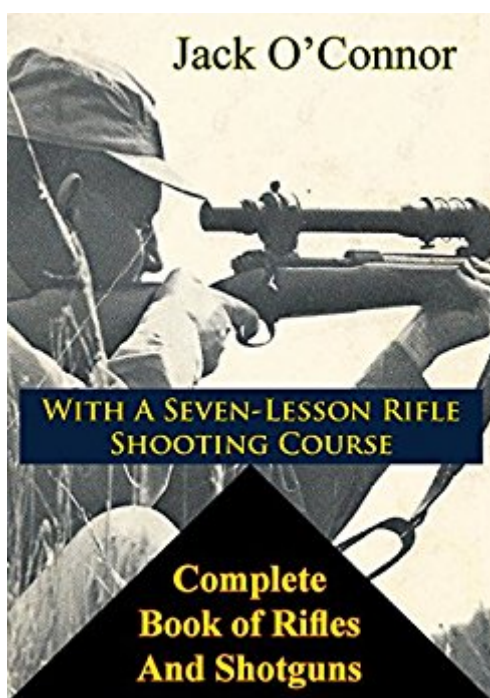


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Complete Book Of Rifles And Shotguns: With A Seven-Lesson Rifle Shooting Course



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A comprehensive, fully illustrated guide to modern sporting rifles and how to use them, cartridges for small, medium and big game, barrels, stocks, sights, scopes, shooting techniques, where to hit them, modern shotguns and how to use them, double, pump, automatic, shotgun stocks, shells, chokes, care of your shotgun, history of sporting rifles and shotguns, complete glossary, PLUS Jack O'Connor's Seven Lesson "How to Shoot Course".

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Customer Reviews

I bought this book to replace a copy I read many, many years ago--when the earth was still warm and the book had just come out. The copyright date on the book is 1961, so I would've been twelve--yes, that's just about right. Those who remember Jack O'Connor know he was probably the most widely-read writer on the subject of firearms of his day. He has a relaxed, easy-going style that reveals an incredible knowledge of rifles, ballistics, hunting venues and game, and all sorts of odds and ends that prove interesting and useful if you're going afield. Of course, the book is very dated;

there are many rifles and calibers that didn't exist in 1961. That's both good and bad. For instance, O'Connor doesn't consider anything but walnut to be real gunstock material. Can you imagine his consternation and perplexity on seeing the black plastic stocks, the "hardwood" stocks (usually maple or birch stained walnut shade) the AR-15 clones, etc. he'd encounter today? Not to mention the arms race of increasingly powerful magnum calibers that offer marginally more effective range for considerable increases in punishing recoil and hear-it-in-the-next-county muzzle blast?

Somehow, I don't think these are improvements. Color me dinosaur green. One feature of the book is a "seven-lesson rifle shooting course" which I think is worth the price of admission. In fact, I learned to shoot from reading it. And considering that the used book I purchased cost about 1.50 plus shipping, it was a bargain indeed.

This is the royal road to mastery of long guns for target scores and food gathering. No other book explains how to make iron sights perform better than scopes under prevailing conditions. Shortens the time you have to become the person who groups shots under a dime, or at 30 yards, a nickle. The guy was the shooting editor and columnist for Outdoor Life. All of the data has remained the same as this since has been settled since about 1920. Your equipment is ammunition sensitive. Your shotgun needs to be tested by you to find out where it shoots. Calm, careful, meticulous maintenance and practice, but not until you get tired...until you have a perfect shot, Then give the range time to someone who needs the repetition more than you do. Much is done at home aiming at the wall corner, strengthening, learning how you shake with each heartbeat. Keep both eyes open because game may lift up while you are shooting and you want to see it.

One great book by one great man. I am a Hunter Education Instructor in Alabama, reading this book has helped a great deal in the classroom. I go back to it often for material to be used in my class. It is a great friend to keep close to your desk. Reading by the fire on a cold night does not get any better.

This book is incredible. It covers the history of firearm development, how each different firearm type works, and proper shooting techniques for each type of firearm. It also gives great gun cleaning and buying tips. Whether you're a firearm history buff, avid shooter, or simply an overall "gun geek" this book is for you!

I bought this book as a review of shotgun and rifle basics as it has been a while since I have hunted

as a young person. It gives a history of shotguns and rifles and their development that I find very interesting. Even though this book was published in the early 60's, I found it very relevant and accurate. It has many illustrations that show the progression of gun mechanisms from their earliest beginnings and also proper ways of handling the guns in different situations. It also covers many different types of ammunition and their uses and development. This is truly a book for beginners to experts and very readable. The book's chapters make it easy to skip around and find just the areas that you are currently interested in and a good starting point for further research if the need arises.

The information hasn't changed. The tools of marksmanship are standard. The guy was the shooting editor for Outdoor Life for decades. Reading this book saves range time, ammunition and sobers expectations for the beginner. Shortens the time to proficiency with the long gun sporting arm. There are no modern changes to sport shooting. It's like golf but done with hopefully only the index finger swinging. Pivot from the hips.

What a great book this is, a must in every gunman's library. In our super tech age we dont go back to the basics or turn to the old school guys that have done it all. This book TEACHES YOU everything you need to know about rifles and shotguns. Jack O'connor is the best am only 38 but i am a big fan of his rifle school..HE teaches you and tells you how it is .no gimmicks and no high tech stuff..REMEMBER RIFLES HAVE BEEN AROUND FOR A LONG TIME AND THE BASICS HAVENT CHANGED AT ALL!..buy this book!

Jack O'Connor was the Dean of Outdoor/Gun writers, a title too small for his art. Anything written by Jack O'Connor is always a delight...as well as an education.

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