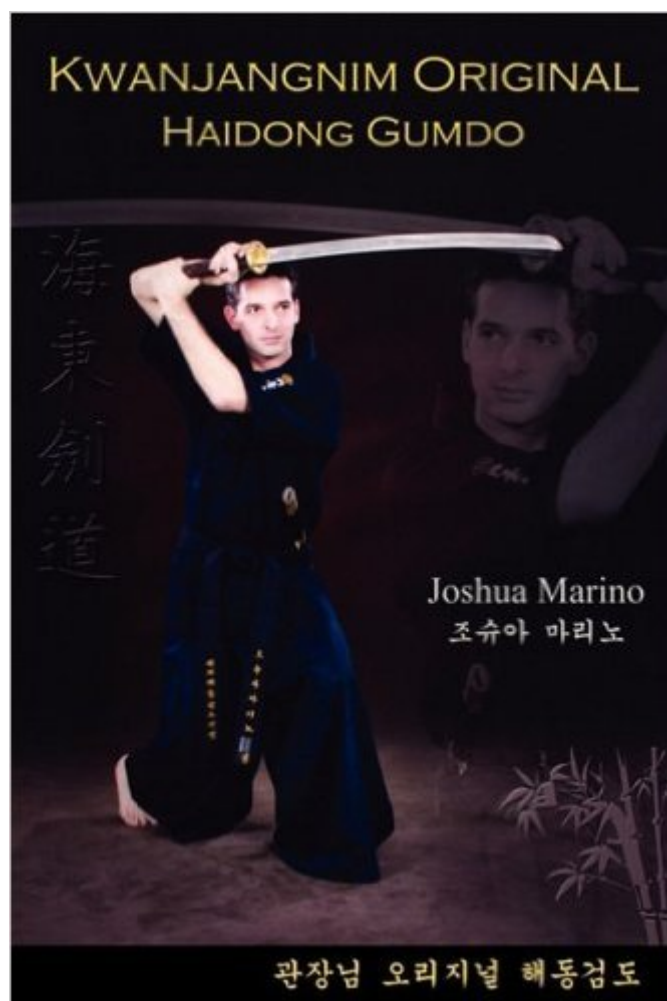


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# Kwanjangnim Original: Haidong Gumdo (English/Korean Edition) (English And Korean Edition)



## Synopsis

"Never Give Up, Never Give In" Kwanjangnim Original Haidong Gumdo is the definitive and only international reference to the art of Haidong Gumdo. A highly effective means to assist students and those interested enhance their familiarity with this wondrous art. It contains: an accurate history of the art and its rebirth into the modern world; the philosophy behind the art; and a beginner's course in Korean. Haidong Gumdo is not only a way of self-defense, but also a way of life. This book shows the author's accounts on his path to finding Haidong Gumdo and three influential masters who have changed his life forever. If you have questions like, "What is Haidong Gumdo? What are the benefits? Where do I begin learning Haidong Gumdo?" Then this book is for YOU! "This is a long awaited first and only book on Haidong Gumdo written in both English and Korean. It is an excellent introduction to the beautiful and wonderful Korean sword art of Haidong."- Ralph Estrada, Chief Master of the U.S. Haidong Gumdo Assoc.

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Kwanjangnim Original Haidong Gumdo is a unique book as it discussed a martial art that does not receive much coverage, Haidong Gumdo. However, this book is not the definitive guide to the martial art and is indeed a very basic book that could have been a magazine article. The actual English part of the book is about 60 pages in big type. I read the book in about half an hour, not because I could not put it down but because there was not much content. Most of the book's first pages are about how the author commenced Haidong Gumdo and achieved a black belt in what seemed a very quick time. I felt that this section was over done as it did not really contribute to an

understanding of Gumdo. In a longer treatment of the martial art it would make a nice introduction but in this thin account it was overblown. I was very disappointed in that this book had no information about the Haidong Gumdo forms. It is not possible to learn a martial art from a book but I was interested in finding out what Haidong Gumdo looked like and that was really why I bought the book. If that is why you want to purchase this book then forget it; there was not a single mention of any Haidong Gumdo form or kata. No pictures, no written description. The history of Haidong Gumdo received a light treatment. Research seemed to be a search on the net, or more particularly the website of the World Haidong Gumdo Federation. The author claimed to be fluent in Korean but there did not appear to be a single Korean language source used for the book. A quick search on the internet, and in particular Wikipedia, showed that Haidong Gumdo has a controversial history. Its claim of an ancient lineage is widely disputed and the author did nothing to counter those criticisms.

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