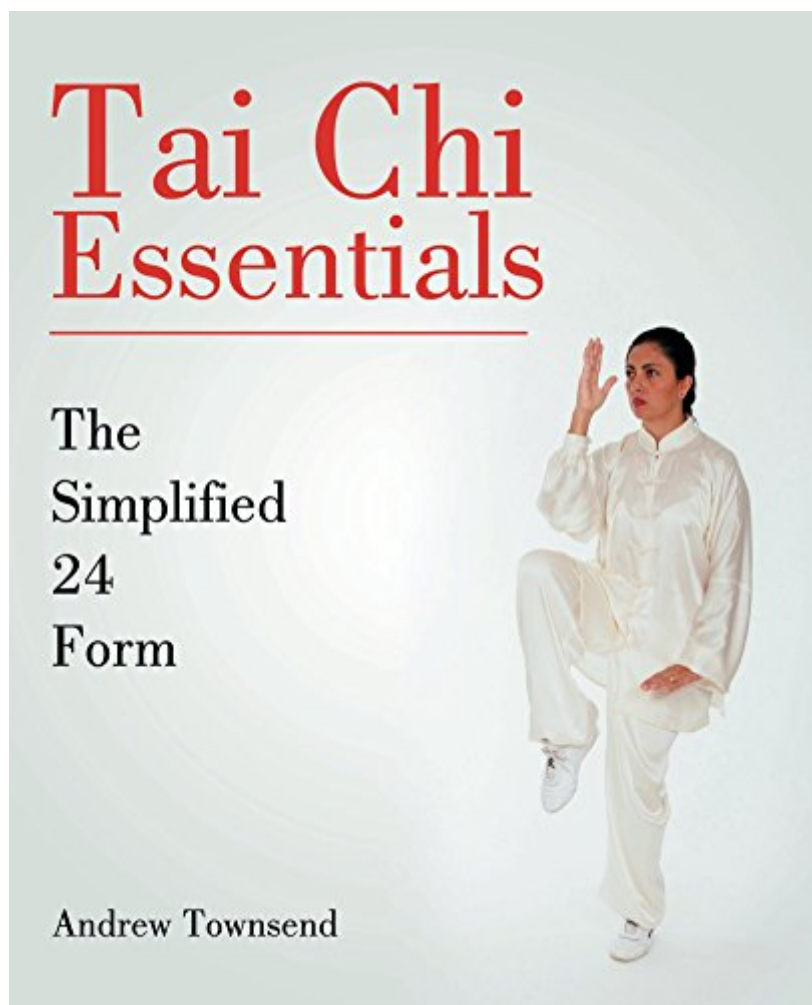


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As a taiji player of some experience, I enjoyed this book immensely. It is a book I will refer to again and again. Taijiquan is a very simple exercise system (anyone will benefit from it) and at the same time an immensely deep practice. You can learn simple taiji breathing and form fairly quickly, but it takes a lifetime to master. In other words, there is always more to learn, new depths to plumb.

Townsend's book mirrors the art. It is written in good, simple prose that anyone will benefit from, yet the book demonstrates the author's deep understanding of the art. This is a very rich book. Though the book focusses on the Simplified 24 Form (the most popular entry to taiji for many people) the first half of the book is one of the best explanations of the art that I have read. Townsend clearly has a grasp of the fundamental principles of taiji and explains the art well. There are detailed photos of each posture, and a clearly written explanation. Where Townsend goes further than other introductory taiji books is in his explanation for each posture of the proper breathing, the circulation of chi (qi) and important points that link the principles of taiji with each form. I learned a great deal, and will as I return to the book in the future. I will be recommending this book to my students.[This review is of the Kindle edition]

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