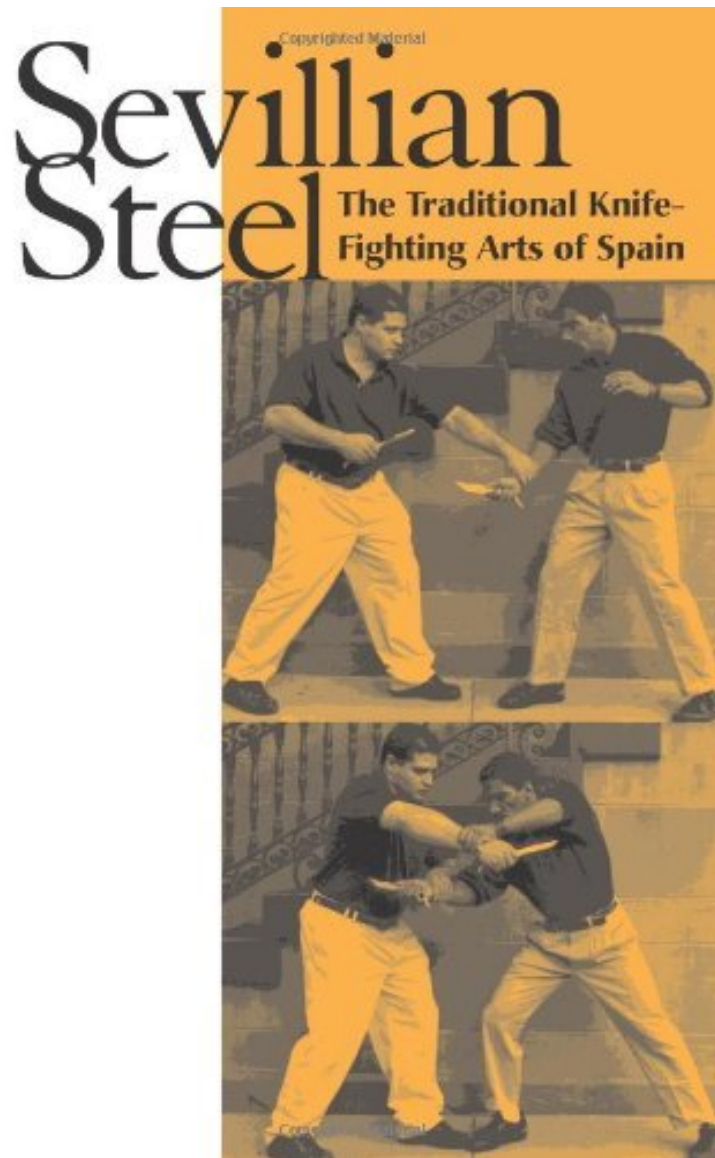


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. high on history, low on techniqueVon Logan-James RandallIf your intent is to read a knife fighting manual for self defense purposes then do not read this book. Mr. Loriega does an excellent job at describing the history of the spanish fighting

arts and he obviously knows a fair amount about spanish culture. Sadly the book comes up short when it comes to demonstrating knife fighting techniques as the few techniques that are shown are very basic and can be found in most self-defense manuals. Read this book if you are a spanish history buff, but not if you are interested in using a knife for self defense.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Special Announcement to all Knife Enthusiasts

Von Ein Kunde

There now exists a great book on Spanish knife fighting history, usage, and lore. It is called Sevillian Steel, and I predict that this book will be a "best seller" for the author, who happens to be a personal friend of mine. This book has captured some of the essence of the "Spanish experience" as well as a treasure trove of knife-related information. Loriega has done himself and the knife fighting community a great service in putting together this unique look at a rare defensive art form involving edged weapons. It is one of those reads which, as soon as you are done, entices you to read it once again! At certain points in its text, it has a flair of far away places and adventures abroad which give this book an almost travelogue-like effect. Accurate commentary and observations from Loriega top off many of these highlights. Here is a partial list of some of the elements contained in Sevillian Steel that I found relevant to my personal study of knives and knife play: Old World "politeness" is addressed and the concepts of blade-oriented etiquette found only in the Spanish arts is put forth; Translated excerpts of the "Manual del Baratero," published in 1849, are provided; Navaja fundamentals are presented in a clear, logical manner; Three styles of knife play are presented, with their subtle differences discussed and their individual strengths and weaknesses analyzed; A special section on the woman's navaja, and the traditions of the softer set who carry knives to protect their virtue, is included; Gypsy scissors techniques are presented truthfully, with accurate historical content; The subject of choosing your own "steel" for daily carry is made a little easier, too. Mr. Loriega's journalistic work is a breath of fresh air in the very stale atmosphere of today's hashed out martial arts scene. If you like knife fighting and related subjects, then you should probably get yourself a copy of Sevillian Steel.

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Von Ein Kunde

Sevillian Steel is not just a good book, it's a great book. It is an excellent book for both novice and expert bladesmen. Just as children and adults used to watch Rocky and Bullwinkle with a "different eye," so can the beginner and advanced enthusiast benefit from this book. I like the techniques, I like Loriega's writing style, I like his sense of humor, and I like his attitude toward combat in general. Reading between the lines, it's pretty clear that he doesn't have any more patience with the "pretty stuff" which doesn't work in the real world than I do. There is no nonsense (spell nonsense "BS") in this book.

Kurzbeschreibung

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