



Flint Art 2017

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Book Condition: New. Publisher/Verlag: Hörnig | A collection of masterpieces of flint work, made by fourteen flint knappers: archaeologists and craftsmen. 13 pages show a lot of tools like blades, daggers, arrow points, and hatchets - all made out of flint. | Flint: aka firestone, chert, silex Comes from Old High German word flins, that means as much as "stone, pebble, rock" and traces back to the root [s]plei for "to split". Sharp edged, hard, easy to break: These properties made flint attractive for Stone Age people. Ever since, mother nature did not support our species with claws and teeth as sufficiently as our competitors in the food chain. Only our big brain and our hands as a team are capable to compensate this handicap, as the head invents implements which are formed and used by the hand. The first hand axes date back to 1.7 Million years, many archaeologists regard them as the "Swiss army knife of Prehistory", because they can be used for chopping, sawing, drilling, scraping, scratching and cutting. At the time of the reindeer hunters, elegant leaf points and fine blades were part of the basic hardware. Bones, antler, wood, hide, tendons and much more served our...

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