

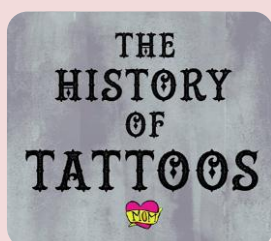
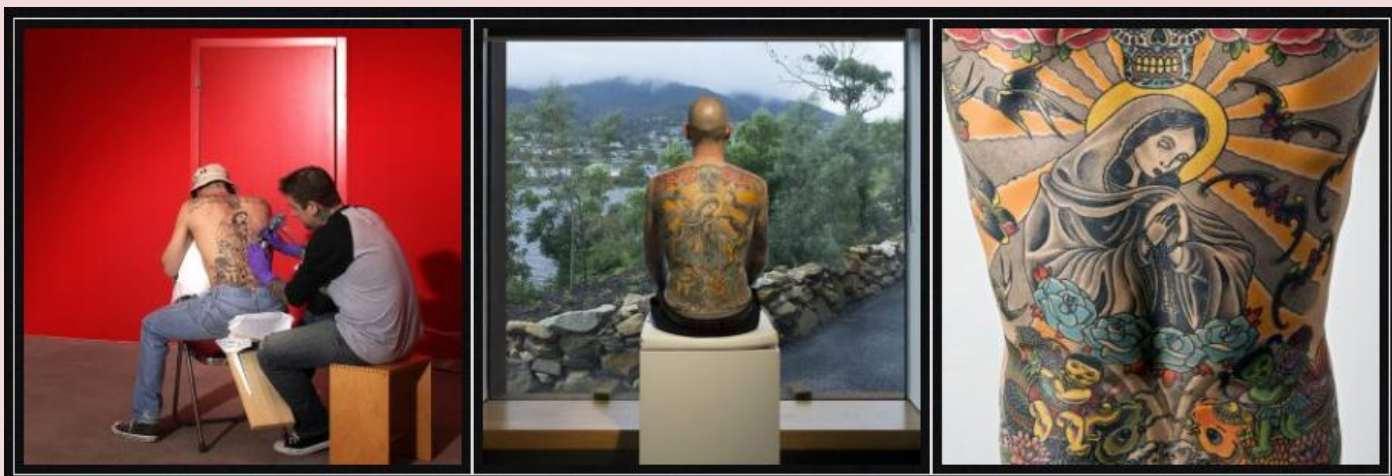
The man who sold his tattooed skin to an art collector

Take a look at one of your tattoos. No doubt (or not) you love it so much you want to keep it on your body forever. But here's a question: would you mind it hanging up in an art gallery when you die?

In 2008, the work was sold for €150,000 to German art collector Rik Reinking, with Tim Steiner receiving one third of the sum. As part of the deal, Tim is contracted to exhibit the work, in art galleries across the world at least three times a year.

After his death, Tim has agreed to be skinned and have his art work permanently framed and residing in Reinking's personal art collection.

That may seem macabre to some, but Tim has a very indifferent view of the situation. "My skin belongs to Rik Reinking now," he says. "My back is the canvas, I am the temporary frame."



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