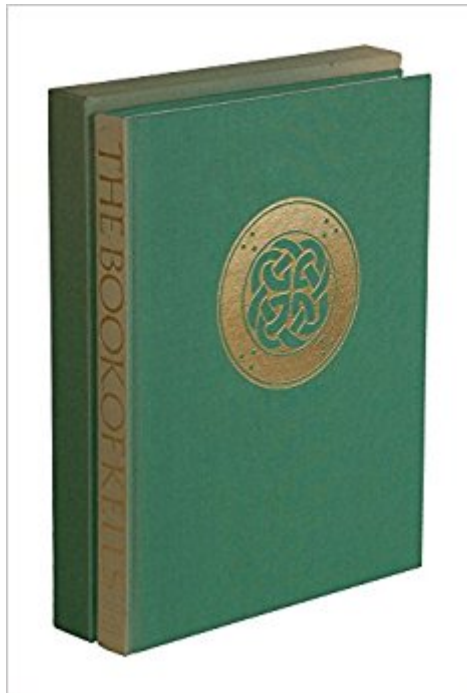




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Great book, beautiful color plates. I wish it was printed on non-yellowing paper, but the paper has darkened a bit with time and humidity. Large format.

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