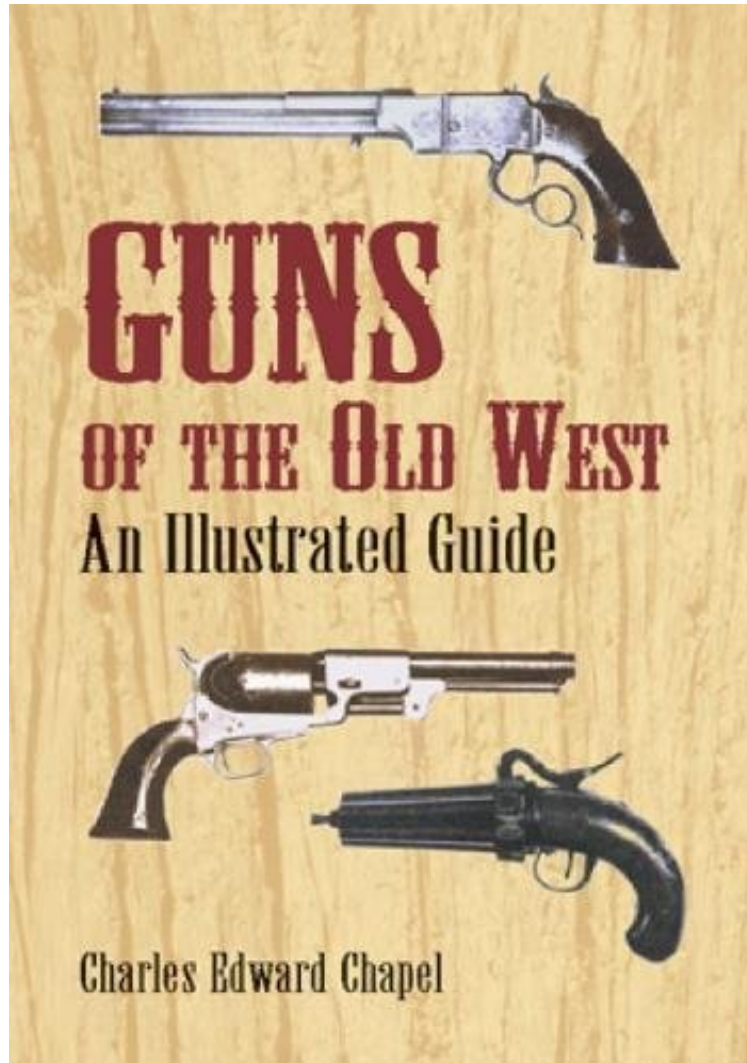


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Charles Edward Chapel : Guns of the Old West: An Illustrated Guide before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Guns of the Old West: An Illustrated Guide:

9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Good...butBy John WattsSince this is a reprint of a 46 (1961) year old publication my main criticism is that it was just copied and all of the original omissions and mistakes are presented again, just as they were in 1961. As a collector of 19th century Smith Wesson's and it's predecessors, this book misses the factual marks of that manufacturer repeatedly. It lists the products of the first Smith Wesson company (1852-1854) as being produced by another company (Volcanic Arms) and it plays down the significance of the development of self-

contained cartridge firing handguns by Smith Wesson throughout its presentation. It truly glorifies the development of the cartridge firing revolvers by Colt's and almost ignores those by Smith Wesson even though the number of Smith Wesson revolvers produced prior to the turn of the 19th century was far greater than the number produced by Colt's. No wonder most uninformed people believe that the Single Action Army revolver was the only gun popular in the Old West when there were far more Smith Wesson's produced and sold during that time period. The sections on pre-Civil War arms was well done except I did notice the very limited mention of the U.S. Model 1841 so-called Mississippi Rifle which was very important during both the War with Mexico and the Civil War. If you are looking for a definitive reference on the Guns of the Old West, this really isn't it, however some of the background information and stories are wonderful. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I would read it again. By J Gleason It was a good book the only issue I had was I did not know how accurate the information was. But I did enjoy reading it. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars. By Cindy Bennion Great Book

Firearms played an important role on the American frontier. Used to hunt animals for food and clothing, they also safeguarded one's home against outlaws and other hostile elements. This definitive, scrupulously researched work describes and illustrates the many different weapons that opened up and secured the American West. Enhanced with colorful anecdotes, the vividly detailed narrative tells the dramatic story of shoulder arms, hand guns, percussion and cartridge weapons, and describes the hunters, settlers, peace officers, stagecoach drivers, soldiers, range detectives, rustlers, outlaws, Indian chiefs, and other picturesque characters who used them. Here are detailed descriptions and illustrations of the Kentucky rifle that saw battle in the American Revolution and in the War of 1812; the repeating rifle used in the Civil War; the Sharps rifle that wreaked havoc during the great buffalo hunts; the Colt revolver, used by cowboys and outlaws alike; the fast and reliable Winchester rifle, the most widely used shoulder arm of the post-Civil War era; as well as flintlock pistols, derringers, muskets, buffalo guns, carbines, signal pistols, Confederate revolvers, and many other celebrated firearms. Illustrated with nearly 500 photographs and line illustrations, this classic reference will not only be invaluable to dealers and collectors but will also appeal to Americana devotees, weaponry enthusiasts, and students of the American West.

From Library Journal Chapel's 1961 study profiles a wide range of firearms from early flint and matchlock guns that shooters could just about knock their own hats off with to Sharps rifles capable of taking game at 500 yards. The text is illustrated with numerous photos and drawings and offers a good treatise on the subject, intelligently disregarding all the pulp nonsense about gunfighters, etc., and handling the topic from a scholarly point of view. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.