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David Miller : Illustrated Directory of 20th Century Guns before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Illustrated Directory of 20th Century Guns:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good reference for a limited set of popular firearms By Lord Haw

A nice, small sized-book that lists most of the popular or historically important firearms of the 1900s. A nice color photo, stat summary, and a paragraph or two on each selected weapon is included. Not as comprehensive as 'Jane's Recognition Guide' (5e), but focuses on the weapons used in the 1900s, whereas the other focuses only on popular firearms or those a military or law enforcement person would come across. Nice, convenient guide to weapons of the era, but light in details or historical usage (who used, when, where, etc).

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good, Quick Reference

By Clive Howard

As a firearms examiner and expert witness, I find this Directory very useful. I also use Jane's extensively and find this work a very useful companion to that authority. It is paperback size so very handy around the workplace as a quick and easy reference. It is attractively illustrated and may be relied upon as accurate in its detail but is not overly technical. This book should be on the shelf of every law enforcement office as an aid to speedy and reliable identification of all commonly used modern firearms. It is also a very useful, easy to use educational aid to anyone interested in firearms.

11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. A scattering of errors and typos but still great

By Rob Banzai

This book rises above two problems: errors/typos and terrible binding. It's a fat little book with very short pages so it's difficult to open it wide enough to read easily. And you're going to want to open it wide because they pack a lot of info in there. The book is broken down by weapon type (pistol, rifle, light machine-gun, etc.) and you will find most of the well known weapons in here with plenty of weird one-offs and forgotten ancestors. The basic info for each gun is mostly complete and the text and photo is generally well-done. The typos are frequent enough to annoy and there are some obvious errors including the wrong weapon description being used for one entry. Still a very good addition to a basic library on firearms because few are as comprehensive and feature so many good photographs.

Featuring small arms that have been used in every conflict since 1900, and various shooting sports from hunting to competitive target shooting, this is a fabulous directory covering approximately 200 firearms and variants. The guns include pistols and revolvers, military and sporting rifles and shotguns, sub-machine guns, light machine guns, and heavy machine guns.

From the Publisher

- Covers approximately 200 military and sporting firearms from around the world, many of them famous and many less well-known and unusual.
- Straightforward directory arrangement, making it easy for the reader to dip into.
- Joins a growing range of fact-packed, handy-sized, internationally successful directories.

About the Author

David Miller is a former officer in the British armed forces, who served in the Falklands campaign, Germany, Netherlands, Malaysia and Singapore. His works for CG Enterprises include The History of Browning Firearms, The Illustrated Directory of Guns, and Fighting Men of WWII: Axis and Allied Forces.