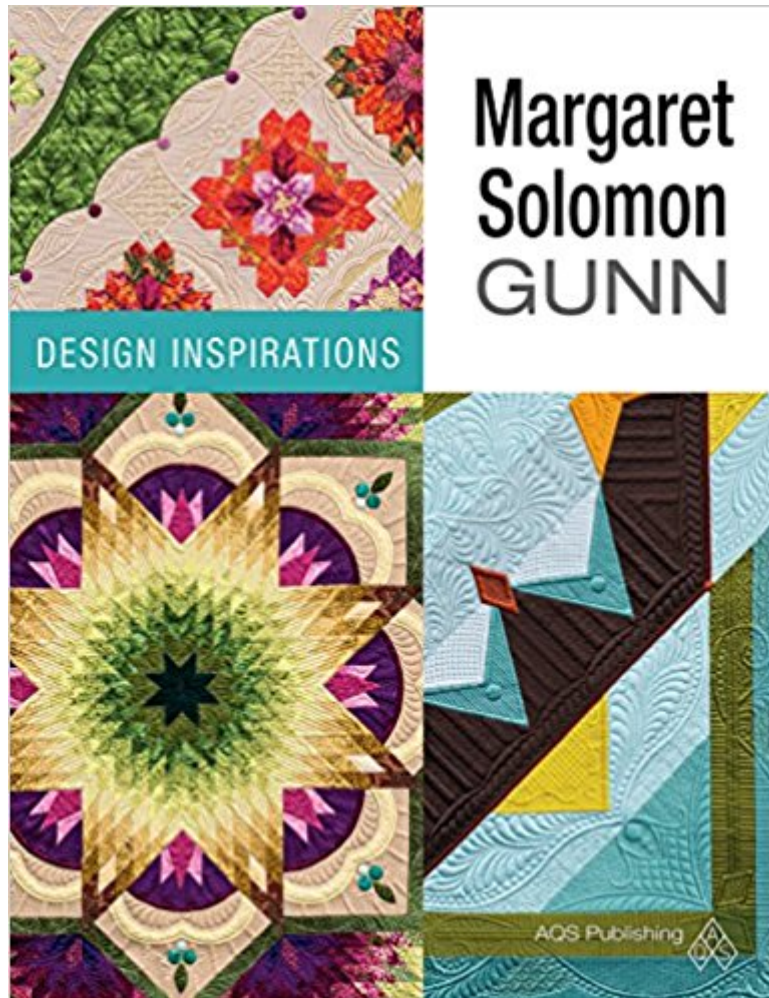




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Design Inspiration (AQS Signature)



Synopsis

The AQS Signature Series brings an in-depth look into the quilting process of award winner Margaret Solomon Gunn. Patterns are included with easy-to-follow instructions for making three of Margaret's most well-known, award-winning show quilts. The book chronicles Margaret's journey for of the three quilts from design inspiration to finished product, providing tips and insight on how the well-designed, pieced, and quilted masterpieces were created. Line drawings, thread suggestions, quilting instructions, and detailed photographs are provided of the quilting designs for key areas on each quilt. The three patterned designs will appeal to all skill each levels.

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Customer Reviews

Margaret is the owner of Mainely Quilts of Love, a longarm quilting studio. She first learned how to sew nearly thirty-five years ago and after making her first quilt in college, she never turned back. She has won numerous Best of Show awards. She's also a regular author for Machine Quilting Unlimited and her work is often featured in the publication.

As always, Margaret is meticulous. I am an avid quilter, a quilting professional, and experienced at quilting (have written my own book), and I learned some things from this and from Margaret's self-published books (the latter were more useful to me at my stage but I am quite happy to have this one also). Recommended!

Arrived as promised and I'm working through the book.

One of the best quilting books I've read! Margaret is a good story teller and teacher. The detailed pictures and instructions are great.

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Awesome book with insight into making a show-worthy quilt. If you ever buy quilting books and find yourself wishing it contained more information about how the author got to where they are today in their quilting journey, then this book is for you. I enjoyed reading about Margaret being an over achiever her entire life (heck, she's even got multiple degrees in mathematical and aeronautical engineering), how she made a massive amount of quilts for Project Linus, and how she ended up making competition quilts. There are brief discussions about eight of Margaret's quilts but then three other award-winning quilts are chronicled (the three that are shown on the book's cover) in detail. For those three, the inspiration, the design (pattern), and the quilting designs/decisions are all detailed out. The amount of detail on the quilting aspect is wonderful and extremely enlightening. Zen Garden (the bottom left lone star quilt on the book cover) was made only with fabric from Margaret's stash. She thought the tan background fabric was ugly so she added appliqued vines and flowers to cover it up. (Ya, think maybe if my next quilt includes the ugliest fabric/color I can find in my stash, I'll have to do something creative to save it and I'll end up with an awesome quilt like Margaret's? Naw, I doubt that too ... probably just end up with another UFO but I can dream.) If I had a chance to do it again, would I buy this book? You bet!

A well written and illustrated quilt book. The book features 3 quilt patterns but the instructions are the most complete I have even seen. This book is packed full of good quilting information. A must have if you enjoy quilting and want to learn from the best.

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