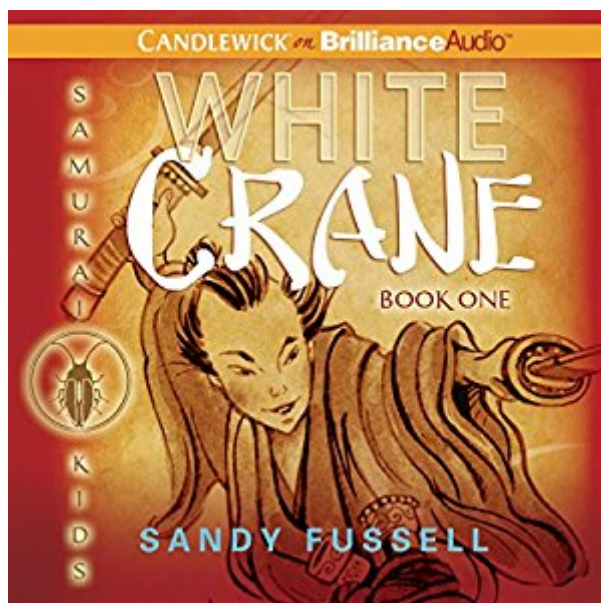


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# White Crane: Samurai Kids #1



## Synopsis

Niya Moto is the only one-legged samurai kid in Japan, famous for falling flat on his face in the dirt. None of the samurai schools will teach crippled Niya, until an offer arrives from the legendary samurai warrior Ki-Yaga, sensei of the Cockroach Ryu. Niya and the other Cockroaches must defeat the fierce samurai students from the Dragon Ryu at the Samurai Trainee Games. Though they seem to be at a terrible disadvantage, it's not long before they learn that if they stick together, there is no journey that they cannot complete, no fear that they cannot face, and no battle that they cannot win.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I picked up this book by accident. A friend had recommended another samurai series, but I couldn't remember the name. It was not the intended book, but I found a treasure!! read it aloud to my 7 yo son, and we were both enthralled. As previous reviewers have said, there is plenty of humor, action, and adventure---just perfect for a young boy!What I've not read in previous reviews is just how beautifully written these books are! It's absolutely lovely, almost poetic.And the themes are marvelous: teamwork, overcoming adversity, integrity, honor, courage. I think my favorite line in this book is the one in which Niya questions why another child will be invited to be in the Cockroach school the next year when he is able-bodied. Sensei responded so wonderfully. Something to the effect of---Silly boy, I didn't choose you for what you were missing. I choose my students by what they have inside them---great stuff. And such a marvelous message for everyone.Needless to say, we will read them all!

"There just aren't enough books about Samurai." This was the lament I heard from my son last month. I wasn't aware of this lack, but once I started looking I realized he was right, there aren't many Samurai/Ninja books for middle grade readers. I found this one just by combining samurai/children books, but was wary of buying it, my son is notoriously picky about books, so I made him read the excerpt. A few minutes later I heard him yell, I rushed back into the room and he said, "I must have this book, I have to find out what happens next!" Well, he really enjoyed the story, especially the ending. It also inspired him to look up things online; kitana, dojo, sensei and rice pudding (weird, but he really likes pudding). He said the competition reminded him a little of Toph's school of metalbending (from Avatar the Last Airbender). All in all a fun and fast book that I highly recommend for kids, I took a look at the book and think the reading level is for 10-12 year olds.

SAVING THIS FOR LATER. WISH IT HAD GIVEN A RECOMMENDED AGE. MY 6 YO GRANDSON LOVES TO BE READ TO AND HE'S EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN SAMURAI SO I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A GOOD CHOICE. WE READ BOOKS FOR 8-11 AGE GROUP. THIS IS ABOVE THAT.

Anybody who wants to be a samurai or is just looking for a nice, fun tale of wisdom and courage must read this book. Full of action and adventure White Crane is a great book for young readers!

My 5th grade son, who I usually have a hard time finding books for, loved it!

Great series.

My 9 year old only read about half of the book. He said it was boring (now this is a kid who loves to read and reread books) but my son likes books more like diary of a wimpy kid books.

I gave this to my almost 8-year old nephew for the holidays and he read it very quickly and reported thoroughly enjoying it! I will find the next one in the series for his birthday.

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