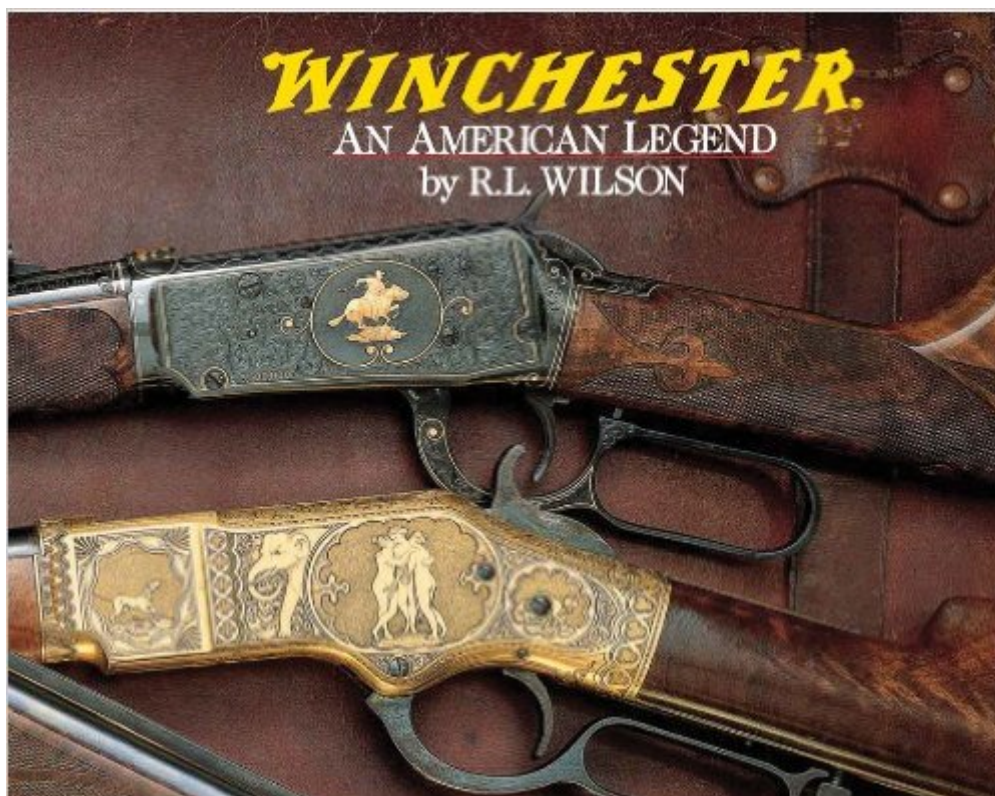


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Winchester: An American Legend



Synopsis

The most lavish work ever produced on American long arms, this book has been published with the full cooperation of the Winchester Division of the Olin Corporation, as well as Winchester licensee, the U.S. Repeating Arms Company. The book's large format presents many of the firearms in exquisite close-ups, accompanied by substantial details of history, development, and significance. Variations within model groups are given ample attention, and the book's organization gives an unequaled overview of nearly a century and a half of Winchester achievement. A unique, comprehensive table in the appendix gives serial numbers and related production data previously unavailable in any one source. Every collector and enthusiast will delight in its broad appeal, with over 300 photographs in full color and more than 165 in black and white.

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For those who do not own an 1866 Winchester or its predecessor, the Henry, this book comes as close to putting one in your hands as paper and print can. The cool of blued steel and the balance in a fine walnut stock are to be felt on every page. This book is an emblem for the art of still life photography today and for printers' skills. The images are stunning throughout. And pread after spread of exceptional Winchesters from collections around the world confirm that innovation and fine craft make collectables, whether from industry or the fine art studio. The text is useful but leaves one wanting more detail. For the beginner or aspiring collector, for example, a clearer way of differentiating one model and the next would be useful.

R.L. Wilson, who wrote this book, also wrote one called 'Colt, an American Legend.' Both books are exquisite, coffee table size--eight and a half inches by eleven inches (landscape)--and each are over 400 pages, almost every page filled with extremely high quality color photographs. R.L. Wilson, in addition to being a collector and well-known author in the firearms field, is a historical consultant to Colt's Firearms Division. The subtitle on the first page says, "The official history of Winchester firearms and ammunition from 1849 to the present," which pretty much covers the entire history of the Winchester Firearms Company (now known as U.S. Repeating Arms, since a bankruptcy and change of ownership.) If you are a Winchester aficionado, or just a Western history buff, with an interest in "The Gun That Won the West," this is a book you will want in your library. It is one of my favorite books. It will probably be one of yours, also. Joseph Pierre, Author of THE ROAD TO DAMASCUS: Our Journey Through Eternity

Just the pictures in this huge volume are enough to make it worth thumbing through, but the written information is tremendous and the author manages to cover all connections to Winchester's Fathers, including John M Browning, my personal hero (other than my Father, Uncle, Grandfather and all other veterans of WWII and Korea). Probably not all the information on Winchester firearms and ammo history but all that I can absorb and still have a social life.

Beautiful to look at. Not heavy in the way of company or technical history, but what a great coffee table book. Costly - if you can find it - but wow!

While my husband was happy with his gift, the corner of the book was damaged...I was disappointed. Also, the ship time seemed quite lengthy. Overall, I must say this transaction left me unimpressed.

I wish that I could find out if this book had a cover but who cares. I'm the 5th generation of Winchester rifle owners so when I saw this book I had to have it. It's beautiful full of photo's and history of each piece. Great book

the next best thing to owning a Winchester rifle itself. excellent in every respect and well recommended.

I bought a copy of this book as a gift for a friend. After paging through it, I bought another copy for myself. I'd call it a "coffee table" book, full of large color pictures and great stories and facts regarding Winchester rifles. There are aspects of the book that could be used as reference material, however, it's a book that is better suited for pure enjoyment.

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