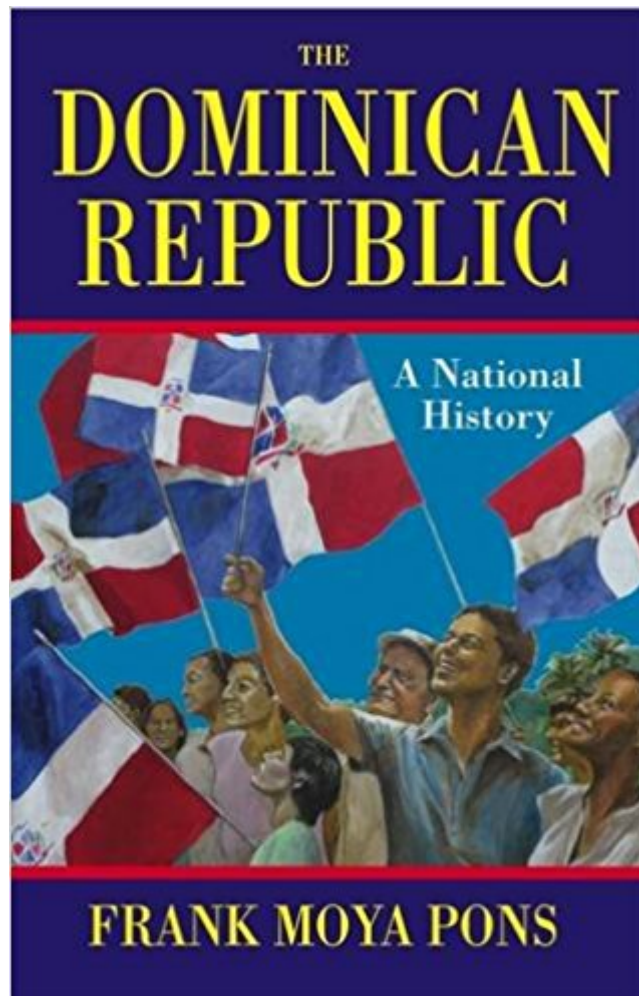




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standard Dominican history textbook, in both English and Spanish. The general reader will find in this book an agreeable, clearly written history of the Dominican Republic, while the experienced scholar will find an indispensable reference." -HAHR (Hispanic-American Historical Review)
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FRANK MOYA PONS is the foremost expert on Dominican history and the author of more than twenty scholarly books and numerous articles.

As far as I've found, this is your best and only option for an English-language survey of the entire history of the Dominican Republic (unless you want to trust Wikipedia). It is clear and concise, yet packs a lot of information, and is written rather objectively. It is exactly what I needed as a Dominican-American who knew next to nothing about the DR. To echo a previous reviewer, if you study this book and make sure you don't forget all the key people, events and themes, you'll probably know more about Dominican history than the average native. My biggest complaint: I purchased this second edition to replace the first one, and I was very disappointed to see that the new passages were rather lazily added to the end of the previous edition. It seems no one made an effort to edit the final chapters to provide a bit more continuity. As a result, the middle of the next-to-last chapter in the new edition, which leaves off at around the year 1991, is sometimes awkwardly written in present tense, as if it's the end of the book. Some typos from the first edition were also never corrected. Lastly, while I would expect any history survey to edit out some of the least relevant topics, I was struck by one particular omission: September 11, 2001 and it's aftermath, and relatedly, President Mejia's support of the Iraq War. Overall, I'm happy to keep this book as my trusted reference for Dominican history to 2004. I highly recommend it and really hope that there will be a third edition.

Very well written and informative. A great introduction to Dominican history. The writer comes off as very intelligent, but not to the point of sacrificing readability. For anyone looking to learn Dominican history from its start to the date of the books publishing, I would highly recommend to start here

There is a dearth of erudite English Language historical information on the Dominican Republic and the Island of Hispaniola. I read this book prior to visiting the island and have to say I knew more about the History of the Island than the tour guides.

Great Deal , interesting book

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Very interesting reading.

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