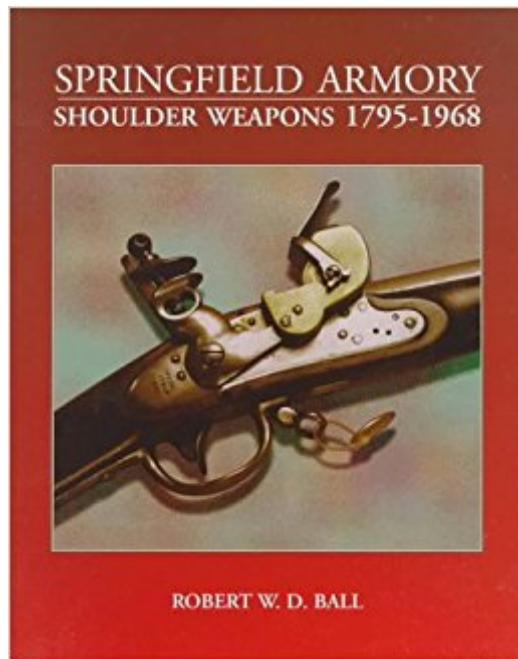




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fantastic resource. it helped me identify many guns that were part of an estate/inheritance.lots of great information in the book and a lot of very good and detailed photos of parts of the guns that make them identifiable

Perfect

Excellent Book!

This is an excellent book for the time period and weapons. My only criticism is that some of the long rifle pictures are too dark to make out details. I think that would be an excellent improvement on an already great book for collectors and enthusiasts.Mark

This book is the most complete work on Springfield rifles that I have found. It is a great bargain for the collector as well as the average "gun nut". The pictures are awesome.

This is a highly detailed, full-color illustrated history and description of the Springfield Armory's output. For serious reference or just enjoyable reading, I recommend it highly. It's a bargain at the price!

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