Ironwork Today: Inside & Out by Dona Z. Meilach

A Lovely Set Of Inspirational Ironwork Pieces Makes For A Winning Survey.

Here is an exciting foray into the world of the artist-blacksmith. Dona Z. Meilach discovers the growing numbers of men and women who revel in lighting up a forge and shaping hot, malleable iron into beautiful, useful objects. Blacksmiths today make both monumental and modest architectural accompaniments, from public art to an infinite number of items we encounter every day. With this book, you will gain an appreciation of the medium and its creators, and realize that blacksmiths do much more than shoe horses. Over 480 color photographs highlight objects for indoor and outdoor use, including fences, railings, gates, doors, sculpture, furniture, lighting fixtures, candleholders, and more. Some are truly modern in style while others are inspired by historical references, such as Art Nouveau, Art Deco, Craftsman, and Victorian styles. Todays blacksmiths, designers, artists, and homeowners will find unparalleled inspiration for creating unique yet practical surroundings.

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The artist-blacksmith’s world comes to life in a survey of those who shape iron into lovely works of art as well as useful objects. No longer is the blacksmith regulated to horseshoes and repairs: today they produce architectural embellishments and public art and here over four hundred color photos illustrate such objects, which appear both in public and in the home. A lovely set of inspirational ironwork pieces makes for a winning survey.

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