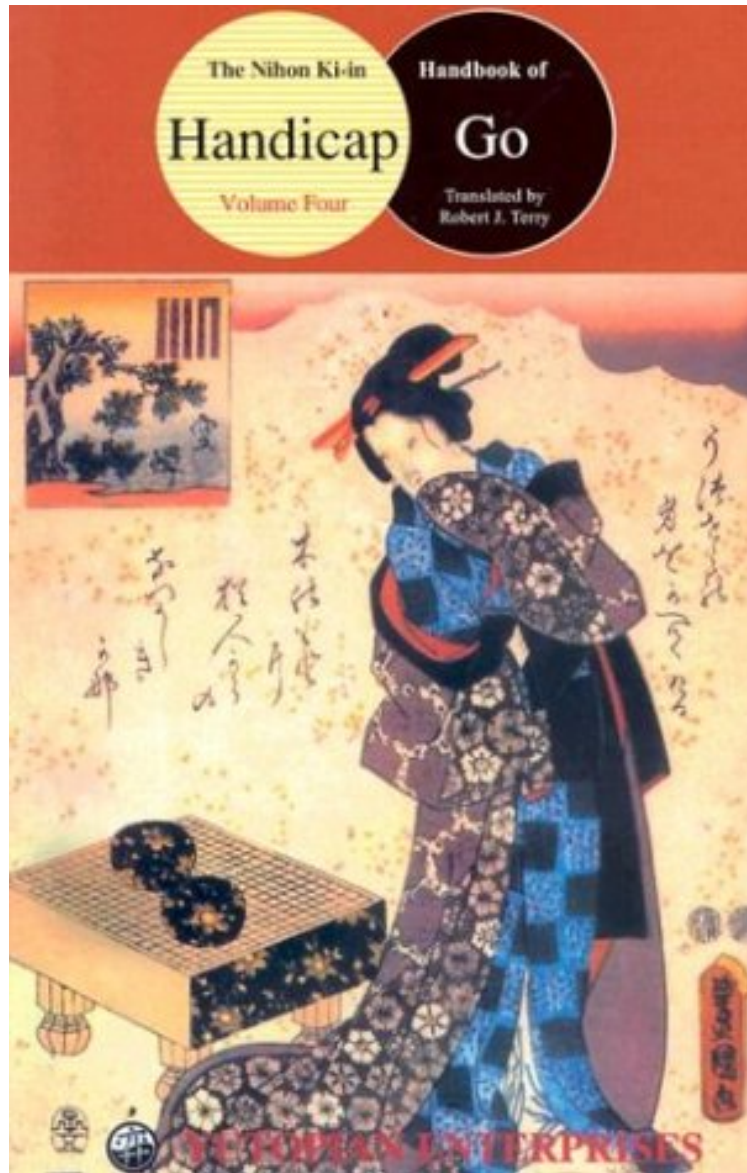


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By Stanley V. Mcdaniel
As a Go player of about 10 Kyu I have been up against a 2 Kyu player, who gives me a handicap of four to six stones. I am at sea as to how to play handicap go, so I purchased this volume. It was very disappointing and did not meet my needs. None of the opening sequences, all of which are restricted to one type of answer from Black, have any relation to the way my opponent plays. Standard corner Joseki end up giving white the advantage. Primarily it seems the attacks by White are those likely from a very advanced or even professional player, and black's responses are equally so. Many crucial moves (as is common in other professional commentaries) are not explained but the reasons for them are assumed to be obvious. A few general comments at the beginnings of the chapters are vaguely helpful but as soon as the first few moves are made, the diagrams are full of those irritating numbered stones in tiny diagrams that are hard to follow. I put it aside and ordered instead "Get Strong at Handicap Go" only to find it has the same problem although it is slightly better. I found there are very few other books available on the topic from a more elementary level. I suspect that the Elementary Go series Volume 7 on Handicap go would be much superior but it is not available. I am now using the handicap chapters in Basic Techniques of Go by Haruyama and Nagahara, which is much more helpful and covers more than one type of opening sequence. Please, won't someone write and publish a really helpful book on handicap go for less advanced players?