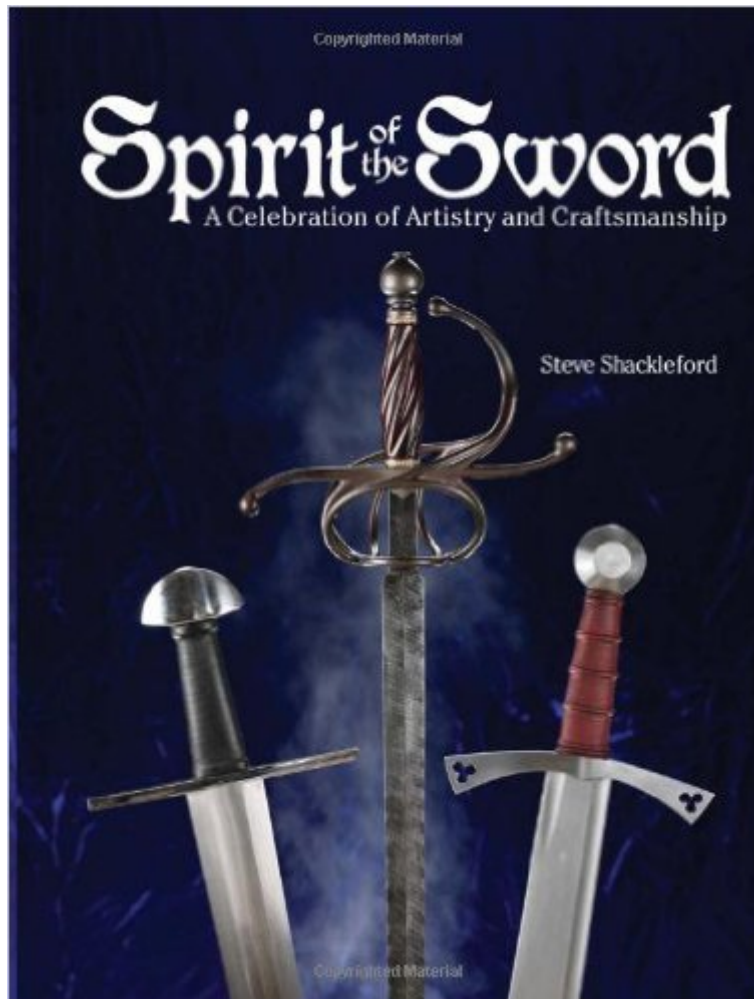


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# Spirit Of The Sword: A Celebration Of Artistry And Craftsmanship



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## Customer Reviews

It's a beautiful book, full color, well illustrated, and I really enjoyed pouring over it, but it's more a catalog than book. Certainly there are a few good articles in there, but 1/2 the book looks like a Blade Magazine catalog.I'm glad I have the book, I'm a sword collector, and it's a nice addition to the library, but people expecting something more academic or informative will be disappointed. A better book covering swords of different types and periods would be "The Book of Swords" by Hank ReinhardtEoghan Odinson, Black Belt & Award Winning Author of "Northern Lore: A Field Guide To The Northern Mind, Body & Spirit"

The sword is majestic, and is much a work of art as it is a tool for war. "Spirit of the Sword: A Celebration of Artistry and Craftsmanship" analyzes the artistry and craft that goes into the swords around the world, explaining why such a weapon still holds fresh in the minds of many. Both Europe and Asia embraced the sword, and the cultural clash still creates new designs today. Looking at not only the craft, but the craftsmen, "Spirit of the Sword" is a fine coffee table book for anyone who loves the craft and respects the craftsmen.

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One could easily be disappointed by this book if you don't have a firm idea of exactly what it's about, so I warn potential buyers not to get it for the wrong reasons. Had I been a modern sword collector of some sort, I could imagine giving this book a much higher rating. This book is for reproduction sword collectors of all kinds, period. It has nothing to do with history, and nothing to do with swordsmanship. It is filled with pictures and collector type commentary on reproduction swords of all stripes. It is a thick collection of shameless sword-porn that will constantly assault the senses. As such, it even has a long directory (as a major chapter of the book, no less) of sword fabricators/dealers, and little bios of various sword fabricators. As a martial artist/swordsman, I found it useless and distasteful. As a historian, I found that it had nothing whatsoever to do with history (and so also useless and distasteful). But as I said, it may appeal to some, but I can't recommend it to anyone I know.

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