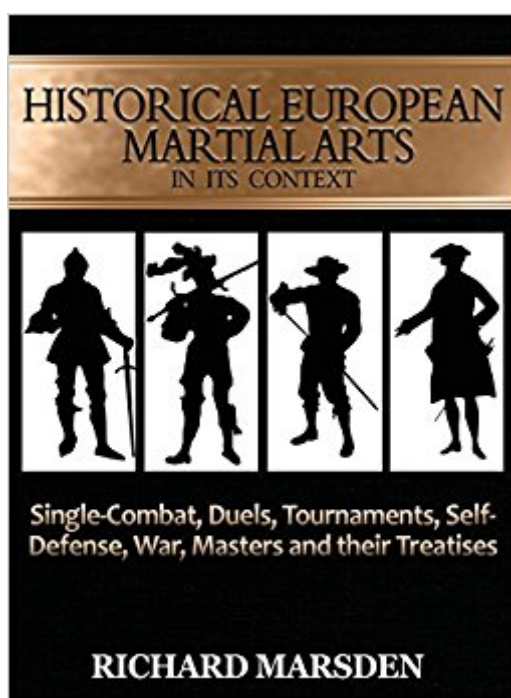


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# Historical European Martial Arts In Its Context: Single-Combat, Duels, Tournaments, Self-Defense, War, Masters And Their Treatises



## Synopsis

Historical European Martial Arts (HEMA) is based on reading source material to recreate the lost martial arts of Europe. While reading the treatises and performing depicted techniques helps understand HEMA, there is more to it. The sources were not written and illustrated in a vacuum, but rather in a rich and complicated world. *Historical European Martial Arts in its Context* places the sources in a time and place with details about single-combat, duels, tournaments, self-defense, war as well as the Masters and their treatises. Richard Marsden approaches the *“why”* behind the treatises and delves into Europe’s martial culture from the 14th through 18th century. HEMA is thus explored on the blood-soaked fields of battle, in the dark alleys of dangerous cities, and under the shade of trees where illicit duels might be fought.

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Beautifully printed book for a very reasonable price - lots of full size color pictures to complement the well-written summary of Historical European Martial Arts and its context (just like it says in the title). Chock full of anecdotes and useful summaries of a wide variety of sources and time periods. This belongs on the shelf of any HEMA practitioner or in the hands of any new student of historical fencing wishing to get an informative, substantial introduction.

Whether you’re a practitioner of Historical European Martial Arts (HEMA) or an enthusiast of medieval and renaissance history, this book is for you. Read it straight through or casually, this book contains wonderful gems of history that will enlighten and entertain you. Marsden has done his

research and delivered it!Excellent book, highly recommended!

A very fascinating read for anyone interested in history but especially for anyone interested in historical European martial arts. Its so cool learning more about why the arts existed and in what ways they actually found application whether duel, self defense, or war.

Great overview of what modern HEMA is all about. Anecdotal accounts of fights aren't usually studied as closely as treatises and manuals, but I feel they're just a valuable to understanding the martial arts we practice.

Bought this as a gift for my husband. It was a hit! He's been loving learning all about the historical background of swordsmanship.

Excellent book!

Richard Marsden's book is hella fun to read and full of wonderful insights for fans and practitioners of European Martial Arts. Highly recommended.

Great book, well written and well researched. Excellent photo work that illustrates the concepts.

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