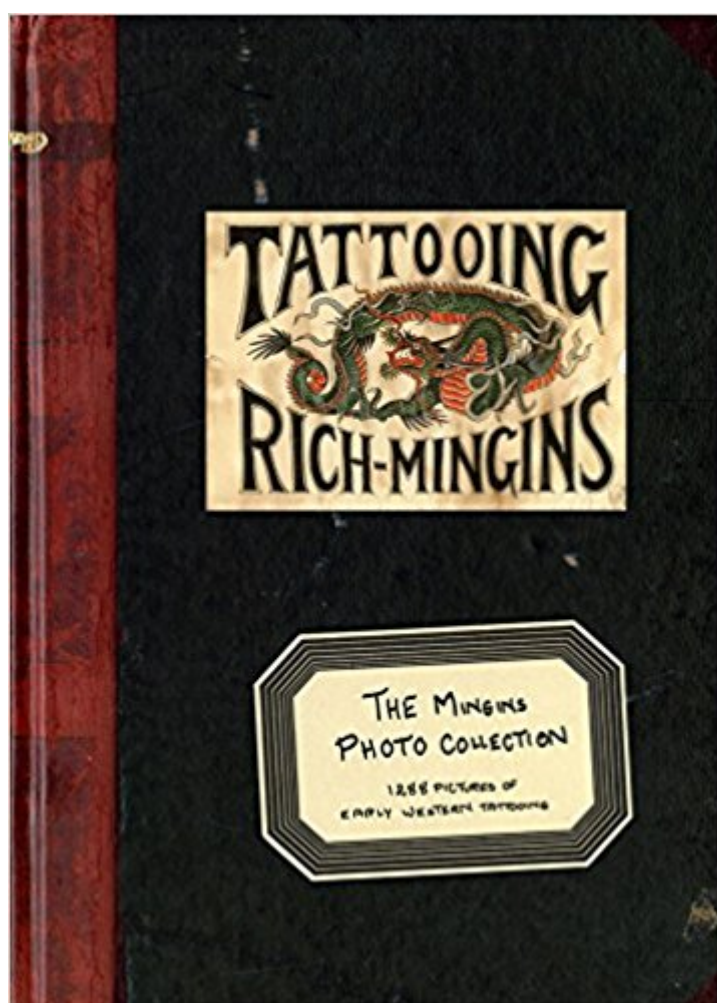


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# The Mingins Photo Collection: 1288 Pictures Of Early Western Tattooing From The Henk Schiffmacher Collection



## Synopsis

"A very quiet man, smoking all the time. He used to tattoo while seated on a little bench in the back room of his house at 59 Redfern Road, Harleston, in London, while his wife busied herself in the kitchen. There was no flash on the wall, just a book on the table and on the side of his bench he had a roll of paper towel, actually a toilet roll. It was a small room. You had to wait outside. You could not go in until someone came out. There not much to tell about Rich Mingins," recalls George Bone, whose body is adorned with examples of Mingins's work. Tattoo artist George Bone is one of the few surviving people with tattoos by Mingins, who was an enigmatic man about whom very little is known. "When he was doing his tattoos, he actually never spoke. His work spoke for itself." And that it did. Mingins's work was extremely popular in his time. "His artistic work and custom designs were of high quality, and really stood apart from work of other tattoo artists," states Bone, "I had the impression, perhaps mistakenly, that he was the type of man who would say no to an interview, so it's not surprising that so little is known about him." Mingins's scrapbooks convey a beautiful overview of the world of tattoos and attitudes toward them during the first half of the 20th century.

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Schiffmacher deserves huge credit for preserving and compiling all the wonderful artifacts and photos relating to our art and business---I first went crazy over old tattoo photos with the publication of Spider Webb's "heavily tattooed men and women" back in the 70's (another whose books are really worth getting) This is an exact reproduction of English Master Tattooist Rich Mingins personal scapbook--page after page exactly as he pasted it in of all matter of tattoo photos---his own superb

work, and any and all photos he could get his hands on, from all eras...some wild stuff here! Pics of work benches, tattoo store fronts from all over the world, plenty of staged photos of machine touching already healed tattoos-- a great way to study machines with a magnifying glass... no backstory except for some hand written info by Mingins himself. You really have to have a sense of wonder to appreciate and study these ancient photos within---like, who WERE these people?!? What were they thinking? Their sexual lives? Plenty to speculate about there! A must for any tattoo historian!

GREAT

I own many books with beautiful and colorful photos of tattoos, but this book is quite distinctive because the photos are a real rarity. They're very old and I'm amazed that Mr. Mingins managed to acquire them and preserve them. They're truly fascinating....

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