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# Christian Warlich: Tattoo Flash Book

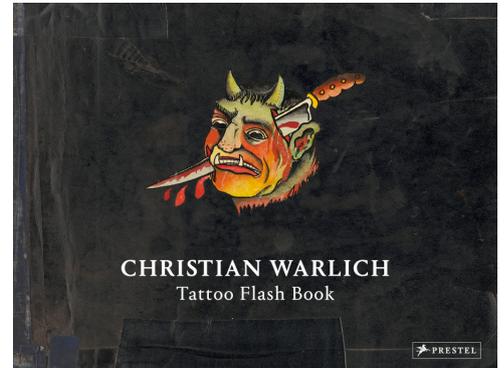
Vorlagealbum des Königs der Tätowierer/  
Original Designs by the King of Tattooists

The original work of Christian Warlich, Europe's preeminent tattoo artist in the first half of the century, is brought back to life in a stunning new volume.

Christian Warlich (1891–1964) is a famous German tattooist and his flash book is one of the most coveted objects in the tattoo world. It is now available in this exquisite edition that includes over three hundred hand-drawn designs restored to their original vibrant state. It also includes photographs and other archival material, much of which has never been published before.

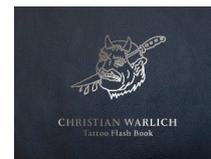
This book brings Warlich's career into new focus, reflecting the latest research on how his early years at sea may have influenced his work. Intricate renderings of cowboys and indigenous Americans, Chinese dragons and Japanese geishas, daggers, snakes, and skulls reveal not only Warlich's influence in the iconography of tattoos, but also suggest the interplay of ideas with tattooists across Europe, North America, and Asia. The book also explores how Warlich's estate helped shape the state of tattoo art today. This elegant book is invaluable in understanding the importance of Warlich to the history of tattooing.

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108 pages, 66 pages reproduce Warlich's flash book including over 300 tattoo designs in original size (colour illustrations)  
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