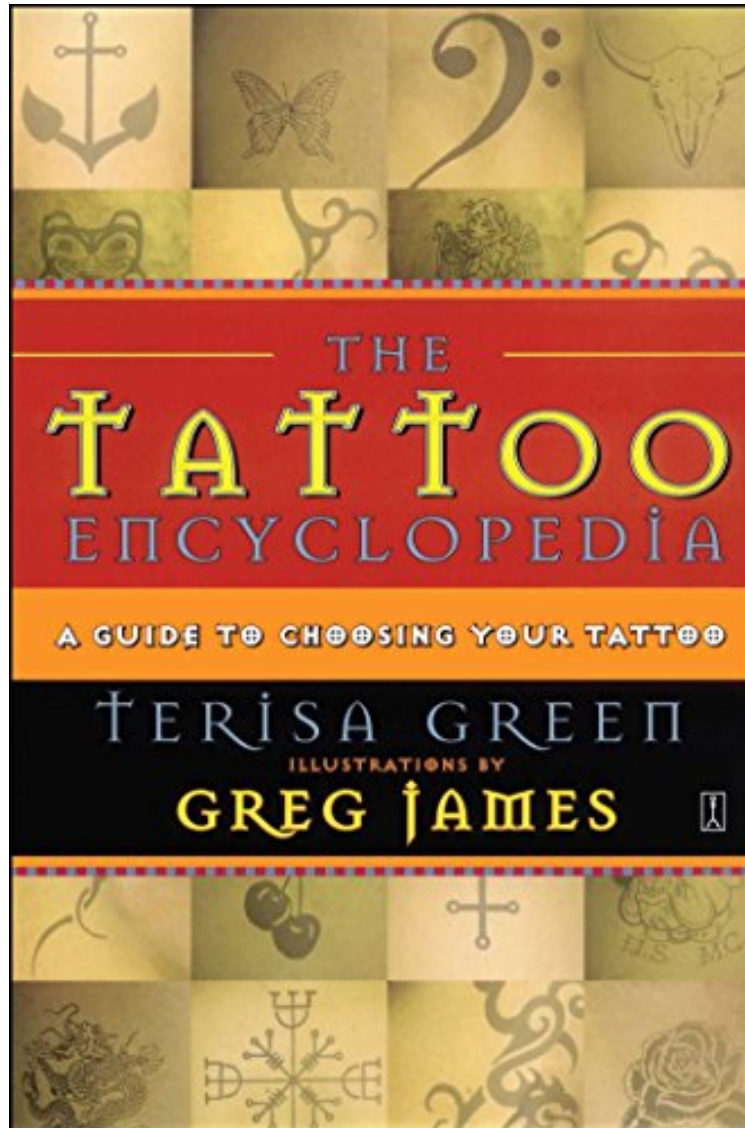


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A unique illustrated reference on the origins and meanings of nearly one thousand tattoo symbols that serves as a guide for choosing a personal image and provides a fascinating look at the tattoo as a work of art. Tattoos continue to move into the mainstream and grow in popularity with each passing day. For people contemplating getting a tattoo, however, the choice of images can be overwhelming. A comprehensive, informative exploration of the colorful world of tattoos, *The Tattoo Encyclopedia* presents concise descriptions of symbols both common and unusual and sheds light on their historic, religious, and cultural significance. Organized in a convenient A-to-Z format, cross-referenced, indexed by category, and illustrated with three hundred samples of authentic tattoo line art, this book features a stunning array of images ranging from ancient Buddhist and Chinese designs to those sported by twenty-first-century bikers. The definition of each symbol includes the widely accepted interpretation based on historical fact and cultural source, as well as various interpretations that have developed across different cultures and time periods. Whether choosing a personally significant tattoo, wanting to learn more about a symbol, or simply being interested in tattoos as a form of art and body decoration, readers will discover the richness of tattoo culture in *The Tattoo Encyclopedia*.

From Publishers Weekly Skipping the technical details of how to get a tattoo, Green's catalog delves into the fascinating realm of why people get tattoos and what images they choose. After an introduction sketching the history of skin art, Green, an archaeologist and UCLA research associate, launches into an alphabetical encyclopedia with a collection of common tattoo symbols under each letter. She offers an illustration of the symbols and describes the meaning and symbolism behind each. For example, a hammer suggests "might, activity, and brute force." The book also explains more obscure tattoos, such as the number 13, which stands for the thirteenth letter of the alphabet (M) and is sometimes used in lieu of a marijuana leaf; and a sunflower, which represents constancy. Green covers some 800 images, from acorn ("an ancient representation of life and birth") to Zuni fetish (a popular Native American symbol). Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. ... a book that should be in every tattoo shop on the planet. It's an easy-to-use, A-Z reference guide ... -- *Skin Ink Magazine*, March, 2004... will not only provide an invaluable tool to artists and collectors alike, it's also a great read ... -- *Tattoo Revue Magazine*, Issue #114 Guilty pleasure. -- *Kansas City Star*, August 17, 2003 Looking for that perfect gift for your teenage son or daughter - that free-spirited, be-myself, make-a-statement child ...? Voila. -- *St. Louis Post Dispatch*, August 21, 2003 useful resource for anyone seriously contemplating a tattoo interesting, well-written treatment on the meaning of commonly used symbols. -- *Netsurfer Books* About the Author Terisa Green, Ph.D., is an archaeologist and research associate at the Cotsen Institute of Archaeology at UCLA. She lives in Los Angeles, California.