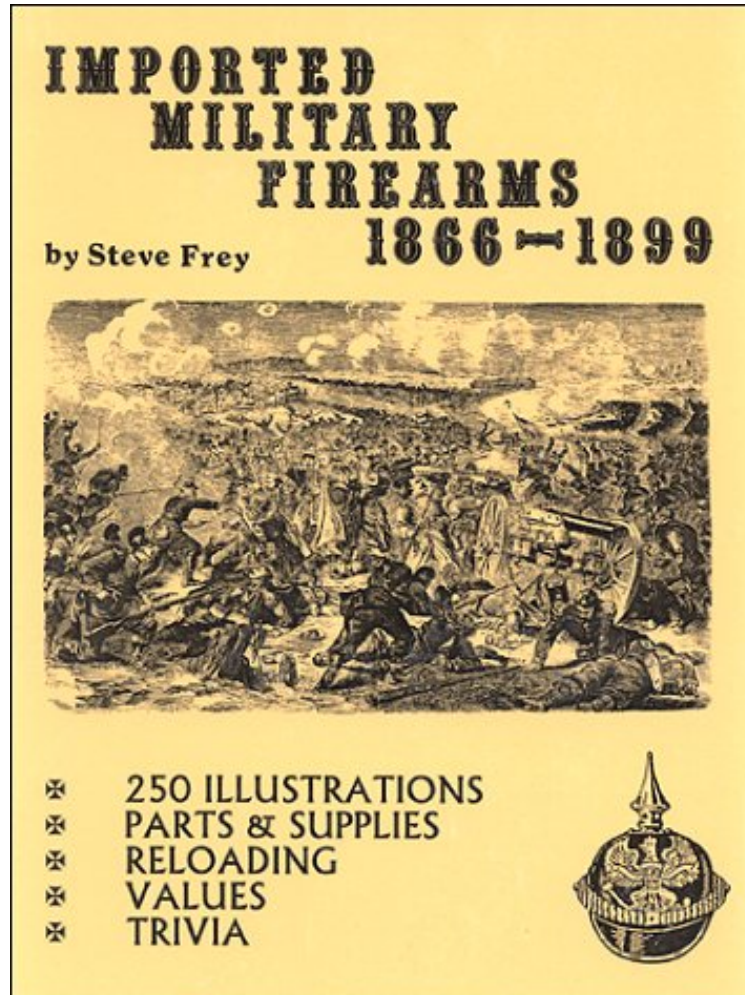


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Steve Frey : Imported Military Firearms 1866-1899 before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Imported Military Firearms 1866-1899:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A great 'Go-to' book for your collection!By RonB208Great source for obscure information on some obscure weapons.8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Gun ReportBy C.R. SuydamPart II of this book lists and describes in detail military arms of 17 nations from Argentina to Switzerland, and the entries are well explained when the author says, on page 1, "This book is dedicated to Francis Bannerman (1851-1918), who popularized arms collecting and saved many rare artifacts from the smelter". The arms of each nation are shown in outstanding old drawings and/or photographs, and described in detail as to action types and cartridges...But there is much more: the author expects the owners of these arms to want to shoot as well as collect them, so Part I tells about cases, powder(black, of course), bullets, primers, the transitional breechloaders, proof marks, and Mannlicher clips!..The appendices tell of the Franco-Prussian War (where many of them started), how to

restore an old gun without its looking restored, antique revolver repair, hot bluing. There are detailed cartridge drawings (3 pages, 46 cartridges from .45 Martini Henry to 6mm U.S. Navy), 3 pages listing 380 case forming dies from Huntington (RCBS of Oroville, CA) which can be used to make the cases for these old guns, and a 25 item list of sources of parts and supplies. These places are indicated in the text by an asterisk after the name (GRAF*), but the purpose of the asterisk is not told in the text, so the reader must look all through the book to find it! The author is a long-time shooter of these "Bannerman" guns, so the information he gives comes from practical experience. 10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. I found a Terrific Book on shooting 19th Century guns! By STEVE FREY I had the great pleasure, during the gun show this past weekend, to make the acquaintance of a fine gentleman, Steve Frey, who has written a most astounding little book on 19th century foreign military guns (rifles, pistols, even shotguns), with emphasis on shooting! Including how to adapt ctge. cases, bullets, loading dies, and otherwise get your old whatever-it-is up and firing with a minimum of \$\$ investment, whether your rifle is a relatively common Remington rolling block in .43 Spanish, or a M.1891 Dutch Knil revolver. Or... hey, want to shoot that old Dreyse "needle-gun"? The "how-to" is in there! Or scratching your head over how to come up with .329" bullets for your M95 Steyr? Solutions are provided!... As I riffled through the book I quickly realized this was a GOLD MINE, a treasure trove of goodies for all us old gun enthusiasts. Plus, an incredible amount of fun simply to read. It's not a real thick book -exactly 100 pages- but it's pretty well-packed with fascinating history, lore, trivia and "how-to" regarding these fine old guns in general and many, many different models in particular. From Argentina to Switzerland, they're all in here (no U.S. guns, though... the emphasis here is on "economical" collecting and shooting, and Steve points out that most American guns have gotten quite pricey! Out of the budget of many beginning collectors -especially if they be erstwhile shooters, too).

Book by Frey, Steve

While not THE comprehensive work on this topic, Frey has done a commendable job assembling information on a neglected subject. -- Adam Geibel, *Journal of Military Ordnance*, 2/4/77. From the Author The purpose of this book is to record for posterity nearly-lost information about antique firearms which were once imported into the U.S. in large quantities, but are now largely a mystery, even to collectors of such things. It covers history, identification, values and how to make ammunition for them. About the Author STEVE FREY is an independent trucker who travels throughout 48 states and Canada. He has been collecting guns since 1967. He is also a Vietnam Vet (Corps of Engineers) and a graduate of Kent State University (Criminal Justice).