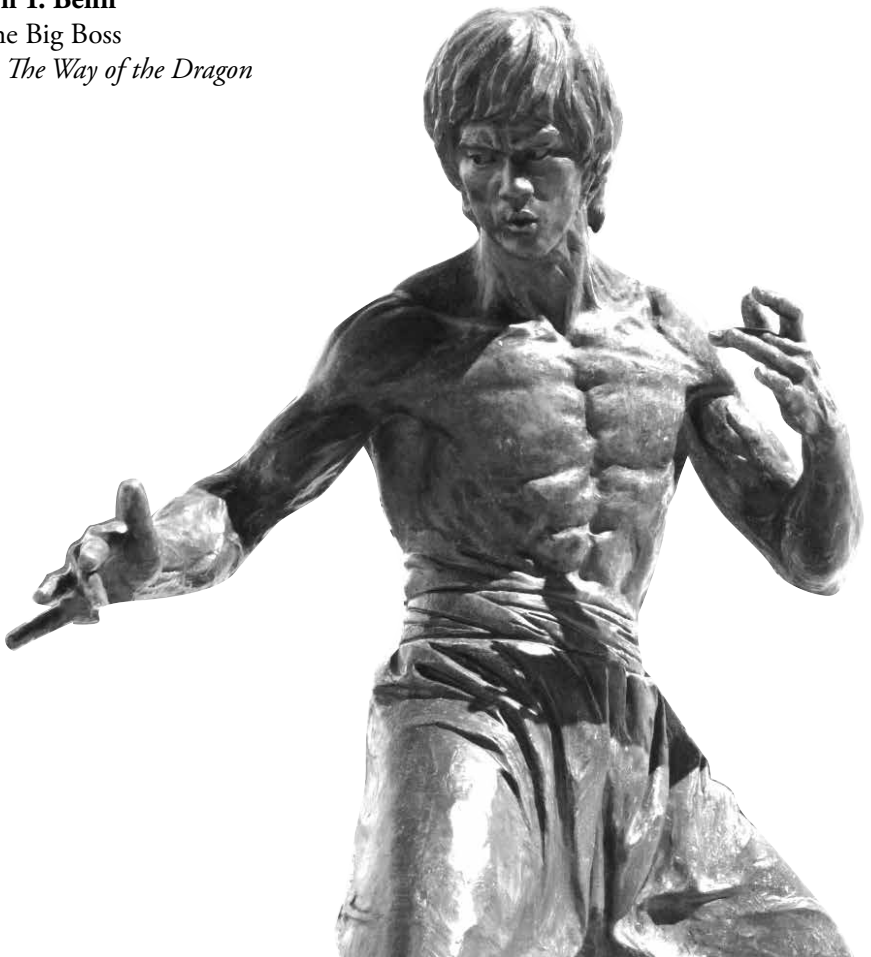
I dedicate this book to the late, great Bruce Lee (1940-73), who passed away more than 40 years ago. Already, that's longer than Bruce actually lived. The dedication also extends to the Bruce Lee family, Bruce's millions of admirers and all of the devoted movie fans worldwide.

Thankfully, the enjoyment of good stories, so much the better when they happen to be true, flows constantly across almost every international border. Whether on screens or in print, stories help to bring people together and to make the world a better place. Bruce understood the power of stories better than almost anyone else.

**Jon T. Benn**

The Big Boss

in *The Way of the Dragon*



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# INTRODUCTION

At no time in the entire scope of human history has the world seen another person, another actor or another martial artist quite like the amazing **Bruce Lee**. For anyone who knew Bruce, or simply followed his exploits on the movie screens, he remains as someone special and entirely unique.

So Blacksmith Books takes an immense pride in presenting this book, *Remembering Bruce Lee*, to help everyone who reads it, or even sees it, to do exactly what the title suggests. The book appears more than 40 years after Bruce's tragic and untimely passing away back in 1973. What better opportunity could exist to fondly remember Bruce and to celebrate everything that he represented?

Incidentally, for anyone wishing to meet or otherwise interact with many of Bruce's most ardent fans, I would suggest contacting the Hong Kong-based Bruce Lee Club. Here are the pertinent details.

Email: [info@bruceleeclub.com](mailto:info@bruceleeclub.com)

Website: [www.bruceleeclub.com](http://www.bruceleeclub.com)

However, this book, an autobiography not by Bruce, but by one of his co-stars, contains much more than merely movie-related and martial-arts memories. **Jon T. Benn**, the author, has lived a remarkable life and encountered fascinating people, like Bruce and many others, as a matter of routine.

Almost by accident, Jon became an actor, a man whose very appearance rings bells in the memory banks of many people. He found the most fame, notoriety really, for playing "The Big Boss", a nasty Mafia leader in *The Way of the Dragon*, a 1972 Hong Kong film that many people regard as Bruce's best-ever movie.

First in Mexico and then in Hong Kong, the Philippines, Shanghai and elsewhere, Jon found himself perfectly placed, in the right places at the right times, to step in front of movie cameras and later to appear on the big screens of cinemas worldwide. But give the matter a little more thought. In one respect, so many of the things that happened to Jon, including his lengthy "movie career", should not be regarded as accidental at all. They transpired only because he had summoned up

the courage to deliberately step away from the people and the places most familiar to him and endeavor to see as much of the big world as he possibly could.

In short, Jon loved to travel and has reaped some big rewards in the form of amazing experiences. Once a person steps away from home turf, then you never know exactly what will happen, and that's precisely how the most exciting experiences come to pass.

**John Cairns**

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