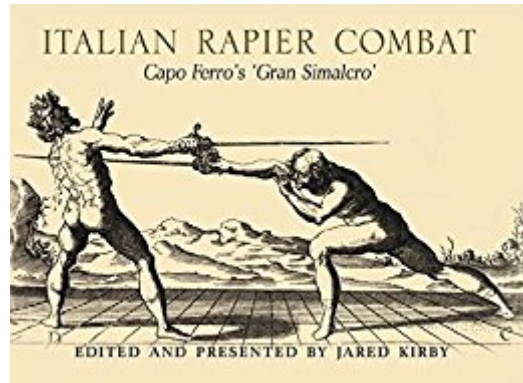


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# Italian Rapier Combat



## Synopsis

This beautifully illustrated and detailed book presents one of the world's most influential fencing treatises. Ridolfo Capo Ferro was a legend in his own lifetime and his intricate and exact instructions were copied and emulated throughout a Europe bewitched by this Italian's grace and style. The manual, illustrated with 43 striking illustrations, gives a very real flavour of the panache of this expert in swordsmanship and mastery of that most lethal of weapons - the rapier. Ferro examines different kinds of swords, their component parts and their suitability, before going on to discuss their actual use. There he expounds his theory as to the timing and direction of thrusts, the essential distances and the need for complete control. He also looks at defensive measures, guards, parries, the need for quick footwork. Capo Ferro's text is a practical guide to fighting and one which builds on the theory to show exactly how a superior form of swordsmanship could be learned by Europe's elite. His illustrations clearly show the best methods and also show how a rapier could be lethally effective when used with a dagger or with a cloak. This handsome volume is a vital historical record. The book is also sure to give the modern fencer new insights in technique and a greater appreciation of the history of this exciting sport.

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The works of Ridolfo Capo Ferro, or CapoFerro if you prefer, is a cornerstone of modern historical fencing. Jared Kirby's insightful and detailed presentation of CapoFerro is masterful. I recommend that a copy of Tom Leoni's interpretation of CapoFerro also be included as an insightful addition and another detailed source for the student or instructor of this most rewarding martial art.

Incredible.

Beautiful

For the Kindle. Pretty much it stinks. Info looks nice, but waaaay too jargony with Italian words supposedly to 'capture' the essence of a 'hard to translate' original word. Instead you have to spend your time memorizing your location, jumping back to the glossary, find the correct word, then jump back to where the location. Rinse. Repeat. Rinse. Repeat. Combined with the not so great formatting it isn't worth it. It would be better in hardcopy, but not much. Sorry 75%+ of these 'hard to translate' words have EXACT English words or short phrases to explain the concepts involved. IMO, too much Oriental MA influence with use of the foreign language, which is the other place you see a lot of this. On the subject matter & the rest of the translation, great stuff, lots of good info, I'd love to recommend it, but not when I'm thinking that it would be great if I had a hardcopy of the glossary to read a book on my e-reader.

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