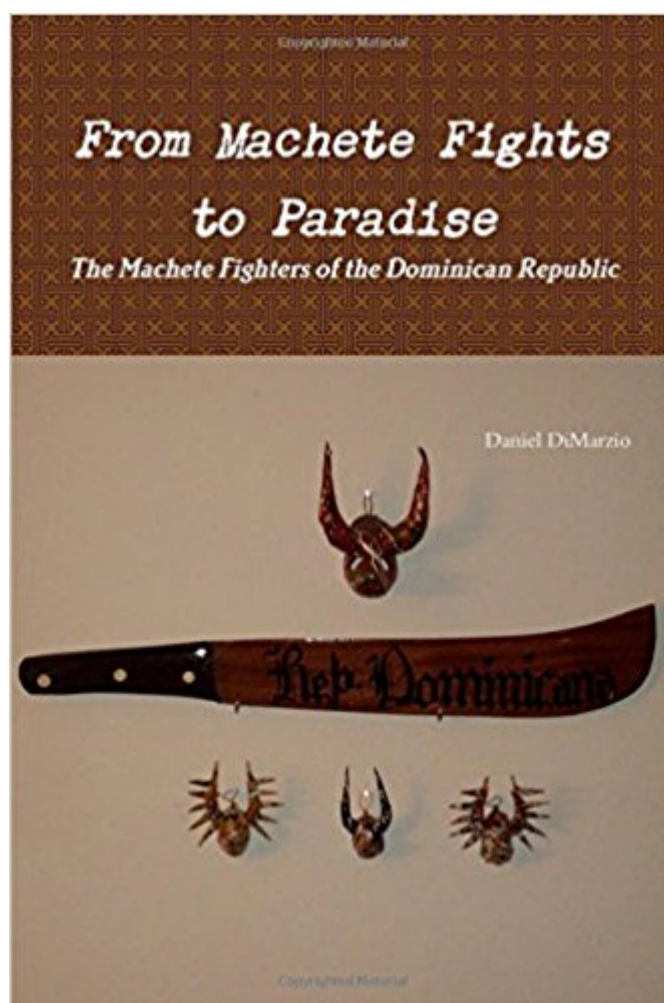


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From Machete Fights To Paradise, The Machete Fighters Of The Dominican Republic



Synopsis

When I first heard of sword fights in the Dominican I was very skeptical. I thought maybe I was hearing about a freak occurrence or a story that was blown out of proportion. But, then I heard another story...and another. All of them about machete fights. Not just one person with a machete attacking some unarmed person either, these were stories of two people wielding machetes. Two people dueling with real, live swords. Then, I actually went there and met people who had been in machete fights and had the scars to prove it. When I heard of these stories, I immediately thought of the ancient Samurai of Japan who often dueled to the death. At the heart of the martial arts was real life-and-death combat. In the case of swords and dueling, this information is very old because nobody has been in sword fights for ages. At least that's what many people thought. Sword fights do happen in the modern world. They happen in the Caribbean...in Latin America...specifically in a place called the Dominican Republic. This isn't the same Dominican Republic that tourists often see. These fights happen in the neighborhoods and countryside rarely ever seen by the non-local. The following are accounts of modern-day sword fights, fights involving the Machete Fighters of the Dominican Republic. This is the only book ever written about this obscure, rare and unspoken topic.

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"Like Daniel states in his book, there is nothing romantic about these "machete fighters." They are not a club, they don't do demonstrations, they don't have competitions. These are real-life fights over honor, over money, over women. The reward is survival and the "scars to prove it." "Don't try this at home.... or anywhere."-Maria Ferrer (LatinaBookClub.com)"A weapon to be feared, and one

to master, author and martial arts instructor Daniel DiMarzio has brought to life in a very easy to read series of short stories that tell of the use and application of the machete in real life fighting scenarios in the Dominican Republic. The setting and background to the violence can often be planned or random and involve's blood feuds, personal grievances, and what can happen when two grown men love the same woman!"-Mushir Han (Chief Instructor) Silat Combat Academy Seni Silat Barakah Special Forces Combatives (Australian Chapter) Â

When I published, "From Machete Fights to Paradise, the Machete Fighters of the Dominican Republic" back in 2012 I knew it would be a controversial book. Just how controversial, I wasn't sure. But, I knew it would cause a stir. Well, it definitely has and people are talking. Â I wrote the book because I believed the Dominican Republic deserved to be put on the martial arts map, so to speak. Through my research, I discovered it is one of the last places in the world where people actually duel with real, live swords. Being a long-time martial artist I had to look into this more. Why does it happen? Where does it happen (what parts of the country)? Why doesn't anyone in the martial arts world know about this? I attempted to answer these questions and tell the stories of different duels in the Dominican in my book. It is a cultural study, and a study to get the Dominican recognized for its martial arts prowess. Sword fights do not look like the movies. Martial arts that focus on the sword often become sanitized over time. Sword duels are barbaric and chaotic. It is a struggle between life and death. No matter how skilled you are, they are an extremely dangerous affair. For cultural reasons men (and sometimes women) still duke it out with real swords in the Dominican. Some are untrained, while others are highly skilled sword fighters few would ever want to willingly cross paths with.-Daniel DiMarzio

It's rare to read a book about such a violent subject. I've always enjoyed these types of stories. Stories about real life violence. Savage true life tales. Daniel Dimarzio did a fantastic job taking me from my bedroom to the mean streets of Santo Domingo where anything goes. You live and die by the edge of the blade. I highly recommend this book to any student on the violent nature of man. 5 stars. Fantastic.

Read this on my flight back from the Dominican Republic. Everywhere you go, you see people wielding machetes. This provides some additional insight into the country's culture.

A great read. Interesting and gripping. Needs editing, and maybe not safe if you have a boy that's

going to try out what he reads.

When practicing that iaido draw for the bizzillionth time...read this well written gem and see what modern knife/sword combat can be today.

great book, very intense, since it is true stories, all the more intense.

very good

I like the way the book was written. The stories that are told are not known by most people but are very interesting.

I read this book, it gives an interesting window into another culture and the use of the Machete as self defense weapon in a third world country. It made interesting points about how there are no school that teach machete fencing only by life lessons by those who watched and those who have survived fights. It is about street life and the things that happen in street life of a third world country. It reminded me of stories from the Philippines. Good read over all.

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