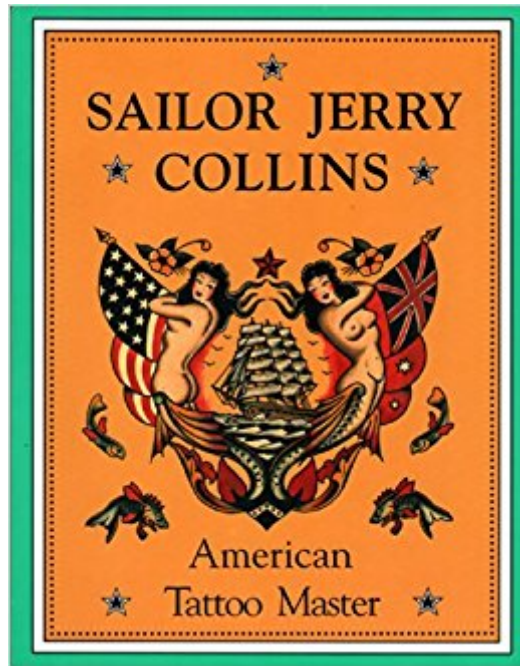




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Sailor Jerry Collins: American Tattoo Master



Synopsis

Back in print for the first time in years! Between 1940 and 1973, Norman Sailor Jerry Collins became known as the greatest practitioner of classic American tattooing. His masterful designs, featuring ships and beautiful girls, eagles, hearts, roses, and other now-familiar motifs, were widely imitated but rarely matched for boldness, elegance, and clarity. This generously-sized book is indispensable for any tattoo shop, tattoo fan, or person interested in a great American art tradition.

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Customer Reviews

Excellent book, gives a view on the person Sailor Jerry and what he's done to the tattoo business.

what a fantastic book! not only is it filled with great pictures of his flash, it also has a ton of his sketches, stencils, great photos of his work on skin, and letters that illuminate the life of the man that gave us this wonderful art. it is an in-depth look at the life and times of sailor jerry and his honolulu of the 40's, 50's and 60's. awesome, awesome, awesome! as an aspiring tattooist, i was deeply inspired not only in pursuit of the art as a career, but by looking at the photos of his work in the flesh, it has also given me direction for how i want to cover my own skin. i would highly recommend this book. it is worth every penny.

They sum'd it up...Good book, that will make you want his flash... I've gotten all three vol. and now want the Treasure Chest book.

This isn't a story, it is a view into Norm's life through letters he wrote to fellow tattoo artists. It's sort of like being in the middle of a conversation but I think it lets you in to this man's life in a voyeuristic kind of way. There is some art work in here that I haven't found anywhere as well.

I'm hooked on all things sea, sailor, and pirate related right now. Ever since watching *Pirates of the Caribbean* recently I have found great CDs to hear sea shanties and even a book called *What Do You Do with a Drunken Sailor?*. With that said, I am happy to have this new book in my collection. It's crazy to see it selling for \$75, since I found a used copy at a store for only \$30. Apparently, that was a steal. Is it valuable? Most definitely. Sailor Jerry Collins is the father of the mid-20th century renaissance of tattooing, and his life is worth honoring! Among beautiful illustrations, Collins' career is shared through the eyes of his student D.E. Hardy (of the Ed Hardy brand). His insights are funny and witty of a pretty awesome legend.

Sailor Jerry is a legend--the likes of which is almost impossible to find today. He was both an artistic and technical genius and certainly deserving of the title Tattoo Master. He was also a bit of an old coot. Sailor Jerry is a lot like a dad. Though you don't necessarily agree with all of his views, he's still an inspiration. I'm apprenticing as a tattoo artist and he sets the standard that I strive for every day. Not just as a good tattoo artist. Not even a great one. But the best. I'm proud to have Sailor Jerry's beautiful illustrations tattooed on my skin. A tribute, so to speak, to the master. This is a great read regardless of your being tattooed or not. It explains a lot about tattoo history, particularly the development of the shading needle, and the importance of military symbolism in Hawaii. And Sailor Jerry's illustrations are just beyond description. Perfect in every detail. A very endearing book. Makes you want to talk to your dad about the war and get "Twin Screws" tattooed on your butt cheeks. (Or is that just me?)

It's great!

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