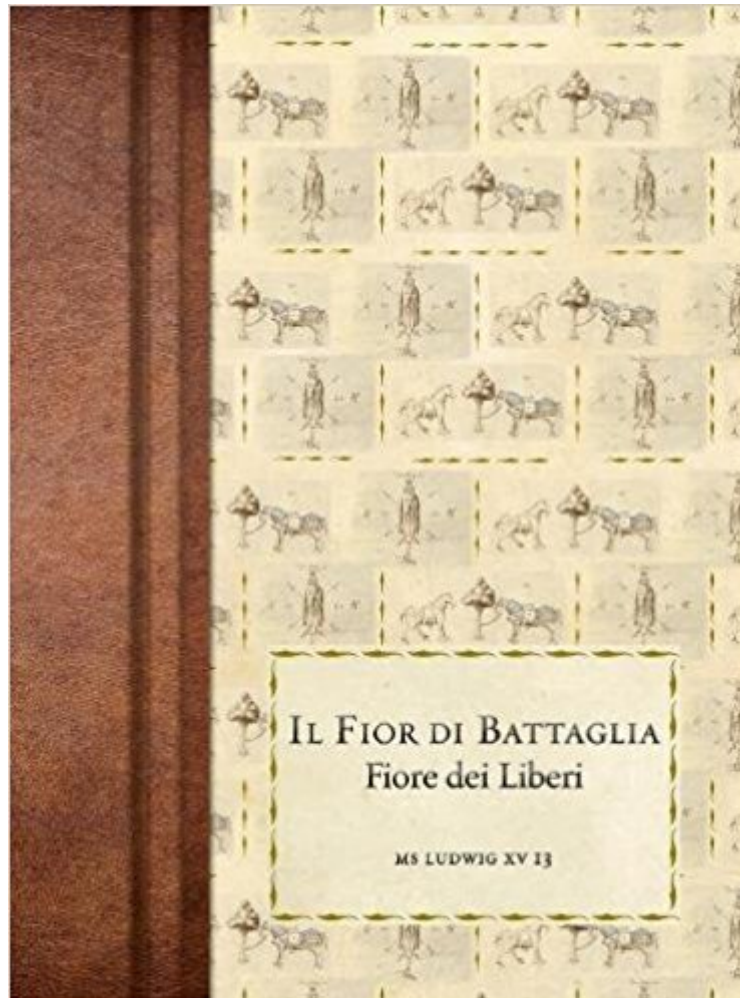


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references to the source manuscript, translations and guides and commentaries. I hope Guy continues to produce these volumes. They are amazing.

Fantastic! Took a few days longer to get it due to some print issues, but it was totally worth the wait. I have other versions, both translated and not, printed and digital, but there's nothing like holding a top-quality hardcopy in your hands, and this is definitely top-quality. Beautifully bound with hi-res images that are easy to read (if you can read 15th century Italian) and illustrations that are a joy to view. Thank you, Mr. Windsor! Looking forward to future volumes!

I have seen the Ms Ludwig XV 13 in person at the Getty. There is nothing like seeing the original and there never will be. But, I must say that this facsimile edition does do justice to the beauty of the original. The images are sharp and clear. The original text is easily legible and the illustrations of the combatants have some measure of "depth" that the original work possesses. It's even possible to clearly make out the various scratch marks where the art was scraped off and corrected by the original author (a testament to the care and detail Fiore put into his work when it was produced). This is a great hardback to have if you're a Fiore enthusiast or even just a diehard HEMAist who likes to collect treatises. General fans of color facsimiles of Medieval books will also have a lot to be excited about with this book. I endorse it!

First you have to realise what this is, it is a copy of, or perhaps facsimile would be a better term of the original manuscript. It is not a translation and, unless you read Medieval Italian it does not tell you how to execute any of the Master or Scholar plays. But it is a useful tie in to any other books describing the Fiore methodology and as the illustrations are larger it can help with interpretation. Certainly a very useful addition to any bookshelf already containing other tomes on the Fiore tradition.

A very nice printing of a classic text!

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