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The living authors are Shaolin monks who wish to remain anonymous, but who put the book together largely from written records and orally transmitted teachings from three Shaolin priests, all of whom passed away in the 1970's. They were **Li En Huo**, **Hua Ling P'o**, and **Ben Ch'i Lo**.

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