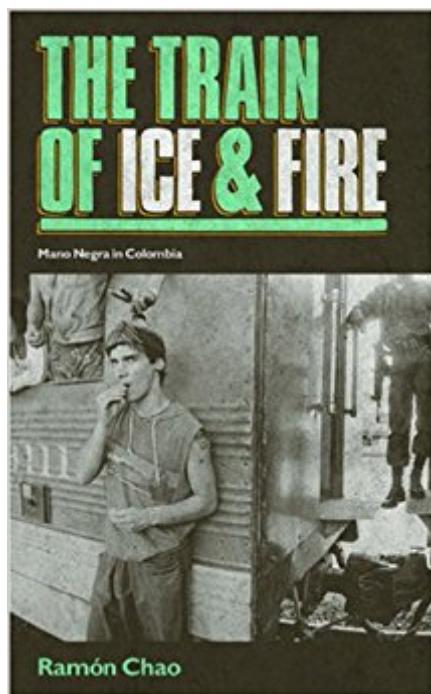


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# The Train Of Ice And Fire: Mano Negra In Colombia



## Synopsis

Colombia, November 1993: a reconstructed old passenger train, bespangled with yellow butterflies, is carrying one hundred musicians, acrobats, and artists on a daring adventure through the heart of a country soaked in violence. The intention is to put on free shows for locals at railway stations along the way: vibrant spectacles involving music, trapeze, tattoo-art, an ice museum and, star of the show, Roberto the fire-breathing dragon. Leading this crusade of hope is Manu Chao with his band Mano Negra. Ramón Chao is on board to chronicle the journey. As the train climbs 1,000 kilometers from Santa Marta on the Caribbean Coast to Bogotá in the Altiplano, Ramón keeps one eye on the fluctuating morale of the train's eccentric cargo, and the other on the ever-changing physical and social landscape.

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Great look into the life of one of my favorite music artists. It's almost like you're in that train with them. Manu's dad does a great job in describing their adventures and captures the country's details amazingly.

I was very excited to see this book in ebook format. I have the dead-tree version but prefer to read ebook. But in reviewing this version, it is missing ALL the pictures that the dead-tree book has. I would like to see this updated to include the pictures ... which add so much to the story.

I actually got to see this train go my town by when they Mano Negra had this experience...I was like

13 and thought, I want get on that train!!!

This motley crew of artists, tatoo experts, railroad workers, young musicians playing a mix of reggae, salsa, and local folk, a pyrotech expert with a huge fire breathing iron iguana bought an old train, made home made cars with butterflies welded on their sides. They managed to travel through large territories controlled by leftist revolutionaries, stopping at small towns and drawing big crowds. The obstacles? The FARC, extreme right wing death squads, powerful drug lords, politicians hungry to grab the spotlight, mafioso trucking and bus corporations, A nervous French embassyt, and alarmed Columbian officials. What a trip!

Fantastic read just a shame as I'm sure sone of the magic has been lost in translation but great book none the less

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