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The Fairbairn-Sykes Fighting Knife: Collecting Britain's Most Iconic Dagger



Synopsis

The Fairbairn-Sykes Fighting Knife stands symbolic for daring secret operations that Britain ran during World War II. This book provides an insight in the development of 20th century's most influential military fighting knife and its historical background. Also the biographical background of its inventors, William Ewart Fairbairn and Eric Anthony Sykes, is embedded in this story and unburdened of all the myths and legends that have been woven around these two innovative men. It covers not only the basic variations of the F-S knife but also numerous other examples the collector may encounter. The problematic topic of fakes is discussed as well as the question as to how to narrow the focus of one's collection. Thus, prospective buyers of Fairbairn-Sykes knives will find this book a useful guide through the jungle of variants and fakes.

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Iconic Dagger Primer Wolfgang Peter-Michel's book "The Fairbairn-Sykes Fighting Knife: Collecting Britain's Most Iconic Dagger" is by far one of the best books currently out on the subject. This book is highly readable, with extensive color photography throughout adding to the overall excellent content of this book. This book covers all the salient history, the background on the major contributors and developers of this knife. It covers all the major variants, as well as some obscure models. Additionally the book has a section on identifying fake daggers. This book is perfect for the novice collector and expert collector of the Fairbairn and Sykes fighting knife.

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Great book if you are interested in F-S knives.

A comprehensive work for any collector and good work for historical references. Very educational in the writing style. and evolution of the knife.

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