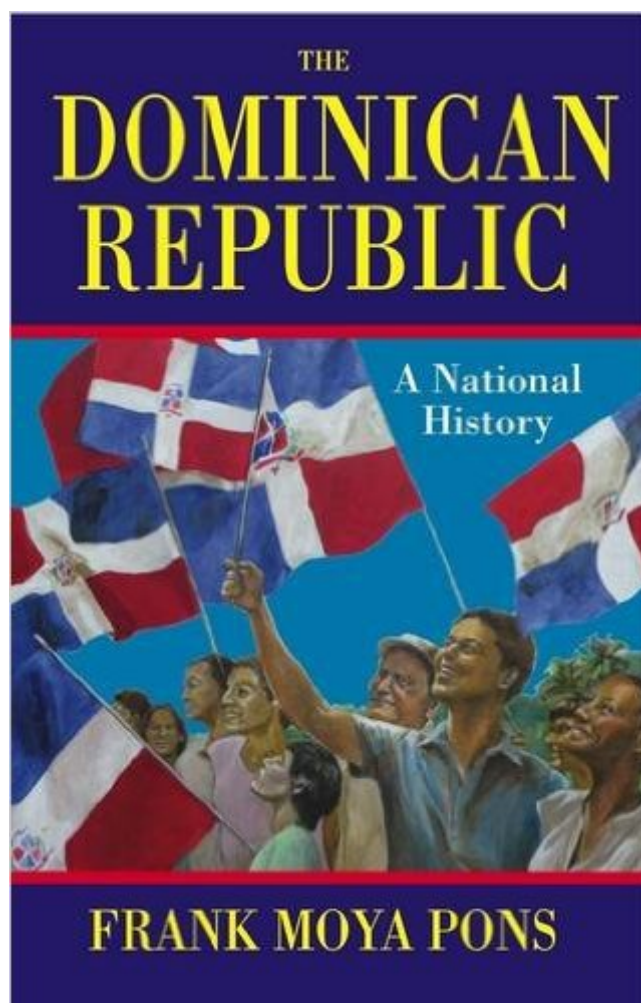


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# The Dominican Republic: A National History



## Synopsis

This updated and expanded edition extends the narrative from 1990 to the first decade of the present century, beginning with the collapse of the Dominican economy. In addition to the electoral fraud and constitutional reforms of 1994 and the return administration of Leonel Fernandez, the updated chapters focus on financial crises, the economic reforms of the 1990s, the free trade agreement with the United States, and party politics. They also take account of the recent Dominican electoral processes, the colossal and fraudulent banking crisis of 2002-2004, and the perpetuation of corruption as part of Dominican political culture.

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## Customer Reviews

The Dominican Republic, A National History, by Dominican prominent historian Frank Moya Pons is the best history of the Dominican Republic available in English today. Based on the 10th edition of the widely acclaimed Manual de Historia Dominicana, by the same author, this is an entirely new book intended for English speaking audiences. It contains maps, index, and a thorough, commentated bibliography of more than 750 items. It is also the first general academic history of the Dominican Republic published in the United States since Sumner Welles's Naboth Vineyard, in 1928. A must read to understand the contemporary events in that country.

This book is an excellent example of clear and concise writing about a country. I must say that the English version is lighter, easier to read. The Spanish version is a must but the author knew best and improved the book by making it more fun to read in English. I highly recommend this book for

anybody who wishes a clear understanding of the Dominican Republic

An excellent book for anybody curious about Dominican history and politics. I was particularly interested in how Moya Pons shed light on regional politics/rivalries, caudillo politics, and the never ending battle between pure democracy and military backed political factions. I was also amazed at the political instability that existed in the pre-trujillo era and how this instability devastated the Dominican economy. Moya Pons' interpretation of Dominican history is both accurate and informative. I highly recommend this book.

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.

"Frank Moya Pons is the best-known contemporary Dominican historian. The author of many books and articles, he is a recognized scholar both at home and abroad. Moya Pons latest book is based on his well-known *Manual de historia dominicana* (1992), now in its tenth edition and considered a basic text in Dominican historiography. But his new book is more than a simple translation of the old classic; it is a revised and expanded edition, with new sections, detailed historical maps, and a comprehensive bibliographic essay. The book follows two parallel historical tracks. On the one hand, it is divided into thematic chapters that examine the distinct political periods in the country's history,

such as the Spanish, French, Haitian, and U.S. occupations and the several periods of self-rule. On the other hand, it pursues a socioeconomic history by establishing links, when pertinent, between socioeconomic conditions and political developments. Another notable feature of the book is that it examines contemporary events up to 1990. This remains the 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)

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.

Plegiarism is illegal. How can this book be nationalized. There isn't complete reference of his work. And his information is not completely correct. Racist, feminist and ignorant. He forgets to give credit to the females who fought in revolutions and the three Mirabal sisters. The Dominican Republic is composed of mostly black people and little of Spanish blood runs that nation. Is mixed with Haitian blood. That's why most of us are either light skin or peachblack. If you didn't notice the flaws of the book then you didn't read it well enough.... they should let a dark skin Dominican write a book about the history of the Dominican Republic, then nationalize that.

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