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On the battlefield, a soldier's best friends are his gun and his gear—because his life depends on them. But what will

it take to fight and survive on the battlefields of tomorrow? What will those combat arenas consist of, and where will they be? And what will our nation's fighting men and women carry with them into battle? Future Weapons is a compendium of the weapons of war that may accompany our soldiers in the near and far future, as well as an insightful look at the soldier, sailor, and airman of today and tomorrow. All manner of military hardware is covered, as well as information about cutting-edge technology that will become standard in weapons to come, the possibility of robotic soldiers,

vehicles, protective armor, and the prospects of fighting a war in both space and cyberspace. The Medieval period of history was extremely violent. The quest for wealth and power was driven by the violent society of the European countries. Massive stone castles were built to act as power bases. Lands were subject to invasion leading to wars, battles and siege situations. This was the period of the Norman conquest and the battle of Hastings in England. Warfare, siege warfare and weapons strategy and tactics were subject to change due to new weapons ideas and

changes in Medieval technology and architecture. The fighting in Europe had a brief respite when the attentions of the Medieval warlords turned their attention to the Holy Land when the Medieval Weapons were used by the religious knights who fought in the Crusades. This book has been written keeping in view the requirements of undergraduate and postgraduate students and research scholars in the area of weapons and warfare and Military history. "Guns on the early frontiers is concerned particularly with the arms used in the West during the first half of the

nineteenth century, but since the guns used in the earlier settlement of the eastern half of the continent were the antecedents of the western arms, these too are discussed. And in order that the story of guns in the West may be better understood, the roots of the gun trade are traced to their seventeenth-century origins on the eastern seaboard and on the St. Lawrence. Dutch, French and English traders, especially, laid the groundwork for the gun trade in the New World two hundred years before the Americans started to trade in guns. Consequently, European arms and European influences are given

some attention"-- Page viii. Relates the evolution of firearms and their effect on the social, political, and cultural aspects of life. This fascinating visual account of firearms shows everything from the earliest cannons to modern weapons of war. It also highlights how gun technology and military tactics developed in tandem over time. Centuries ago, the Chinese discovered that if they put gunpowder and a projectile into a metal tube and ignited it, they could fire the projectile with enormous force. The first guns were born. Firearms: An Illustrated History showcases over 300 firearms including

pistols, revolvers, rifles, shotguns, machine-guns, and artillery, each with annotated close-up photographs and details of their origins, barrel, and caliber. It details the use of the firearms, not just in the military but for sport, hunting, and law enforcement. This comprehensive volume traces the history of firearms, highlighting "turning points" such as the rifle with its parallel spiraled grooves that could impart a spin to bullets making them fly straighter. It also showcases iconic firearms such as the Walther PPK self-loading pistol popularised in James Bond films. With information on the great gunsmiths including Beretta

and Kalashnikov and a detailed guide to how guns work, *Firearms: An Illustrated History* is an essential purchase for everyone interested in guns and military history. For the first time in paperback, a photographic history of civilization, as seen through the world's most deadly and fascinating firearms. The *Illustrated History of Guns* is a comprehensive look at the tools of battle. To craft this book, more than five hundred photographs of genuine specimens were specially commissioned from the six-thousand-piece collection of the Berman Museum of World History. The

weapons featured span a period of close to four thousand years, ranging from Ancient Greece to World War II, and from the Crusades in Europe to the US Civil War. It features a wide array of diverse treasures, including the traveling pistols of Confederate president Jefferson Davis, a royal Persian scimitar with 1,295 rose-cut diamonds and rubies, and a single 11-carat emerald set in gold, first owned by Shah Abbas I of Persia and given in tribute to Catherine the Great. The *Illustrated History of Guns* also offers information on weapons innovators, including Alexander

Forsyth, Eliphalet Remington, Samuel Colt, Sergei Mosin, the Mauser brothers, Hiram Maxim, John Browning, Richard Gatling, John T. Thompson, John Garland, Feodor Tokarev, Oliver Winchester, and Mikhail Kalashnikov. With unparalleled historical perspective and background on persons significant to the development and advancements of weapons technology or military strategy, *The Illustrated History of Guns* belongs on the shelf of every history buff and firearms enthusiast. Jessica Hart has never forgotten Matthew Landley. After all, he was her first

love when she was fifteen years old. But he was also her school maths teacher, and their forbidden affair ended in scandal with his arrest and imprisonment. Now, seventeen years later, Matthew returns with a new identity, a long-term girlfriend and a young daughter, who know nothing of what happened before. Yet when he runs into Jessica, neither of them can ignore the emotional ties that bind them together. With so many secrets to keep hidden, how long can Jessica and Matthew avoid the dark mistakes of their past imploding in the present? Travel back in time and learn about the

first weapons and their uses and discover how people defended themselves. Tells the stories of the hundred definitive weapons whose effects have been revolutionary, changing the way war is waged and the very world we live in. This book reveals the weapon itself and who wielded it and where. It explains the blow-by-blow advance of military technology and expertise across the ages. A comprehensive directory of the military weapons used in World War Two, from field artillery and tanks to torpedo boats and night fighters, with more than 180 photographs. This book is a history of

firearms across the world from the 1100s up to the 1700s, from the time of their invention in China to the time when European firearms had become clearly superior. It asks why it was the Europeans who perfected firearms when it was the Chinese who had invented them, but it answers this question by looking at how firearms were used throughout the world. "Knives, swords and bayonets are the world's longest serving arms and some of the most important in history. Originally a simple stone tool, once metals such as iron and bronze became regularly worked, edged

weapons appear in the archaeological record. [This book] discusses in detail the long history of these arms, from primitively produced knives and machetes to the exquisite metalwork of Japanese swords. Throughout, the author discusses how these weapons were wielded and their strengths and weaknesses. The book covers all regions of the world and all time periods, from the swords of ancient Egypt and medieval Islamic states to the knives of Africa and today's special forces"--P. [2] of jacket. This fascinating reference covers the weapons and armor used by warriors from the

4th to the 15th century and discusses how and why they changed over time. \* Narrative chapters follow the development of medieval weapons and armor in four periods: early medieval (376-750), Carolingian (750-1050), the Crusades (1050-1300), and late medieval (1300-1550) \* The chronological reference section features vivid illustrations of representative swords, bows, cudgels, shields, and increasingly more sophisticated armor In a series of probing essays covering various periods in America's military history, this official history tells the

story of how United States weapons were developed and produced, what notable managers and organizations were involved, and which weapons from those periods had a significant impact on America's wars. Covering the period from the ancient world on through the Middle Ages and up to the seventeenth century, this thorough study of weapons and warfare will appeal tremendously to young readers who love to learn about exciting battles and courageous heroes and heroines from history. Including discussions of contact weapons, armor, shields, helmets, towers, gunpowder and war

at sea, the detailed information and colorful illustrations make this book a must-have and an invaluable resource as well. *Weapon: A Visual History of Arms and Armor* is an epic 4,000-year illustrated story of weaponry. From stone axes to heavy machine-guns, swords to sniper rifles, discover the innovative design, range, lethal function and brutal history of arms and armor, and meet the warriors who wielded them. *Weapon* includes all the important arms from the ages, covering edged weapons, clubs, projectiles and firearms from ancient Egyptian axes, through bows and spears of traditional societies

in Africa, Oceania and the Americas, to the machine-guns and missiles of modern infantry forces. Key weapons from every era are presented in sharp detail and the mechanisms that operate them are displayed and explained. Top fighting forces, from the Greek hoplite to the Navy Seal are profiled, and the weapons they have wielded and the tactics and fighting methods they've used are revealed. Large knives with origins as farming and brush cutting tools are often associated with warfare in geographical regions of rough terrain, dense jungle, hills, and in societies without centralized

leadership. They have found use as weapons in guerrilla warfare and internal rebellions. The machete has been employed extensively in political uprisings, particularly in Third World countries with unstable governments; for example, in Latin America, Southeast Asia, and Africa. Some of the most varied types of edged weaponry, however, can be found in Indonesia. Since this region faced foreign occupiers, conflicts proved common, forcing the natives to resort to knives that could easily be carried on one's person. Indonesian edged weapons saw use during the Philippine-

American War of 1899-1902. Africa is yet a region that has relied on edged weaponry. Because of a need for people to develop ethnic and cultural identity, regional weapons often feature significant differences in shape and size. The edged weapons of Africa frequently demonstrate the cultural connection between war and peace, life and death, offense and defense that existed in peoples' lives. This book focuses on three geographical regions associated with jungle, desert, and guerrilla warfare from around the fifteenth century to modern day: Latin America, Indonesia, and Africa. The book

starts by discussing the machete and other big-bladed weapons used extensively in Central America, Cuba, Mexico, and Chile. Next it explores the unique knives of Indonesia, with particular focus on the kris. It then examines the bladed weapons of the different regions of the African continent, including the tactics used in pre- and post-colonial warfare. The history of metallurgic science and the migration of weapons to different regions are also explored. The concluding remarks summarize the main points of each section. Knives, Swords, and Bayonets: A World

History of Edged Weapon Warfare is a book series that examines the history of edged weapons in Europe, Asia, Africa, the Americas, and the Middle East and surrounding areas before gunpowder increased the distance between combatants. The book series takes a critical look at the relationship between the soldier, his weapon, and the social and political mores of the times. Each book examines the historical background and metallurgic science of the knife, sword, or bayonet respectively, and explores the handling characteristics and combat applications of each weapon.



The individual books are excerpted from the previously published book, *A History of Edged Weapon Warfare*, also by Martina Sprague. Look for more books in this series in the near future. Our history has been shaped and changed by weapons: the smallest advances in weapons development have helped to build and overthrow empires, changed the course of civilization, driven modern technology, and won wars. For thousands of years, individual pieces of weaponry have come to symbolize struggles and nations, from the Roman gladius to the English longbow, and from

the flintlock musket through to the AK47. This book reveals the weapons that had the greatest impact on our history, explaining how and why they came to prominence, and uncovers the lasting effect they had on the world. For nearly 600 years, from battles of the early 14th century to the dropping of the atomic bomb at Hiroshima, firearms derived from gunpowder and other chemicals defined the frightful extent of war. In this classic work, first published in 1960, distinguished historian James Riddick Partington provides a worldwide survey of the evolution of incendiary devices, Greek fire, and

gunpowder. 21 illustrations. During World War II, when the V1s and V2s soared in their thousands against London, Antwerp and other targets, they were launched by Germans who had made a technological leap over their Allied scientific counterparts. Ultimately, as the German front fell back, the V launch-sites and factories were overrun. Nevertheless, for a time, the Germans had wielded a revolutionary new weapon that we now know pointed to the future of warfare. This intensely researched book overturns many of the myths about the V-weapons by tracing their

development under pressure, their employment in combat, and the massive effect their existence had on operations. From ancient flint hand daggers to the futuristic M1A2 tanks of today, flip through a series of stunning visuals to discover the weapons and vehicles that have shaped the military world. With rich illustrations, striking photography, and inputs from experts, *Machines of War* presents the story of all forms of weaponry that have dominated the battlefield, right from the pre-industrial age to the 21st century. Get a close-up look at firearms, aircraft, tanks, warships,

and learn about the invention, evolution, and progression of arms and armaments through the ages. Presenting weapons and vehicles in innovative detail, this one-of-a-kind reference book offers a unique perspective on military developments in the Industrial era, World War I, World War II, the Cold War, and the modern world. Readers will uncover intriguing aspects of the Gatling gun, the Spitfire fighter plane, the T-72 Tank and many more with virtual tours. Whether you're a history lover or a science buff, *Machines of War* is guaranteed to enthrall you by

putting you at the helm of war's most formidable weapons. A comprehensive, illustrated history of classical and historical swordsmanship, this volume details uses of the broadsword, two-hander, and rapier as well as the dagger, bayonet, and halberd. World War 1 was a global military conflict. It began as a skirmish between Serbia and Austria-Hungary with the assassination of Arch Duke Ferdinand in June 1914 and was transformed into a European war when Germany declared war on Russia on August 1, 1914. The loss of life was unequalled, with some 8 million

solders and more than 6 million civilians dying during four years of stagnant trench warfare and in failed attacks. It was the first time that many of the military technologies we now take for granted were seen, including aircraft, submarines and tanks. Yet, these were overshadowed by more established weapons such as machine guns, and artillery, the most lethal weapon of all. This visual encyclopedia looks at the key weapons used during the Great War. Each is listed chronologically within sections on the Army, Air Force and Navy. Each weapon features a brief history with a

description on how it was used and key specifications, such as calibre, magazine, system, length, weight and muzzle velocity. The first section on Army Weapons features weapons used by the armies and infantry men, such as mortars, rifles and tanks. This is followed by Airforce Weapons and Airships, which includes bombers, fighter aircraft and Zeppelins. Finally Naval Weapons features the warships of Germany's Imperial Navy, the Royal Navy and the Allied powers' fleets, from the early battleships to more modern dreadnoughts and destroyers. From rifles, the main weapon used by

British infantry men, to machine guns which needed four to six men to work them, and from tanks which were used for the first time during the battle of Somme to the new torpedo-boats whose main targets were the older battleships and more modern dreadnoughts, this is a detailed and fascinating guide to the military technologies developed during the First World War. Illustrated with more than 180 evocative contemporary photographs, the book will offer new insights for both general and specialist readers. Looking at an old-time cannon, most people are sure of just one thing: the

shot came out of the front end. For that reason, these pages are written; people are curious about the fascinating weapon that so prodigiously and powerfully lengthened the warrior's arm. And theirs is a justifiable curiosity, because the gunner and his "art" played a significant role in American history.

Contents: The Era of Artillery The Ancient Engines of War Gunpowder Comes to Europe The Bombards Sixteenth Century Cannon The Seventeenth Century and Gustavus Adolphus The Eighteenth Century United States Guns of the Early 1800's Rifling The War Between the States The

Change Into Modern Artillery Gunpowder Primers Modern Use of Black Powder The Characteristics of Cannon The Early Smoothbore Cannon Smoothbores of the Later Period Garrison and Ship Guns Siege Cannon Field Cannon Howitzers Mortars Petards Projectiles Solid Shot Explosive Shells Fuzes Scatter Projectiles Incendiaries and Chemical Projectiles Fixed Ammunition Rockets Tools The Practice of Gunnery Describes in text and pictures weapons used through the ages, from the stones of prehistoric man to the bombs of modern times.

Tracing the fascinating history of swords, spears and lances through to the 21st century, this book includes information on Japanese, Chinese, African and Indian swords as well as covering in detail the development of the weapon in Western Europe. "[A] menacingly illustrated book . . . nerdily gushes over the design and use of 130+ historical instruments of combat." —Thrillist

One day a prehistoric guy picked up a rock and threw it at something. And the history of weapons began. Comedy writer and weapon nerd John O'Bryan relays the freaky highlights of man's centuries-old obsession with

weaponry. He hilariously explains the mace, the morning star, and the man catcher, while conveying factual information about each weapon: its history, uses, and badass potential. Looking through history's highlights, readers will learn about Attila the Hun, Genghis Khan, and the "peaceful" Shaolin monks. This ultimate compendium of awesome weapons delivers all the surprisingly true details sure to impress anybody who's ever made a gun with their fingers and said, "PEW-PEW-PEW!" "[A] comic breakdown of weaponry." —Lost in a Supermarket "From the breech-

loading rifles of the British Army and the American Winchesters of the U.S. Army to the German Mauser and the French Lebel, this exhaustive volume traces the evolution of rifles from the perspectives of the men who designed them and the military personnel who used them. In addition to failures like the Jennings Volcanic rifle and the British SA80, readers will encounter such successes as the AK-47, the most recognized and most common assault rifle of the 20th century."-- Jacket. Covers every nuclear delivery system the United States ever deployed, from submarines and

their missiles to artillery rounds and mines. Published in association with the Berman Museum, this title presents a comprehensive guide to weapons, covering everything from prehistoric flints to modern automatics. The development of the pistol helped bring the age of the armored knight to an end, provided the elite with a status symbol of dangerous glamour, and inspired both artisans and industrialists to reach new heights of invention. Pistols follows the evolution of personal sidearms in Europe, the United States, and Asia from medieval-era "hand cannons" with their clunky ignition systems, to

the revolutionary Colt revolvers of the 19th century, to the modern semiautomatic weapons of today. Full of fascinating insights and details, this work shows how pistols brought about the decline of knights in armor, and ultimately replaced the sword on the battlefield. The book also explores the pistol's astonishing "democratization" as it moved from being a luxury item of the nobility, to standard issue for soldiers, to a mass-produced commodity and source of intensive corporate competition. Along the way, readers meet the many colorful characters (often eccentric geniuses) who

devoted themselves to pistol development. Provides complete technical details of exemplary pistols from the first working models to the present In-depth coverage of the three major pistol designs--single-shot, revolver, and automatic--and their production and issuance in the United States, Europe, and Asia Ranging from prehistoric times to the Nuclear Age, demonstrates how social and economic conditions have determined the types of weapons and tactics employed in warfare This work has been selected by scholars as being culturally important and is

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