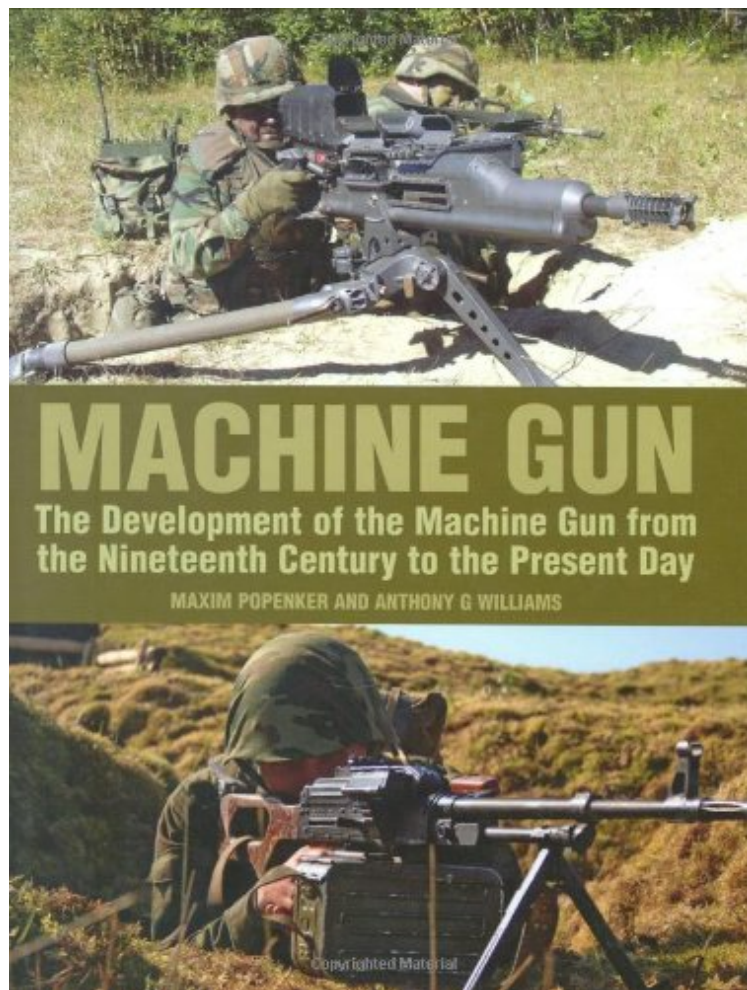


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technical and historical information. Glad I bought it 6 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Good but not the best. By KRISHNA JAGAMaxim's two earlier books on Assault Rifles and Combat Pistols were absolutely great - chapters included a historical overview, design and working mechanisms, discussion on ammunition types and a look ahead to the future apart from the main subject weapons described in adequate detail. The Key point is both the books were focused on the post 1945 era and hence treatment of all the important weapons was adequate. With this work on machine guns - while it follows the same trend and also for the first time has pictures in colour - Maxim has decided to cover from the 19th century itself - which means many modern weapons in the post 1945 like the INSAS 5.45 etc get inadequate coverage and are limited to a one line entry which is my biggest grouse. The technical section on development, ammunition and design however is excellent. The countries are covered in alphabetical section as are the weapons w/o mentioning the year of manufacture - chronological order would have made it orderly as one struggles through the pages. Maxim would have done well to have published the same in 2 parts - pre 1945 and post. Nevertheless it's a good addition to the library - however it's disappointing to see Crowood almost double the price in the third book of the series.

The machine gun had a dramatic effect on the conduct of warfare; one or two men operating a single machine could produce the same weight of fire as a squadron of rifles, and when used against an inferior enemy, the effect could be devastating. During the First World War, the use of the machine gun in conjunction with massed barbed wire and other obstacles put an end to battlefield mobility until new weapons and tactics could be devised. This book describes the development of the machine gun from the earliest models to the present day. The focus is very much on portable infantry weapons used in the support role, so automatic cannon of 20mm and larger calibres are excluded. The categories of weapon included are, therefore, Light Machine Guns [LMGs], a term which includes the Squad Automatic Weapon [SAW] and Light Support Weapon [LSW]; Medium Machine Guns [MMGs]; Heavy Machine Guns [HMGs] and General Purpose Machine Guns [GPMGs]. One specialist variety of machine guns is included in a separate chapter: the grenade machine gun [GMG], also known as the automatic grenade launcher [AGL]. With a country-by-country breakdown of machine guns, including comprehensive appendices of gun and ammunition data, along with hundreds of photographs, this is a comprehensive study of a most effective battlefield weapon.

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