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Written by acclaimed photographer Doralba Picerno, *Dragon Tattoos* explores dragon tattoo iconography from around the world. This powerful book presents more than 150 stunning images, ranging from traditional European and Eastern examples to modern variations, fantasy dragons, hybrids and chimeras. Dragon designs are accompanied by informative text that explores the origins of various myths and dragon types.

Eastern dragons consist of three main types including Chinese, Korean, and Japanese, all of which are linked to local folklore. They are linked with the element water, are wingless, and are considered symbols of power, wisdom, and good fortune. *Dragon Tattoos* explores the most popular examples of Eastern Dragons that have successfully been transferred to skin art. Eastern dragon iconography dominates modern fashion and skin art, but Europe also has a strong dragon tradition. The book explores European dragons, which are significantly different than their Eastern counterpart with their ability to breathe fire and their bat-like wings. The book also covers variations of dragons, dragons and other animals, and chimeras.

Dragons have gripped the collective imagination for centuries and figure strongly in many different art forms. Some of the most striking examples of these mythical creatures can be found in contemporary skin illustrations. *Dragon Tattoos* is a celebration of one of our most enduring icons that will appeal to tattoo enthusiasts as well as those simply interested in discovering more about this intriguing decorative art.

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