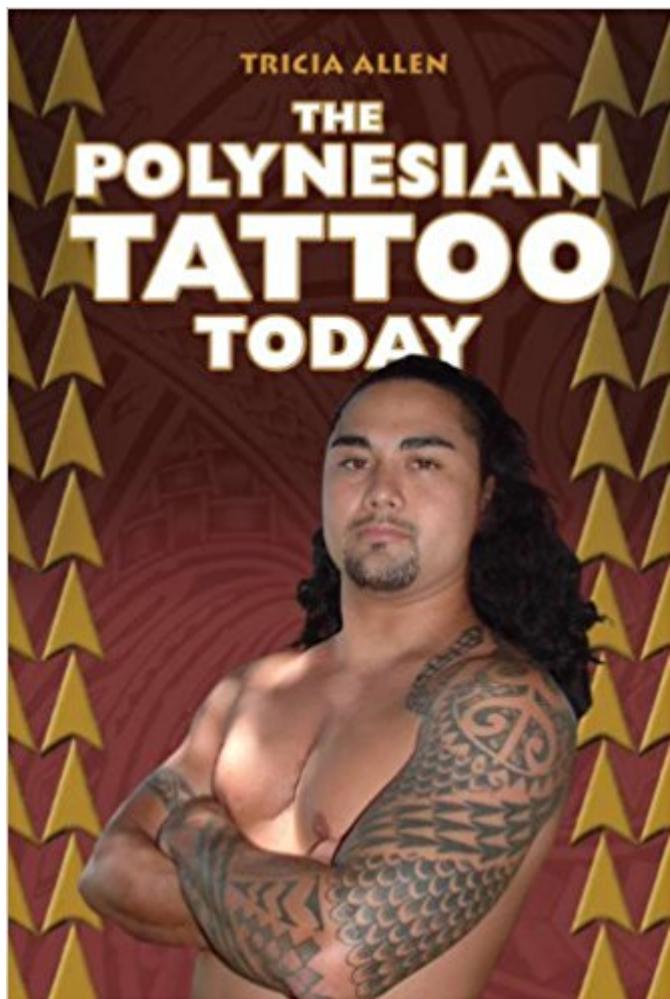


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The Polynesian Tattoo Today



Synopsis

Polynesian tattooing has enjoyed a robust revival in recent decades. This compilation of over 200 detailed images presents some of the finest work being done both in the islands and abroad. In addition, 30 of today's top tattooists are featured, presenting their personal histories and philosophical approaches to their work. Tattooist and historian Tricia Allen's extensive research, travel, and networks within the Pacific have made this a "must have" for anyone with an interest in tattoo art.

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Other than the bios of the artists at the end of the book there are few words in this book. Each page contains a crisp full color photograph of a tattoo adorned figure with a short caption highlighting the most notable aspect of the work. There are no detailed descriptions of the symbolism behind the works of art. That would not be entirely useful given many symbols have a base meaning and then a derived meaning for the individual. Instead the greatest value of this book is that the author has curated some of the best works spanning the full gamut of polynesian styles- Marquesan, Maori, Samoan, Tongan. This makes it an excellent resource for anyone planning to have one done and needs a strong set of examples to draw from. It is certainly better than hunting for images that are haphazardly strewn over the Internet.

This book and a companion volume *Tattoo Traditions of Hawaii* make more sense the more I read them and look at the outstanding photographs. Each tattoo reflects an artistic rendition of personal

and family history. Island traditions become a part of contemporary expression which, in turn, grows future traditions. The author promotes appreciation for floral beauty, sea life, and the all-important land. This book required a great deal of scholarship and documentation to respectfully preserve each tattoo. I have looked at a number of tattoo books at the local museum; this book stays at the top of my list for readability and educational value.

This book gave a nice overview of Maori, Samoan, Marquesan and other Polynesian tattoos. The author gives a great explanation on how she chose the tattoos and a summary of the tattoo artists is included. This is a good book to have for inspiration and a great reference book for your library.

Excellent work and superbly detailed with plenty of commentary from great artists! I was thrilled about the explanations behind the designs and patterns. Definitely worth buying for those interested in Polynesian tattoos.

Great book. Everyone who walks in the shop checks it out and I've done several tattoos based on the photos customers have seen in it.

This book helped my husband know exactly what design of Polynesian tattoo to get. It has a lot of pictures and information about symbol meaning.

Wasn't impress book lack a lot of detail explaing the meaning of the tattoo

I thought this would be more about tattoo designs, but all it's really about is the history of the tattoos, etc.

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