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Animal says that it's awareness, wits and fists that will keep you safe out there, not some fancy Oriental fighting form. And here, he gets down to the fine points and brutal technicalities of blows and targeting – the critical stuff that will keep you from becoming dead meat.

About the AuthorMarc "Animal" MacYoung knows the ins and outs of American violence. He is the author of many books and has appeared in countless videos on street violence and self-defense for Paladin. Reading his books and watching his videos will save you a lot of hassles and a lot of hurt.