

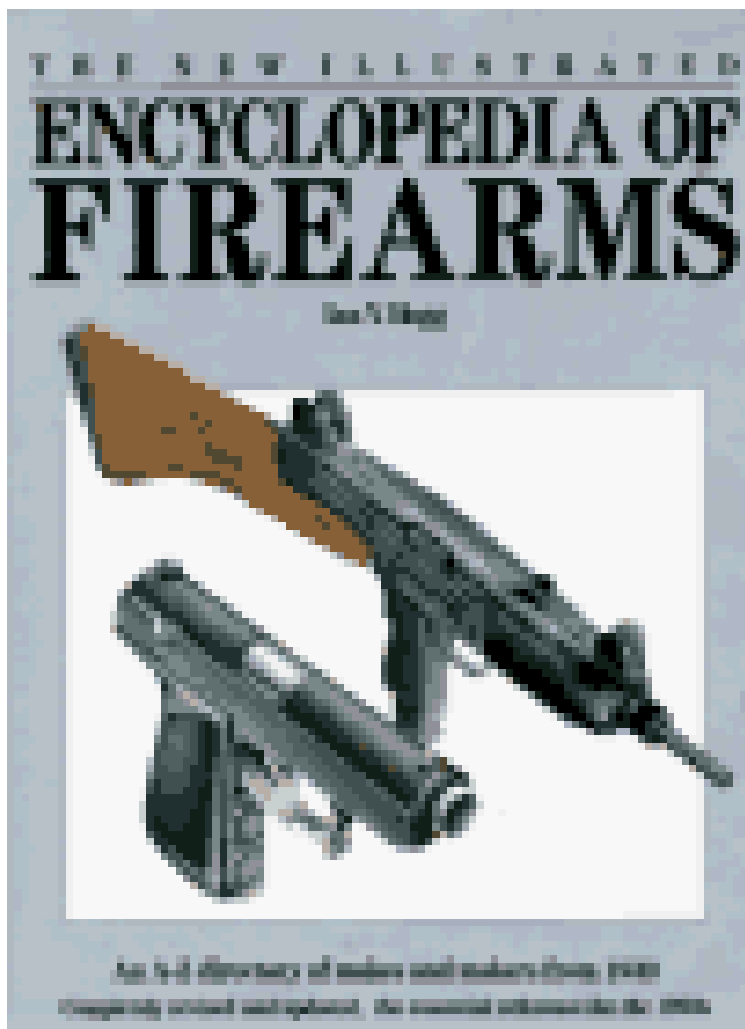
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Ian V. Hogg : New Illustrated Encyclopedia of Firearms before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised New Illustrated Encyclopedia of Firearms:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Not up to Ian Hogg's usual standard of scholarship By L.A. Biker Enjoyable, but seems a little less thorough than some of Ian Hogg's other works? Extensively illustrated, but only color plates are in the 1st 64 pages: the 2nd (much larger) half of the book, the alphabetical "encyclopedia" listings are solely illustrated in BW [or in "brownprint" engravings, which lack discernible fine detail.] There are swapped photo captions throughout [ie, "Left, gun A, Below gun B" when in fact the photos are Gun B left Gun A below...] and one glaring fault in the text on page 119 where Eli Whitney Jr. is confused with Eli Whitney Sr. [I slipped in an explanatory page in my copy there to dispel future confusion. Biggest like? The profusion of illustrations, especially of sample photos of extremely rare ["Only 1 copy known"] obscure firearms. Biggest dislike? The fascination with

mentioning firearms of particular import in the text, then offering a illustration of another model by that manufacturer which has/had no interesting features at all [eg, the plethora of Italian submachine guns from mid-40 to mid-60s, that were seemingly clone designs of each other: seen one, seen them all.] Of course, "New" is relative: since this was published in the (pre-internet) early '90s, there is no mention of any of the firearm developments coming out of the FSU, etc. It's fun to flip through, and an excellent coffee-table book [for those so horrifyingly un-PC as to have a (gasp!) book about _guns_ on their coffee table (like me!) ;-)] but with the advent of the internet, there is much more in-depth information available on-line for many of the firearms mentioned in the book. Of course, since so many of them are so obscure, how would you ever stumble across them in the 1st place w/o an encyclopedia like this one to list them all? Such a conundrum...

An updated edition of the classic firearms reference source features many new illustrations as well as coverage that includes the Persian Gulf War. The ultimate guide to firearms development and the achievements of weapons makers.