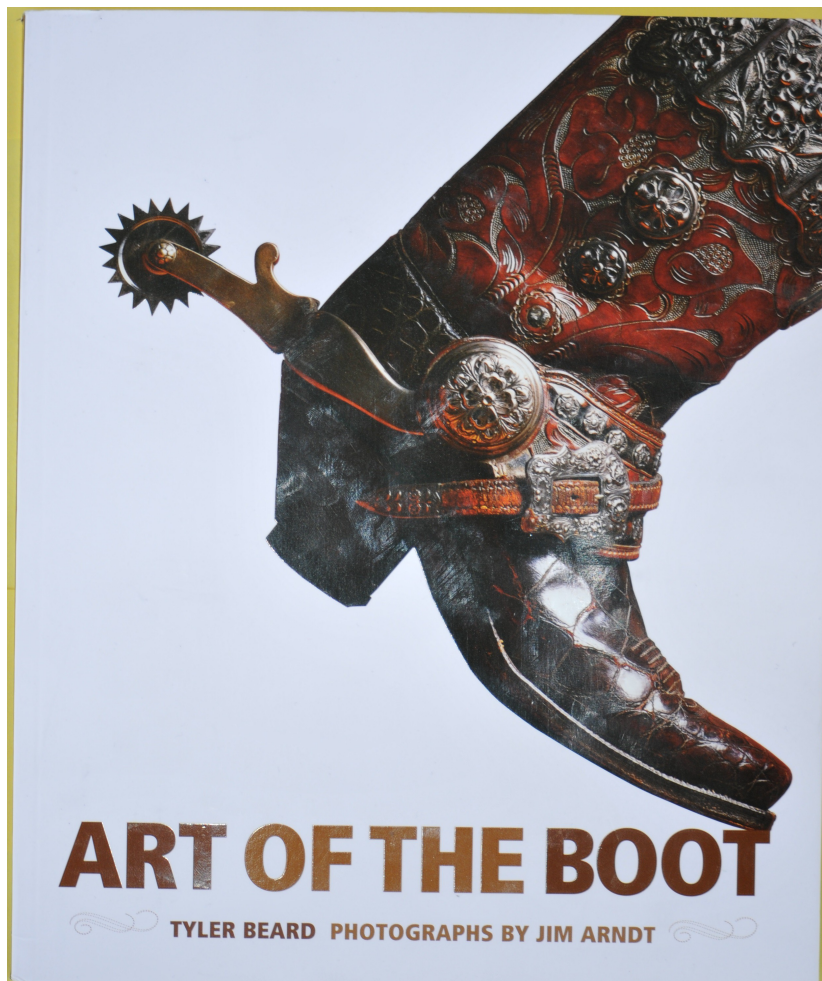


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I do not know if you learn everything about boots by reading this book, but it can be a good place to start if you want to try get a historical survey over the development and at the same time learn about contemporary boot makers. The boots “golden age” describes the author to have been between 1940-1965. While he mention among other the movie Urban Cowboy

with John Travolta starring in the time between 1970-1990 when the boot production was on the bottom – as the movie as created a new boot trend in USA as ended after 5 years. But it was something as was with on to save this popular footwear. And possible reached this trend also far north in the world, all the time I brought my first and only boots I ever had in this time, without that I can remember if Urban Cowboy was set up on norwegian cinemas?. The development after from about 1990 until today call the author the “platinum age”. From 1990's developet the boot making itself from a advanced craft to an art. The boot became small art objects. First part of the book is about boot biography.... in the other half of the book mentioned 28 boot makers / company in USA which have meant something in the development, illustrated with photos as show example of the production. The author manage to make it interesting, living and personal together with photographer Jim Arndt as deliver splendid photos from beginning to the end. The only remarkable, as not are to blame the author or the photographer, is how the book outside the boot eras centra looks to not have get any attention. While you think on the development as have taken place since the 1990's, must it also concern the public also around here – where it once have been so many shoe factories, and where work with leather art and craft have its practioners and perhaps many more interested even if boots have been a more perihery footwear. But not a word have been mentioned about this book. Regardless is it recommended to everyone. A end chapter deals with buying a pair of boots from a bootmaker. So follow a glossary. And a survey over 186 bootmakers in USA. Only two outside USA is mentioned. The book have 162 pages. And it can probably be ordered via a local bookstore. If not is Amazon book a solution; www.amazon.com