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From The Fields To The Garden: The Life Of Stitch Duran



Synopsis

From a humble beginning in a dirt-poor migrant camp where he picked cotton and fruit with dreams of playing baseball and seeing the world, to being stationed in Thailand as a member of the United States Air Force, to the quiet of the locker room before a big fight, to the center of the cage in the middle of chaos, to the stadiums of Japan, to the arenas of Las Vegas, and ultimately to the lights of Madison Square Garden as the most famous cutman in combat sports ... this is THE LIFE OF STITCH DURAN. ã Æ The brawl after UFC 38 in London ... Stitch was there. Tito Ortiz and his I just killed Kenny shirt ... Stitch was there. Mike Tyson and Bob Sapp squaring off after Sapp beat Kimo Leopoldo ... Stitch was there. Marvin Eastman's cut ... Stitch was there. The Inoki slap ... Stitch was there. Vodka with Fedor after victory ... Stitch was there. Pride 28 and Wand's big knees ... Stitch was there. Shadow boxing in a Japanese restaurant with Wladimir Klitschko, TUF 1 Finale, Randy's first retirement, Pride Final Conflict Resolution, Diaz/Gomi at Pride 33, GSP/Serra at UFC 69, Gonzaga/Cro Cop at UFC 70, Chuck/Wand at UFC 79, Corey Hill's leg break, and Rocky VI ... yep, Stitch was at every one of them, too. ã Æ And not only was Stitch there, Stitch had an impact. In the world of combat sports, Stitch has impacted a lot of people, and a lot of fights - all of which can be found in this book, the story of how he made it FROM THE FIELDS TO THE GARDEN: THE LIFE OF STITCH DURAN.

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"Stitch is fast becoming an icon to both MMA and boxing ... he is admired by his fans and his peers. When the blood flows, Stitch knows just what to do." - Bruce Buffer"Stitch's tape jobs are so pretty

you almost hate to punch someone in the face with them! His experience and expertise in the fight game is a rare commodity." - Randy Couture "I wouldn't trade Stitch for anything! He is part of me in every aspect of my fight career. Teacher, friend, cornerman all rolled into one." - Josh Barnett "Stitch is one of those so-called leading men in the MMA business. He basically sees and hears everything and is a part of everything. This is one of the best books I've ever read, and I've read literally thousands of books." - Oliver Copp (Tough Talk Radio) "I can't stop reading these stories. People are going to LOVE this book! This is just fantastic stuff. I think it goes beyond just fans of MMA. It's a great success story. It's just amazing!" - Doug Groff (KMBW Radio)

Zac Robinson is the author or co-author of five books and counting, including two books in the MMA IQ series and one in the Sports by the Numbers MMA series. He became an MMA fan in 1993, when during college he and his baseball buddies watched UFC 1. For his day job he is an educator for a Department of Defense school in Germany. Zac is married to Heather and has two kids, Jace and Xin Ai.
 Jacob "Stitch" Duran is the best cutman in the business. For over three decades he's been involved in all aspects of combat sports. He's competed, coached, promoted, and educated others on the intricacies of wrapping hands and fixing cuts. Now he focuses on continuing to improve the profession of being a cutman. Stitch lives in Las Vegas, Nevada with his wife Charlotte, but on most weekends you'll find him at a boxing or UFC event somewhere on the globe.

I bought this book, after i heard how Stich had been cut by D.W. and the UFC. I wasn't expecting too much from this book, but man was I pleasantly surprised! Duran has seen it all, and came from very humble roots. He is a testament to the American Dream. The "real" American Dream. I'm happy to have given some money to support Stich. I'm sure there are hundreds of other great people in combat sports whose contribution goes unnoticed by the general public and hardcore fan alike. At least we get a great life story from one of them in, " From fields to the garden." "Comenzar la revoluciÃfÃ n , y la revoluciÃfÃ n comienza hoy ." Jacob "Stitch" Duran

From his childhood of poverty to his world travels, Stich Duran definitely knows how to tell an interesting story. The best part about this book is that it gets told from such a unique perspective. Yes, there have been MMA books that give you a behind-the-scenes account of the sport, but Duran is unusual in that he shares such an intimate relationship with the fighters. Is it the best book of its type I've ever read? No. But if you enjoy first-hand, cageside accounts of some of the greatest fights in UFC history, you'll definitely feel you got your money's worth from this one.

I always liked Stitch from what ive seen and heard seeing him on countless fight cards. I could not have imagined how extensive his history in combat sports or how impressive his life story would be. Im a stitch fan for life! Shame on the ufc for taking him off their cards just for stating facts. The sponsorship issue is bad for everyone. I also now know the importance of cutmen thanks to this book about the best cutman in the combat sports game!

Great book from the Very Best in the Business !

This was a great book. I couldn't put it down. It is a great rags to riches story. Stitch is the real life Mickey from Rocky. Being a fan of boxing and mma I was easily able to follow his stories. The only negative thing is if you are not much of a sports fan the stories of boxers and Mma legends are hard to follow. I live in CA so it was great to be able to identify the areas Stitch was at. Stitch has a great sense of humor in his storie. If you love sports or just want to read a good book this is for you. Keep patching them up Stitch.

Any true fan of the UFC will enjoy this book. Stitch Duran is one of the most easily recognizable figures from boxing, UFC, and Pride events. Loved to hear the background behind the man. Includes many stories of his life involving figures in the sport. Must read of true fans.

Stitch and Zac tell an amazing story. i had no clue that Stitch had such an interesting life and was such a valuable tool for the fighters. he has some great stories to tell about boxers and cage fighters. i do wish zac and Stitch would have elaborated more on some of Stitch's stories and relationships with the fighters but that is only a minor critique.

This is a very good read. It's not award winning by any means, but it doesn't claim to be. It does exactly what it set out to do, and that is to tell the story of Duran's long, eventful life up to now.

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