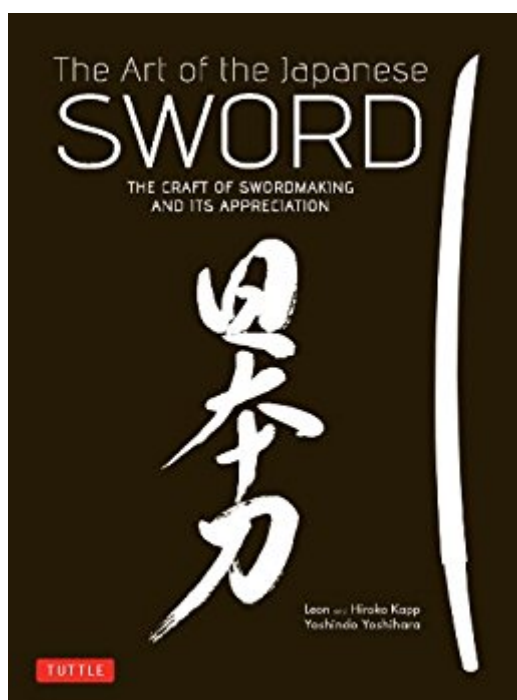


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# Art Of The Japanese Sword: The Craft Of Swordmaking And Its Appreciation



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In *The Art of the Japanese Sword*, master swordsmith Yoshindo Yoshihara offers a detailed look at the entire process of Japanese sword making, including the finishing and appreciation of Japanese blades. Japanese sword art stands out in many ways: functionality as a weapon, sophisticated metallurgy and metal smithing, the shape of the blade itself—all contribute to the beauty of these remarkable weapons. *The Art of the Japanese Sword* conveys to the reader Japanese samurai sword history and Japanese sword care, as well as explaining how to view and appreciate a blade. With 256 full-color pages, this sword book illustrates in meticulous detail how modern craftsmen use traditional methods to prepare their steel, forge the sword and create the unique hardened edge. By gaining a good understanding of how a sword is actually made, the reader will be able to appreciate the samurai sword more fully. Topics include: Appreciating the Japanese sword, History of the Japanese sword, Traditional Japanese steel making, Making the sword, Finishing the sword.

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the states. Great book, very detailed.

Very clear. Explains everything there is to know about Japanese swords. There is a point missing. The lamination of very old Japanese swords is not touched in this book. But apart from that a superb book

Great book that really taught me a lot about how katana are made and especially how to evaluate and appreciate them. Lots of terminology and all the little parts are explained. Lots of history and GREAT pictures.

I have a zillion books on Japanese swords, but never found one specifically detailing the metallurgical and technical side of how a sword is made. This is THE book to have if you want to know step by step how its done. An incredible read. I don't care how much you know about swords, you will learn something here and have a deeper understanding and appreciation for how brilliant a Japanese sword really is. 1000yrs of technology in one book. You will never look at a Japanese sword the same way again.

This was a gift for a knifemaker friend in South Africa. He told me that he really enjoyed it.

This Book was very formative and a great Aid in helping me create my first Tanto Knife

Fantastic Book !!!This book starts with some history and the respect to be shown for the swords, and from there, it tells (with an abundant amount of pictures) just how every step in the process of the construction of the sword is performed, by the master sword smith himself, Mr. Yoshindo Yoshihara. You will realize just how much effort goes into making a REAL sword, the CORRECT way. I highly recommend this book, one of my favorites.

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