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THE COMBAT CODES

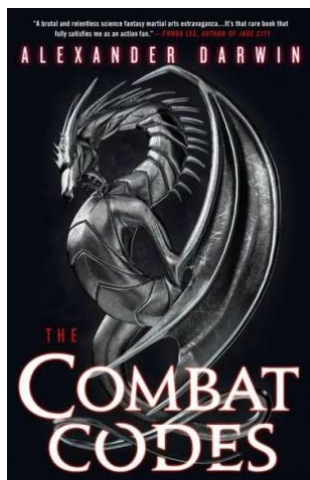
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"A brutal and relentless science fantasy martial arts extravaganza, set in a world where the fate of nations rests on the perfect counterpunch or rear naked choke. *The Combat Codes* is that rare book that fully satisfies me as an action fan." — **Fonda Lee, author of *Jade City***

"This book kicks ass--literally and literarily!" —**Richard Swan, author of *The Justice of Kings***

The Hunger Games meets Mortal Kombat, with a hint of The Matrix

The Combat Codes is the first book in a debut, action-packed and character-driven science fiction and fantasy trilogy set in a world where the fate of empires is determined by battle-hardened warriors who are trained to compete in brutal single combat.



In a world long ago ravaged by war, the nations have sworn an armistice never to use weapons of mass destruction again. Instead, highly-skilled warriors known as Grievar Knights represent their nations' interests in brutal hand-to-hand combat.

Murray Pearson was once a famed Knight until he suffered a loss that crippled his homeland — but now he's on the hunt to discover the next champion.

In underground and ruthless combat rings, an orphaned boy called Cego is making a name for himself. Murray believes Cego has what it takes to thrive in the world's most prestigious combat academy – but first, Cego must prove himself in the vicious arenas of the underworld. And survival isn't guaranteed.

"A well-paced sci-fi brimming with action, brutality, thoughtfulness and heart. From ruthless underworld to storm-harried, glistening academy, every fight is clear and visceral, and I couldn't help but be ensnared by the mystery and tension woven throughout. —**H.M. Long, author of *Hall of Smoke***

"If Mike Tyson wrote a scifi novel it would read a little like *The Combat Codes*. Bare-knuckle brilliance." —**Jackson Ford, author of *The Girl Who Could Move Sh*t With Her Mind***

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