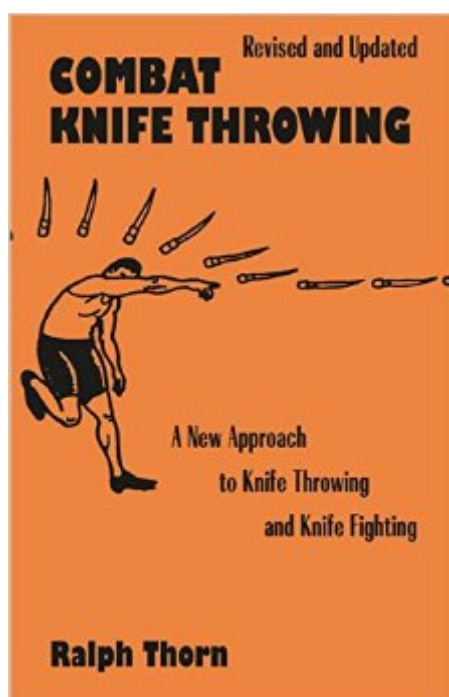


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Combat Knife Throwing: A New Approach To Knife Throwing And Knife Fighting, Revised And Updated (illustrations)



Synopsis

Conventional wisdom among knife-fighting experts has it that knife throwing is a pursuit best left to circus performers, hillbilly theme park workers and hobbyists, and that it is useless for combat. In this update to his groundbreaking book, Ralph Thorn incorporates the very latest developments in equipment, theory, techniques and training to show why weapons throwing is even more suitable for actual combat today. Thorn, who has practiced his craft for decades, begins by showing you how to balance a knife for throwing, including an explanation of the recent discovery of the universal perfect balance point that maximizes the ability to eliminate rotation in oblong throwing weapons. Next, he shows you how to design and make your own throwing knives out of readily available materials, build targets and practice various combat throwing techniques, with an emphasis on both safety and accuracy. He then demonstrates the best overhand, underhand and sidearm throws, and discusses the situations where each style works best. The author also includes chapters on psychological and physical conditioning, hunting and recreational skills, and the newest developments in weapons throwing. This updated edition of *Combat Knife Throwing* should be read by every sportsman, knife aficionado and individual interested in self-defense.

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Customer Reviews

This updated version of this book is better than the original because it has an additional chapter that is very dense with information. The new chapter gives more information on the "no spin" throw, as

well as info on two or three altogether new techniques. The video of the same name is the best thing on knife throwing out there, but the updated book has all the same information and more information than the video on actual fighting techniques. You just can't see it in action.

Because I tend to research my purchases beforehand, I rarely get caught with my pants down. Not the case this time. This book provides a wealth of background information on Thorn's method development and knife throwing safety (hence 2 stars instead of 1), but essentially NOTHING on actual instruction. The line drawing on the cover is an example of the kind of illustration that is inside. NO photos of grip(s) and no photos showing arm positions or releases during a throw. He makes the comment that you need to just go out and just throw to learn by throwing. That was even a lamer statement because he indicated you should make your own knives by buying old bayonets and using duct tape for handles. [No buy list recommendations at all]Until the book is redone using photos from Thorn's many videos to provide actual instruction, I'd call it an utter waste of time and money.

Great book but seems to be out of sync with his video that I also have. Knife balance and rebuilding knives seem to be a big item but not in the video. I think more elaborate drawings or photographs of throwing mechanics are needed. I have been struggling with the "no-spin" technique. Maybe more combat scenario technique discussions.

The book is useful but would be fairly incomplete without the video. I find much of the first chapters to be less than helpful since quality bayonet blades are no longer available at any sort of reasonable price. I also found modern electric tape to be too light for much weighting. I beat out some lead into thin sheets, cut it into strips and used the tape to secure it onto the knives for balance.

I shredded the book and used it for litter in my rat's cage. To the author, Sorry, dude, but you spent way too many pages beating a dead horse (circus knife tossers) and gave me far too little useable information. I'm sure you have skills but I didn't learn any of them. Rewrite when you have a method to teach the skill.

This is not what I expected. The reality is that this book is knife specific, meaning only a certain style of knife will work, mostly a knife that has been modified to fly straight.

Great book. Easy to understand. Author Mr. Thorn knows what he is talking about. I learnt the basic 4 throws in matter of days, not even a week. I had never thrown knives before and started to watch YouTube for information. I am glad to pick up this book and the DVDS of Combat Knives Throwing by the same author. Highly recommend the Thorn Style to anyone who is interested to throw knives as hobby.

Very informative and quite entertaining to read. If you're serious about throwing with knives that are over 10 inches, this is the book for you. However, he does not cover techniques on smaller knives since that is not what he practices.

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