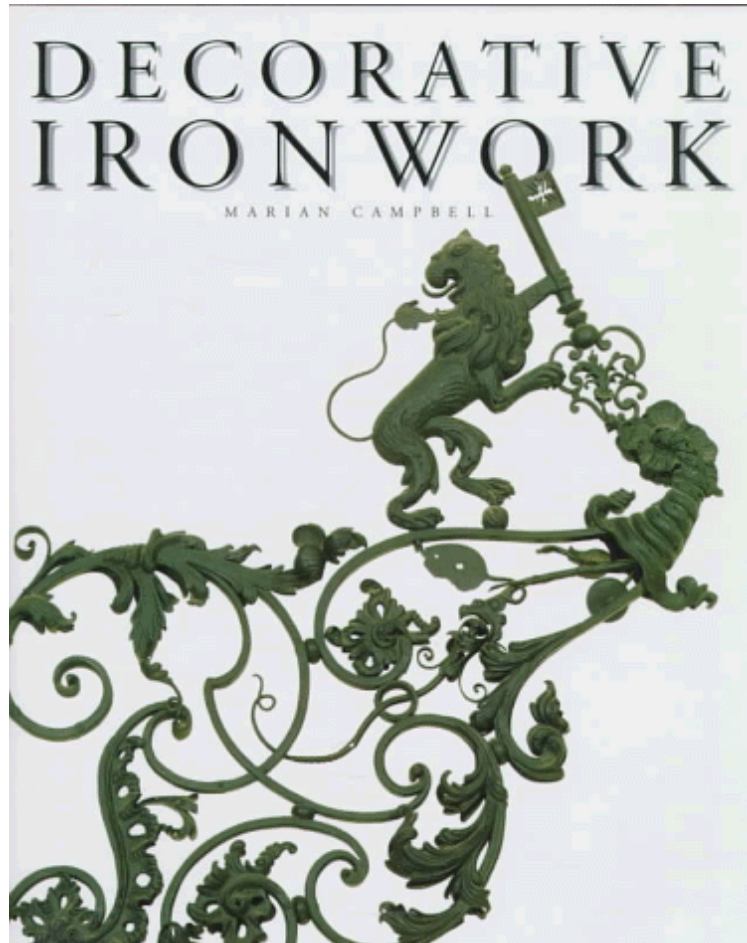


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century, came the widespread use of cast iron - made by pouring liquid metal into moulds - which brought a new variety of pattern and ornament to the repertoire. Marian Campbell is the co-author of "Towards a New Iron Age".

About the AuthorMarian Campbell is a leading expert on Medieval jewellery and metalwork, and on ironwork of all periods. She curated and was co-author of Towards an New Iron Age which toured 5 US venues. In 1994 she curated the redisplay of the beautiful new Ironwork Galleries in the VA and organised the international conference From Foundry to Forge to coincide with their opening.