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Simon Moore : Penknives and Other Folding Knives (Shire Library) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Penknives and Other Folding Knives (Shire Library):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A slim tome with somewhat misleading titleBy Mike RThis little book [and I emphasize short] has some good points--e.g., a nice historic review of pocket knives; however, the key title word "penknives" is misleading as the book hardly goes into them--too brief a discussion, especially as compared to its coverage of other types of knives such as silver fruit knives. As a collector of penkinves, I was disappointed in this book. It also falls short on the number of pictures of knives--especially penknives--except for the aforementioned fruit knives. The title should read "A Short History of Folding Knives, with Empahasis on Fruit Knives".0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. More than a pamphlet on penknivesBy DuncanI bought this book because I was

bored, on holiday in Ireland, and looking for something to read for the train ride to Wicklow. What I got instead of a light read is a fairly comprehensive catalogue of styles and progressions from roman cast-handled folders to true penknives through a brief visit to modern pocket-knife gadgetry. I would highly recommend this book for anyone interested in knives or knife-making. Its not a heavy-read, but the "further reading" section is very informative as well.

Overall 4 stars- would be 5 but the pictures although well-done in this short format, are B/W and some are dusky.

Either way its in my library and is used for research and inspiration for my knife and silver-work.

The term penknife is a misnomer for what is correctly called a pocket knife. It was originally applied to folding knives that evolved from earlier scribes knives during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, but the history of folding knives goes back two thousand years. This book traces the history of folding knives, describing a wide variety of the types produced up to the present day. Simon Moore inherited an interest in folding knives from his grandfather, and he began to collect and study them after he was given an eighteenth-century folding fruit knife. Other titles for Shire by this author are: Spoons 1650-2000 Table Knives and Forks