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This innovative book demonstrates how the study of sumo wrestling techniques can benefit practitioners of modern mixed martial arts (MMA), as well as other grappling arts. Sumo, Japan's ancient martial art, has its own particular variations of MMA-style body locks, throws, and trips, among other techniques.

MMA competitors know their sport grew with the evolution of jujitsu, but many do not realize sumo can be seen as the root of jujitsu. Sumo uses distraction, angles, and leverage to steal an opponent's balance and take him down.

*Sumo for Mixed Martial Arts* focuses on *kimarite*, or winning moves. Knowledge of these techniques can allow competitors to catch their opponents off guard with unorthodox clinches, takedowns, and tactics. The author places special emphasis on how smaller players can defeat larger adversaries.

This book features

- In-depth demonstrations of 48 sumo *kimarite* (winning moves) with step-by-step instructions
- Over 300 photos
- Case studies of famous *rikishi* (sumo wrestlers)
- Discussion of sumo's development, rules, and training, as well as recent changes in sumo techniques

The author provides analysis of the three basic types of fighters in MMA and how sumo techniques and tactics can enhance their skills. He examines the fighting style of former UFC light heavyweight champion Lyoto Machida, who made highly effective use of sumo wrestling in MMA competition.

In *Sumo for Mixed Martial Arts* Andrew Zerling casts an ancient martial art in new light. He combines his decades of training with a passion for research. MMA competitors, grapplers, wrestlers, and fans of sumo will appreciate the author's analysis and attention to detail. They will also come away with a wealth of new techniques.

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#### Review

"Andrew Zerling has done us all a service by taking what has been commonly regarded as a compartmentalized martial sport, sumo, and allowing us a peek inside its history and principles and giving us the opportunity to see how rich this vein of information can be to inform the modern incarnation of MMA." (Mark Hatmaker, Best-selling author of thirteen titles including the No Holds Barred Fighting series)

"I recommend this Sumo for Mixed Martial Arts book to those who want to improve their grappling." (Lyoto "The Dragon" Machida, Former UFC light heavyweight champion)

#### About the Author

**Andrew Zerling** is a black-belt martial artist with over two decades of experience in a variety of styles. His work has appeared in the *Journal of Asian Martial Arts* and *Black Belt Magazine* with Brazilian jiu-jitsu master Renzo Gracie. *Sumo for Mixed Martial Arts: Winning Clinches, Takedowns & Tactics* is Andrew's first book. Andrew Zerling resides in Rumson, New Jersey.

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