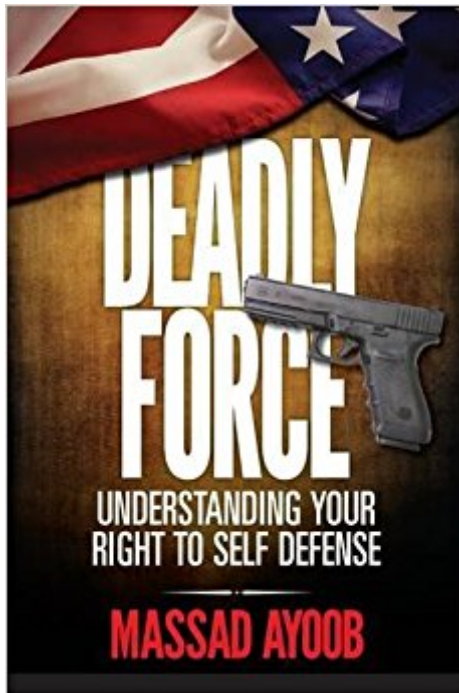




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Deadly Force: Understanding Your Right To Self Defense



Synopsis

In a long-awaited update of the world's most authoritative work on the subject, Massad Ayoob draws from an additional three decades of experience to educate responsible firearms owners about the legal, ethical, and practical use of firearms in self defense--the armed citizens' rules of engagement. Understand the legal and ethical issues surrounding use of lethal force by private citizens. Learn about the social and psychological issues surrounding use of lethal force in defense of self or others. Preparation and mitigation--steps the responsible armed citizen can/should take. "After forty years as a practicing criminal defense attorney, I know that what Mas says, teaches, and writes is the best, state-of-the-art knowledge you can get." ~Jeff Weiner, Former President, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

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Customer Reviews

Massad Ayoob has published thousands of articles in gun magazines, martial arts publications, and law enforcement journals, and authored more than a dozen books on firearms, self-defense, and related topics. During his distinguished career, Ayoob has won several state and regional handgun shooting championships, appeared as an expert witness for courts in weapons and shooting cases, and currently appears in numerous television shows. He founded the Lethal Force Institute in 1981 and served as its director until 2009, and now trains through Massad Ayoob Group.

This book is a must have and MUST READ for anyone regularly carrying a gun. This is the critical education needed to know when it is okay to shoot and the critical information needed that can be

admissible in court when it is time to defend yourself for defending yourself. In fact, even if one thinks they know all there is to know about "when" they can pull the trigger; by having read this book, you can claim it as part of the knowledge you had at the time, making it's contents admissible in court. Read this book and have it on your bookshelf if for no other reason that the information it contains and can be told to the Jury is invaluable and can really help you in court! Do yourself a favor - get it, read it, keep it.

There are two books that should be in the library of every person who carries a gun: this book and "The Law of Self Defense" by Andrew Branca. Many books on self defense with firearms have been written that do an admirable job of discussing carry techniques, the need for training, and myriad other subjects; there are none that do a better job (or anywhere near as good a job) dealing with the legal aftermath that arises if you ever have to pull the trigger in defense of your life. Get both books, read them, and live by their contents. If you're ever involved in a gun fight you - and your lawyer - will be grateful.

I don't know what I can say that other reviewers haven't, but I wanted to add my enthusiasm for the vital information provided here. Understand this is not a training book. There isn't advice on where to stand, how to hold your gun, what ammunition is best. Herein are the experience and close knowledge of what happens to law abiding citizens who have to defend themselves from physical harm - only to find that now, they must also defend themselves against an army of prosecutors and a media more interested in making a story than recognizing we do what we must do to protect ourselves and our families. You would think that self-defense is cut and dried. It isn't. If you carry a gun, or just keep a rifle near the bedroom door, then you must read this book. The world is black-and-white for the extreme liberals. For the rest of us, we have to fight and defend our choices and our ideas that seem thrust into gray areas. It's always good if you have help.

Short Version: If you own a gun, buy this book. Now. To continue... There are many experts who can teach you how to handle your firearm and survive a gunfight, and Massad Ayoob is one of the best. But Ayoob was the first man to recognize that when the gunfight is over and you've survived, that's only the beginning of the fight. Mr. Ayoob was the first to address what happens *after* the smoke clears. Everyone else stopped once the bad guy was stopped. But some 36 years ago, in his book "In The Gravest Extreme," Mr. Ayoob addressed the rest of the story for the first time: The emotional and especially the *legal* aftermath of a self-defense shooting. You survived the attack,

now how will you survive the legal process? Massad Ayoob covers what happens: The "Mark of Caine" syndrome, the police, the courts, and what you should expect and what you need to do before, in preparation, and after. There is no better authority on the subject. Yet he writes in an accessible, readable, and relatable way; this is no dry academic text. It is backed by his experiences in the field and in the courtroom. Now, some "hoplophobes," as the late, great Colonel Jeff Cooper called them, might argue that this is a book about how to get away with murder. That couldn't be further from the truth. If anything, this book is about how **not** to shoot somebody when you shouldn't. If every gun came with a copy of this book instead of a cheap gun lock, I would argue that more lives would be saved. Seriously. If you own a gun and you are looking to learn, buy this book first. In fact, splurge a little and buy *In The Gravest Extreme* too, and read it first. Everything there is as relevant as the day it was published decades ago. *Deadly Force* expands upon those concepts and relates them to current events. This is an absolute essential, and I give it my very highest recommendation.

Ayoob is the most knowledgeable person I know who writes about deadly force and the legal aftermath. Anyone who thinks they might need to use deadly force to protect themselves or who carries concealed must read this book. The court room scenes are riveting. The most important take away I got from reading this book is that extensive training is necessary for anyone who might need to use a firearm in self defence. Not just to live through a deadly attack but to survive the legal consequences. Don't pull the trigger, ever, if you don't know what you're doing. Buy this book if you want to keep out of prison.

Good discussion on the justification and morality of using a firearm for self defense. Mr. Ayoob is one of the leading authorities on self defense and this book is an excellent companion to his other books. Understand that the subject of this book are the ethical and legal issues involved in using a firearm for self defense, if you are looking for a book about carry techniques and / or carry equipment, look elsewhere, but if you are looking for insights into the issues you will face in the aftermath of a shooting, this is a good read.

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