

## **Bruce Lee**

Bruce Lee was the man who brought kung fu to the West with his famous film *Enter the Dragon*.

Although Bruce Lee was born in Chinatown in San Francisco in 1940, his parents soon moved back to Hong Kong. Unfortunately, the Japanese Imperial Army invaded Hong Kong shortly afterwards but the family survived.

His father Lee Hoi Chuon was a famous Cantonese opera singer and actor and his mother Grace was a wealthy aristocrat from Hong Kong. In 1957 Lee fought and won the Hong Kong high school boxing championship and then became the Hong Kong cha cha cha champion for 1958.

At the age of 18, he returned to the United States where his sister and brother lived. He studied drama and philosophy at the University of Washington in Seattle. Then he opened his first martial arts school where he taught his friends Jun Fan Gung Fu.

Bruce Lee then had the original idea behind the very famous TV series Kung Fu but Warner Bros. decided not to have a Chinese person as the star of the series. As a result, Bruce and wife and children caught a plane to Hong Kong.

Back in Hong Kong, Bruce immediately made three very successful films with director Raymond Chow called *The Big Boss*, *Fist of Fury* and *The Way of the Dragon*. There is a very famous fight scene in *The Way of the Dragon* with Chuck Norris filmed in the Colosseum in Rome where the gladiators fought. His last film was *Enter the Dragon* and was also a huge hit. The movie has made more than 200 million US dollars.

Bruce Lee was a philosopher as well as a fighter and wrote a lot of books. He believed that all knowledge eventually became self-knowledge.

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