

Waikiki Tiki Art History And Photographs: Exploring the Enigmatic World of Polynesian Art

The exotic and vibrant world of Waikiki Tiki art has long captivated both locals and tourists alike. Steeped in rich history, dating back centuries to the Polynesian settlers of Hawaii, Tiki art has become a symbol of the island's culture and spirit. In this in-depth exploration, we unveil the fascinating history, iconic artists, and breathtaking photographs that showcase the unique charm of Waikiki's Tiki art.

Unearthing the Origins of Tiki Art

The roots of Tiki art can be traced back to the ancient Polynesian tribes who settled in Hawaii many centuries ago. These early settlers brought with them intricate wood carving skills and a deep spiritual connection to their surroundings. Through their art, they expressed veneration for their deities, the forces of nature, and the abundance of the land.

As time passed, Tiki art evolved to embrace influences from other cultures such as Maori, Marquesan, and Tahitian. It became not only an artistic expression but also a representation of the social, religious, and cultural fabric of the Polynesian people.

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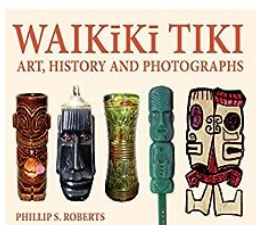
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Exploring Tiki Art's Golden Era

The mid-20th century witnessed the rise of Tiki art's golden era, as Hawaii became a popular tourist destination. Tiki-themed restaurants, bars, and hotels sprouted across the islands, each adorned with intricate carvings, murals, and sculptures. These establishments aimed to transport visitors into a mythical, tropical paradise, enticing them with the allure of Polynesian culture and exotic escapism.

Artists such as Eli Hedley, Barney West, and Leroy Schmaltz became instrumental in shaping Tiki art during this era. Their iconic creations, which included towering Tiki statues, wall reliefs, and mesmerizing masks, adorned various establishments, allowing visitors to immerse themselves in the tropical ambiance and indulge in the mystique of Hawaii's past.

The Allure of Waikiki Tiki Art

For those who have visited Waikiki, it is hard to ignore the enchanting appeal of Tiki art. Walking down the bustling streets, one encounters an array of shops dedicated to this unique art form. From delicate wooden carvings to vibrant paintings, artists continue to pay homage to the historical significance and visual beauty of Tiki art.

But Waikiki Tiki art extends beyond the confines of galleries and souvenir shops. The streets themselves come alive with large-scale murals, showcasing the skill and creativity of local artists who have embraced this traditional art form and made it their own. These murals breathe life into Waikiki, allowing both locals and visitors to connect with the vibrant spirit of the island.

Photographing the Essence of Waikiki Tiki Art

Photography has always been a powerful medium for capturing the essence of art, and Waikiki Tiki art is no exception. Photographers flock to this picturesque location to immortalize the intricate carvings, vibrant colors, and mesmerizing details that define Tiki art.

Professional photographers like Martin Weber and Mark Kushimi have dedicated their craft to capturing the allure of Waikiki's Tiki art. Through their lenses, they showcase the play of light and shadow, the textures of the carvings, and the emotions evoked by these artistic masterpieces.

These photographs not only serve as a visual documentation of the art but also as a gateway for those who have yet to experience the magic of Waikiki Tiki art firsthand. They invite viewers to immerse themselves in the enchanting world of Polynesian culture, sparking a desire to explore and appreciate the art form in its purest form.

The legacy of Waikiki Tiki Art

Despite the passage of time, Tiki art continues to hold a place of significance in Waikiki's cultural landscape. It serves as a reminder of the island's rich heritage and the profound connection between the people and their environment.

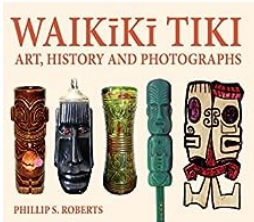
As Hawaii continues to attract visitors from around the world, Waikiki Tiki art remains an integral part of their experience. From the awe-inspiring carvings to the vibrant murals, it allows both locals and tourists to delve into the spirit of the islands and offers a glimpse into the enigmatic world of Polynesian art.

So, the next time you find yourself strolling through the bustling streets of Waikiki, take a moment to appreciate the intricate carvings, the colorful murals, and the

rich history they represent. Allow yourself to be transported into the vibrant world of Tiki art and experience the magic that has captivated generations.

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"Waikiki Tiki: Art, History and Photographs" is a contemporary, landscape-styled book that offers a pictorial documentation of the past and present of tiki (and related art forms) throughout Waikiki as well as Hawaii's island of Oahu. It is a MUST-HAVE for anyone who want to enjoy a Mai-Tai with a little bit of history behind it's origin!

This eBook colorfully displays original photographs that document the tiki art culture scene that blossomed after WWII through its modern forms today. A great many of the images captured in these pages no longer exist in real life. Much of the ephemera and archival material pictured reside only in the author's private collection.

REVIEWS:

"This is one of those instant nostalgia books that maniacally delves into a previously overlooked corner of pop mythology... We like this book a lot."

- The Star-Advertiser

"Whether you're obsessed with tiki culture, find it tacky, or see it as an offensive display of cultural appropriation, you can't deny the love that Phillip S. Roberts put into making this book."

- Hawaii Book Blog

"Waikiki Tiki makes an essential contribution to the appreciation of this Polynesian pop culture."

- Sven Kirsten, author of The Book of Tiki and Tiki Modern

"Waikiki Tiki is a fascinating and richly illustrated portrait of how the new incarnation of tiki--forever changed by its appropriation into mainland pop culture--has triumphantly returned to its homeland to inspire, entertain, and educate generations of kama'aina and haole alike."

- James Teitelbaum, author of Tiki Road Trip and Big Stone Head: Easter Island and Pop Culture

"... this book gives a fuller, clearer picture of Tiki's history and newfound popularity on the island."

- Duke Carter, author of Tiki Quest: Collecting the Exotic Past

"Waikiki Tiki is an absolute treasure trove of Tiki put together by a Waikiki local. A true documentation of the golden age of Tiki through to the present day."

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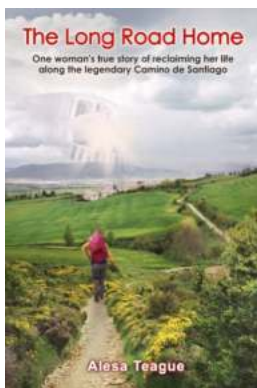
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"Waikiki Tiki: Art, History & Photographs by Phillip S. Roberts is a perfect example of a great Tiki coffee table book. Filled with great photos of everything from Tikis to Tiki Lounge menus, this tome gives a fun look into Hawaii's and Tiki's past."

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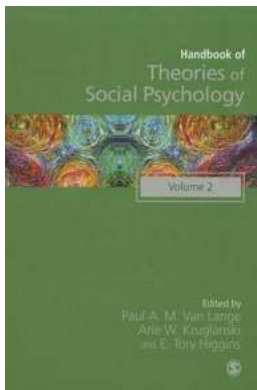
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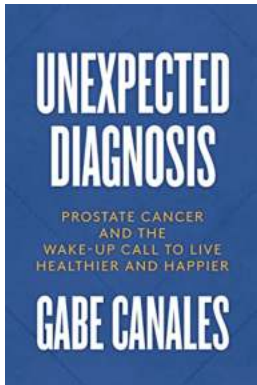
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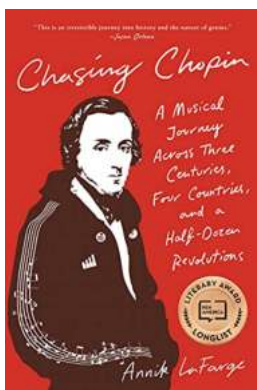
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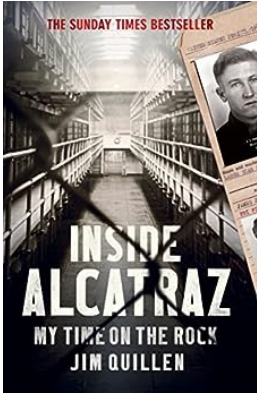
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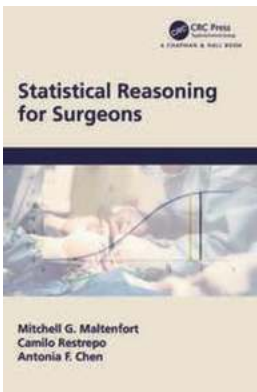
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