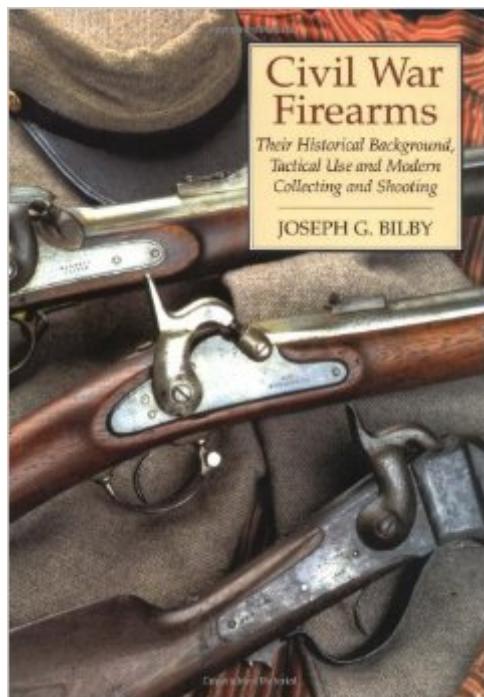


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# Civil War Firearms: Their Historical Background And Tactical Use



## Synopsis

The popular Civil War News columnist has written a unique work, combining technical data on each Civil War firearm, an often surprising treatment of their actual use on the battlefield, and a guide to collecting and firing surviving relics and modern reproductions.

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The book covers the history of and tactics used for several Civil War firearms. These guns include smoothbores, sharpshooters, repeaters, and several others. Joseph Bilby's research into the historical aspect of each weapon is excellent and worthy of praise. Bilby also provides an invaluable supply and information list near the end of the book. Collectors will find this part of the book very helpful for locating pieces to add to their collection.

Jo Bilby's work on Civil War Firearms is invaluable. I have referred to my copy numerous times and it has become dogeared with use. Mr. Bilby is a kind and highly intelligent man who has done history buffs a great service by providing this book. If you enjoy this book also check out his other works: "Mr. Bilby is the author of Three Rousing Cheers: A History of the 15th New Jersey Infantry from Flemington to Appomattox, Forgotten Warriors: New Jersey's African-American Civil War Soldiers, Remember Fontenoy: The 69th New York and the Irish Brigade In the Civil War and co-editor, with Steven O'Neill, of My Sons Were Faithful and They Fought: The Irish Brigade At Antietam..."

Of course, I spent over 10 years as a member of one of the musket clubs in the N-SSA! This book is loaded with all kinds of interesting details. I bought it to use as a reference book, and to help me throw in some unusual information to "spice up" my NRA/NMLRA Basic Musket Shooting classes. Well, I find myself reading through it without putting it down. It is so loaded with interesting trivia as well as how to buy, how to shoot, how to collect, etc., that I have begun to reread it with a highlighting pen. --- The only trouble is that I appear to be highlighting more than I am leaving alone. If you are an enthusiast of "The War of Northern Aggression," get this book. You won't be disappointed.

This is a fine book on the subject matter, but it falls well short of its potential in my opinion. The cover looks great but the photos inside are very poor, almost like they were photocopied from a black and white newspaper. If you're looking for detailed photos or even halfway decent photos of the weapons of the Civil War, this isn't it by a long shot. So three stars is all it gets based on lack of good photos. Disappointed.

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