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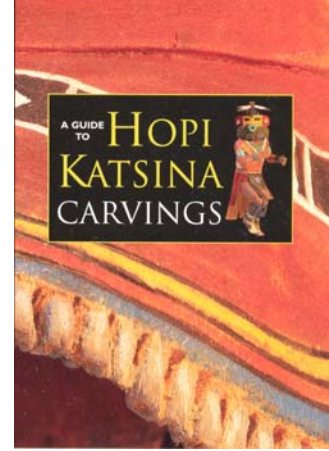
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Press Release

A Guide to Hopi Katsina Carvings

Picture intricately carved faces adorning a skirt painted in deep black. Picture the katsina grandmother, each cheek dotted with a bright red circle, smiling benevolently. Hopi katsina carvings are an important part of Hopi culture, and they are highly valued by collectors for their fine details and complex place in the Hopi worldview.



A Guide to Hopi Katsina Carvings pairs these phenomenal carvings with text for the non-specialist, explaining what they may represent to the Hopi and the katsina's place in Hopi ceremony. The book features bright clear photographs of carvings by Hopi artists, who have carved katsinas into cottonwood for more than a millennium.

Whether you are a collector or just an admirer of these powerful, artistic carvings, *A Guide to Hopi Katsina Carvings* will enrich your experience by introducing you to their history. The book also helps readers uncover important details associated with individual katsinas, helping to identify them.

Hopi carvers use their art as a connection to the life both seen and felt, and embodiment of their experience. The Hopi believe that those who find, shape, and maintain a katsina share in its luck and protection.

A Guide Hopi Katsina Carvings introduces the origins of many of carving design styles—whether centuries old or recently developed. The book explains the evolution of technique, particularly highlighting motifs, while also touching on some of the exciting directions Native artists now explore with their work.

A Guide to Hopi Katsina Carvings

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