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Terri Shea : SELBUVOTTER: Biography of a Knitting Tradition before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised SELBUVOTTER: Biography of a Knitting Tradition:

8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Good History, black and white photosBy Shire DwellerThis is a great book. That said, if you're looking for Alice Starmore, you won't find her here. HOWEVER, this book stands on its own and as a classic in its own right. BE AWARE that all photos in this book are black and white. This book is divided into three sections. The first section is about the HISTORY of Selbuvotter knitting. Terri Shea's writing style will take you on a great journey: on a cold winter day you can curl up with a cup of hot cocoa and this great book and find yourself sitting along side the Selvubotter knitters, listening to their tales told to the background of clicking needles inside and howling wind and yes, bombs and marching invaders' boots echoing outside. The second section is TECHNIQUE. Terri does an excellent job of (symbolically speaking) pinning the specimens to a dissection board and performing a mitten autopsy for you: she diagrams and explains the components and mechanics of mitten and glove in a way that is interesting and fun (and made me realize why my own past attempts at knitting these types of projects didn't always turn out so well). The last section is PATTERNS - over 30 of them. Who knew a pair of mittens could say so much, contain so many symbols, and make so many statements about knitter and wearer? "Dancing ants?" Yes, it's in there. Lilies that symbolize purity and the Virgin Mary? That's in there too, on page 101. If you're looking for Alice Starmore-type color work patterns, you'll need to buy an Alice Starmore book. But if you're looking for something with depth and adventure, that goes beyond the design to the history and symbolism behind it, then this is

definitely the book for you.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Terrific bookBy SunnyA great book to learn how to knit beautiful mittens. I knitted mittens and gloves from this book a number of times and people were wowed by them. Me, too!4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Truly Inspirational!By Dori in SFI have a fairly substantial knitting book collection, and this has got to be one of the most inspiring books ever! The patterns are marvelous and very clearly explained. An entertaining history of the Selbu mitten/glove tradition is also included. I had never made mittens before, and I've made two pairs from this book so far without a problem. Another reviewer mentioned having trouble. Please note that full errata is available for the first editions of this book. If you have an earlier version, please don't forget to check the errata on the publisher's website (something you should do with ANY knitting book). A corrected edition was published in Jan 2008, too, so if you buy now through , you'll get the new one. For Ravelry members, Selbuvotter has its own group, and the author often posts with suggestions and help for knitters. This is just amazing book that makes me want to knit every single project (a first for me, as far as knitting books go).

Discover the rich history and traditions of Norway's iconic black-and-white mittens. What started as a dare became an icon of Norwegian knitting and started a snowball of knitting traditions across the North Atlantic. Selbuvotter: Biography of a Knitting Tradition follows the story of these beautiful mittens and gloves, from folk tradition to major regional industry to national symbol, and passes the tradition on with over 30 patterns taken from actual antiques. Every aspect of business today can be found in the story of Selbu knitting. And above it all, thousands of women and men, using spare moments to create spectacular designs that are as fresh today as they were 150 years ago.