

This book is part of a study on the forging of Krisses. This part discusses the use of extraterrestrial iron used: iron derived from meteorites.

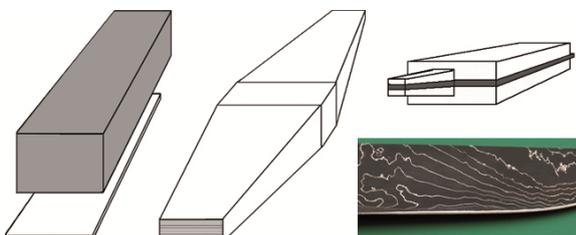
This rare metal has been known for thousands of years and was referred to by our ancestors as “Iron of the Gods”. Mystical powers were attributed to this iron.

The study focuses on five Krisses that were forged by the Empu Karja di Krama in 1904. The study is being conducted by Seerp Visser, blacksmith and teacher forging at the Royal Academy of Arts in Antwerp, Belgium.

Meteoritic iron as pamor material for a Kris is very valuable. Gold and ivory in a Kris can be an indication of the owner’s wealth, but the mystical powers of a Kris are determined by the pattern of the pamor and the pamor material used. No pamor material gives more "power" to a Kris than meteorite.



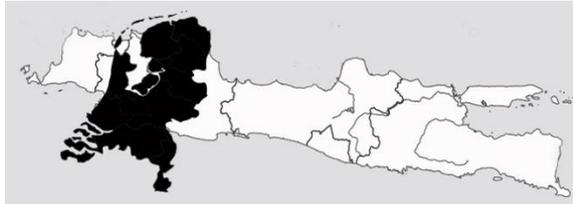
In the first chapter, the key players in this booklet are portrayed. The Empu and the principals for forging the Krisses.



Then follows the process of forging a Kris. How a structure was forged in the blade to create a contrast.



What are meteorites and what is their composition? Which meteorites are important for blacksmithing?



Java and the meteorites that fell there. The famous Prambanan iron meteorite.



Meteoritic material and its processing in a Kris.



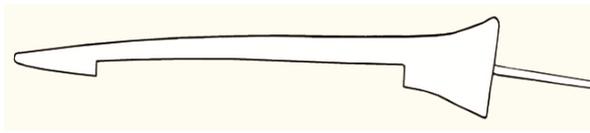
The role of the rulers of Surakarta in making pamor material with meteorite.



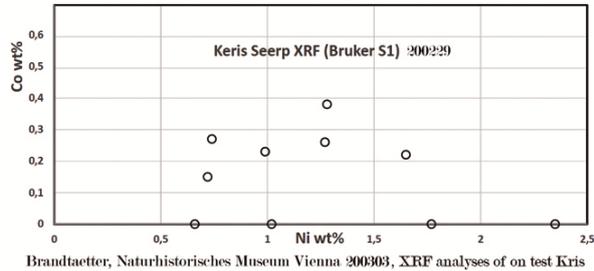
The Blacksmith's Secret. The trade-offs made between promoting the Kris and making the secrets of this artisanal craft public.



A study on the application of iron meteorite in Krisses conducted by the Natur Historisches Museum in Vienna (NHM).



A pilot project for the NHM.



The results of the research.

The book is in A4 format and has over 50 pages of text with many images.
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