

TITLE: iPad and iPhone Kung Fu **AUTHOR:** Keir Thomas © 2014 **Cover Price:** 19.00 USA
SUB-HEAD: Tips, Tricks, Hints, and Hacks for iOS 7 **PUBLISHER:** The Pragmatic Bookshelf

We've all heard of Kung Fu. An ancient Chinese martial art that may have started before history was recorded. But luckily for us, author pro Keir Thomas has brought us up to contemporary times with "iPad and iPhone Kung Fu". And it offers respectable benefits for beginners and advanced to definitely take a bow.

Thomas has blended the Kung Fu culture very aptly with today's Apple tech culture. A remarkable feat, considering Apple owners at one time or another are feeling insecure, undisciplined, disappointed, confused, making emotional and rash decisions, not to mention suffering with doubt and delusion.

No not you, AshMUG readers, I'm talking about moi!



Within these 300+ pages, lie the treasure that'll give one the self-confidence, skills, mental alertness, and wherewithal to deliver the perfect karate chop in taming your iPad and iPhone.

Written for owners of the following:

- iPad Air
- iPad Mini (both Retina and non-Retina)
- iPad (both Retina and non-Retina)
- iPhone 5s, 5c, and 5
- iPhone 4 and 4s
- iPod Touch (fifth gen)

We learn about swipes, modes, taps, displays, windows, icons, apps, messages, options, files, copies, dragging, scrolling, pop-ups, dialog box, lock-screen pass codes, AirDrop, hot spots and lots more. I feel there's enough to appeal to most of us.

The first 51 pages, basic but not to be glossed over, contain detailed info on setting up, configurations, security, iCloud, settings app, ID, lock-screen, notifications, tips and tricks, among others. I would say Chapter 1 is aptly stated as "A Crash Course in iOS 7."

Thereafter comes the heart of the book. 300+ tips. Enough to satisfy anyones curiosity or those of us looking to solve a specific problem. I enjoyed flipping the pages until something caught my fancy, then dove in. Starting and ending on any page made it

less of a textbook atmosphere.

To sample:

- TIP 20: Lock your iPad or iPhone with a long PIN (Hint: it's with the keyboard)
- TIP 23: View Map Pins that are close together (Hint: more than one way to do it)
- TIP 32: Forward an SMS/MMS message or iMessage to another person (Hint: multiple tapplings are involved)
- TIP 55: Make maps orient to the direction you're facing (Hint: a double tap and the north-facing map will now align and point in the direction in which you're walking)
- TIP 58: Be notified of only important emails (Hint: set up a VIP mailbox. Configure Notifications to set what type of alerts you'd like to see and hear)

- TIP 98: Add words to the spelling dictionary (Hint: tap Edit, tap Add Field box, tap Notes...add all the new words you wish and tap Done)
- TIP 115: Use nicknames for people (Hint: set this up with Siri or manually add nickname to the contact card)
- TIP 163: Get a refund for an app (Hint: At Apple's discretion, using the Purchase History, Report a Problem, describing the problem and clicking Submit... will give you a response within 24 hours)
- TIP 172: Use custom ringtones and vibrations for individuals callers (Hint: you're able to do this by Editing and selecting from a list for two or more people)
- TIP 209: Make Siri pronounce names correctly (Hint: "Siri, that's not how you pronounce that name")

You'll find the straight forward details in plain English, followed with clear explanations. I give this no nonsense book 4.5 iClouds out of 5.

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