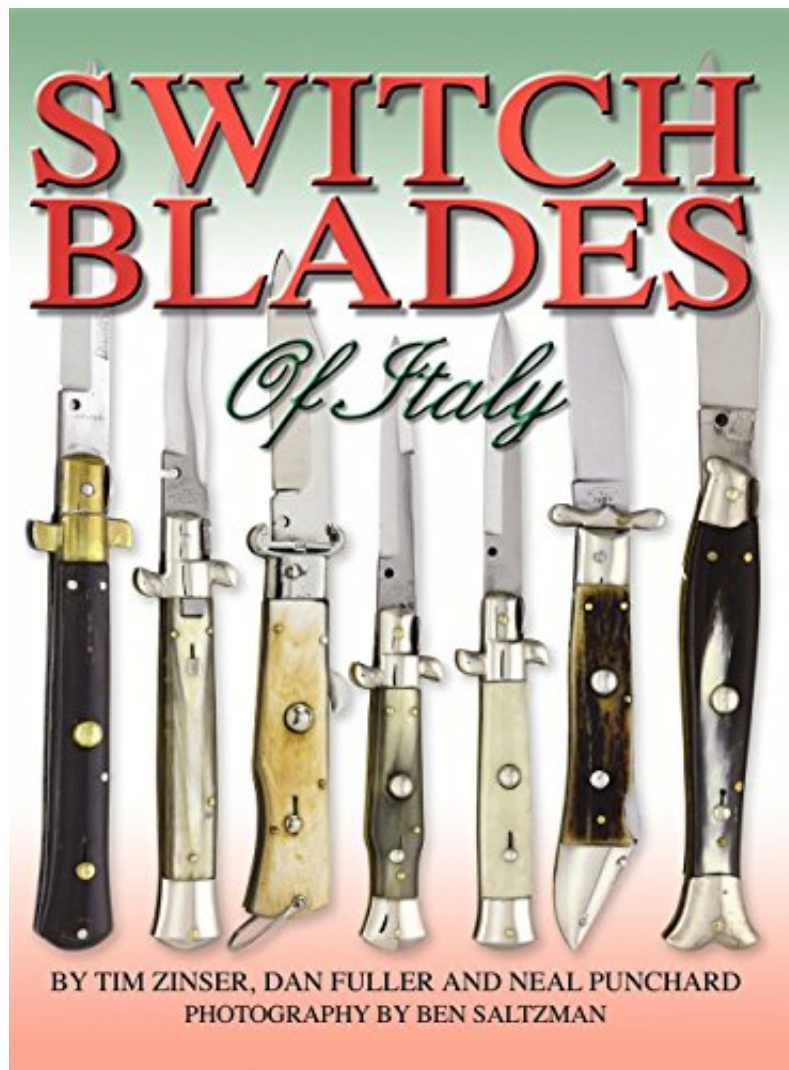


Switchblades of Italy

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Synopsis

This book starts the reader on a journey through time, with a short history of folding knives, leading to the evolution of the first switchblade. Progressing through time, wonderful photos illustrate the descriptions of switchblades. Throughout the book, highlighted sections showcase specific details that will be most helpful to collectors. Also included are facts about knifemakers styles, patterns, tang stamps, and a complete illustrated glossary. Contents Include: The first ever comprehensive publication about Italian switchblade knives, featuring knives and history from the late 1700s to the 1970s. Pictured within this hardbound book are nearly 200 beautiful photos and ephemera of the most unique and rarest Italian switchblades. Actual-size photos span more than two centuries of knifemaking history. Also pictured are catalog pages and advertisements, as well as historical photos. Extensive research has gone into this book to present never-before-published information which clears up and dispells many myths. Entire sections are dedicated to the most sought-after knifemaking companies, such as: Latama Coricama Mauro Mario Details about the knifemakers and businessmen involved behind the knives reveal who the major players shaping the switchblade industry and who made knives for other companies.

What people say about this book

The confiscating security guard, "Nice overview of Italian Switchblade history.. I was very excited to finally have a decent reference on Italian Switchblades. I have often wondered what sort of origins these knives of mechanical wonderment and joy had. You will get an overview of early origin of these functional knives, their makers marks and various mechanical and design configurations scale (handel) materials blade shapes and original advertising materials as well as manufacturer history. A valuable addition to any serious knife collector or dealer the best book on this topic on the market so far."

Harry King, "Very Informative. Switchblades of Italy, has information that is necessary for anyone wishing to collect Italian Stiletto Automatics. I found it to be entertaining, as well as informative. I would certainly recommend this book to any enthusiast."

Ray C., "A great book, very informative!. I really enjoyed this book! I never knew that so many Italian companies made the same style stiletto's, I pretty much thought it was just one company. The pictures are great, I wish I owned some of them! A must have for serious knife collectors."

Sandi, "A good introduction to the Italian Switchblade history.. Good introduction to the Italian auto knives of the 1950's. It is by no means a comprehensive guide but provides information about the various Importer/brands, styles, etc. Given the very reasonable price, it is well worth the money."

D in Ohio, "Good One. Great book great price.."

ANTHONY TELLS THE WAY IT IS AFTER USING GOOD OR BAD, "help me to find what i have been looking to buy for years. i collect knives and know where they are didn't know the names this book helped so i googled and here we are thank you all"

Stephanie Hibbins, "great. terrific book"

Bargain Hunter, "Great reference work!. A very interesting reference book relating to the history of the switchblade whose market seemed to centre between Italy and the States. Some great photographs of both the earlier designs (Latama) and the more recent knives."

Saxonforge, "Great book, very important facts. If like so many other people you wonder why the Italian stiletto looks like a toy then this book is a must. If you are a person that believes switchblade stiletto's are working knives don't get with this book."

Elkabong!, "Five Stars. Great Book. Thank you"

Tyler Jabs, "Four Stars. Very informative and great illustrations."

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