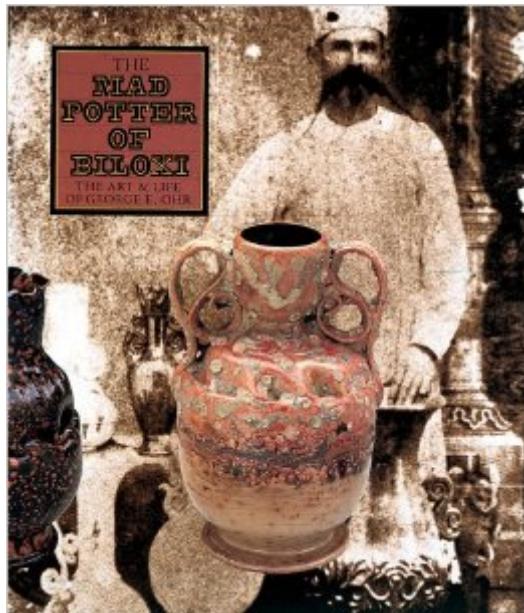


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The Mad Potter Of Biloxi: The Art And Life Of George E. Ohr



Synopsis

Misunderstood and unappreciated during his lifetime (1857-1918), George Ohr, America's archetypal artist-potter, pushed the form of the vessel beyond mere function to the point of abstraction. Today the genius of this radical and sophisticated artist has finally been recognized. His thin-walled, paper-light pots, labeled grotesque in his day, are now seen as a tour de force of delicacy and restraint and a stunning exploration of the plasticity of clay. Ruffling, twisting, tearing, and collapsing his fragile pots, Ohr anticipated much of what we take for granted in contemporary art and ceramics. Stunningly illustrated with 140 color images of his most important pieces, this landmark volume, winner of the George Wittenborn Award for outstanding art books from the Art Libraries Society of North America, presents the first major study of Ohr. Beautifully woven together, the text and images confirm a judgment the Mad Potter once passed on himself: "Unequaled! Unrivaled! Undisputed!" he wrote on a sign outside his shop, "Greatest Art Potter on Earth!"

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this man was a head of his time. i have never seen anythig that has come out of the 1800's that looked any thing like this. The photography is great and the biography is good , but the pottery is the best i have ever seen he had great form and great glaze you could not ask any more from a potter

The book shows an excellent selection of George Ohr's unusual work. It tells a good bit about his life as well. Any potter wanting a good glimpse at Ohr's work before going to the museum in Biloxi

should start here! He is definitely a "one of a kind" potter!

This is a Christmas present I gave to my brother. He has been working with ceramics for 40 years. He loves this book, says it inspired him to experiment with new techniques, glazes and mixtures of clay. His specialty is making ceramic wind chimes, but he also makes custom tiles, bowls, planters and some figures. You can see some examples of his items for sale and find contact information at <http://home.comcast.net/~fjkoontz/pottery/Portfolio15.pdf>

An excellant book. This was very complete and well written. George Ohr was an intersting guy and I liked the detail attributed to his work. It did leave some questions for me about the origianlity/counterfeiting aspect. How do you tell? Who would know?

I am always looking for a copy of this book to give to my pottery friends. This copy was fabulous! Almost like new! Thank you!

This is a wonderful book, so well written and promptly delivered. Many thanks and keep alive the memory of George Ohr

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