

Erik Spiekermann
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Meet Erik Spiekermann



Erik Spiekermann is a highly admired graphic designer and typographer today. He was the man behind some of the more known branding and visual identity campaigns of the past generation. Erik Spiekermann was born right after WWII and grew up in Stadthagen, Germany on May 30th, 1947.

Early Life

Erik Spiekermann was born right after WWII and grew up in Stadthagen, Germany on May 30th, 1947. He got his formal education on art from Free University of Berlin. He self-taught letterpress printing and started a letterpress printing press at his home to fund his college tuition. How did he do this? Erik Spiekermann was known for collecting old printing presses and using them to print. That is how he began his business from home.

Education

At 16, he moved to Berlin, where he enrolled at the Free University of Berlin to study art history and English. During his university years, he supported himself by working as a letterpress printer and hot metal typesetter, which allowed him to hone his skills in typography and design.

FF Meta

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg
Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn
Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu
Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz

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Hairline
Thin
Light
Condensed
Normal
Book
Medium
Bold
Black

FF Meta Serif

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg
Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn
Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu
Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz

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Light
Book
Medium
Bold
Extrabold
Black



ITC Officina

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh
Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp
Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx
Yy Zz


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Book
Medium
Bold



PUBLISHED BOOKS



Stop Stealing Sheep & Find Out How
Type Works (1993)

Hello I Am Erik: Erik Spiekermann -
Typographer, Designer, Entrepreneur
(2014)

Typo: Graphic Designers' Handbook of
Type (1980)

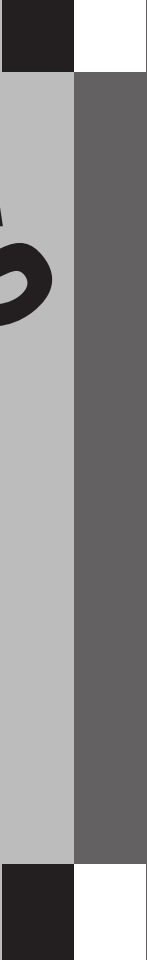
Rhyme & Reason: A Typographic Novel
(2023)

The Visual Dictionary of Typography





FOUNDED COMPANIES



MetaDesign
FontShop
FontFont
Edenspiekermann
Hacking Gutenberg





MANY AWARDS



Gerrit Noordzij Prize 2003
German Design Award 2006
European Design Awards Hall of Fame 2007
Honorary Designer for Industry 2007
Lifetime Achievement Award from German
Design Award 2011
TDC Medal 2011
Lifetime Award from German Art Directors Club
2011
SOTA Typography Award 2011
Honorary Professorship at University of the Arts
Bremen
Honorary Doctorate from Art Center College of
Design 2006



