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# Infantry Weapons Of World War II, USA, UK, Germany, USSR, Japan, More



## Synopsis

This fantastic all-color reference provides engaging insights into the main infantry weapons of the five largest protagonists of World War II - Germany, Japan, Russia, the United States, and Great Britain, with particular attention paid to the actual roles these weapons played in battlefield combat encounters. Comparing axis to allies - who had the upper hand, the fair (or unfair) advantage - author jan Suermondt examines the physical details (and provides current collector values) of over 150 small arms, including revolvers, pistols, rifles, submachine guns, machine guns, mortars, grenades, and mines. You'll be introduced to the types of weapons used during the war; how five years of war saw the needs and types of weapons change; as well as the technological advances during the period (paying particular attention to antitank weapons). More than 500 photographs, including actual war images, present a masterful visual iconography of some of the most important weapons carried into combat - the U.S. Army's BAR, the British Ben, the German Schmeisser, and the Russian Degtyarev DP/DPM.

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## Customer Reviews

John Suermondt works in London as a graphic designer and illustrator. As an illustrator, he has worked for, among others, Osprey and Exclusively Aircraft magazine. Jan is also the author of two books on war-related vehicles.

This was very informative for a gun collector. I'll give it 5 stars

Excellent book

Ok, i purchased this book because from what it looked liked, it was gonna be good. Wow, was i wrong! First off, I decided to just thumb through it and check out some of the photos. Well, there are mislabled photos through out the book. They have a PPSh ejector port on the Thompson page. They have a Colt on the webley page. Kinda irk'ed me but i decided to start reading it. Several mistakes on the weapons. And the so called "current collectors values" is a JOKE. If the guns were actually worth as much as the author has them listed, I'd have a majority of them. But i don't cause almost ALL OF THEM ARE UNDER PRICED. He also has a 1918 Browning Automatic Rifle listed under rifles, but in all actuallity, it's a machine gun. I collect World War 2 weapons and this book is the biggest dissappointment of all the books that I have on the subject. I highly DO NOT RECOMMEND. Find something else rather than waste your money on this.

Hard for me to dislike any book that reflects the tools and images fo the Great Wars. However I have to say that this book simply trys to woo the reader with its color pictures. Certainly not its detail or length of information. John Walter has a book Military Rifles of Two world Wars which is far superior to this one in details even if limited to rifles only. Granted, Sudermondt does include machineguns motars and antitank weapons, I guess I just got sore at the way he categorized some weapons like Mausers.

Good pictures, but very disorganized. Seems like they hurried to get it published. Several guns were in the wrong category, wording was sketchy at best. Doesn't look like anybody proofed it before it went to publication.

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