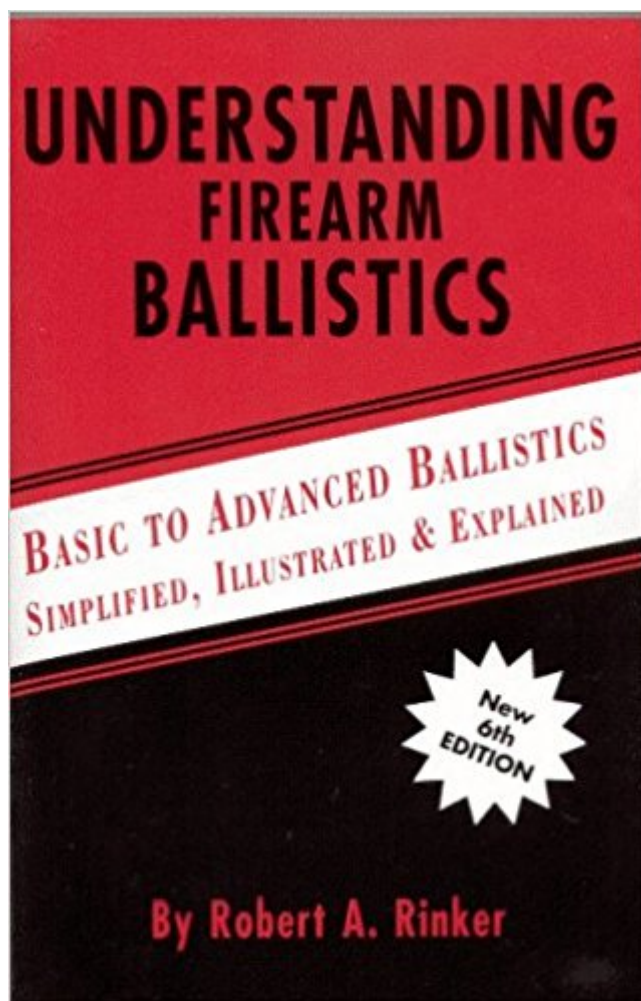




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Synopsis

The new greatly improved 6th Edition - Copyright 2005 - with better charts, easier math, better drawings, and improved readability. Understanding Firearm Ballistics explains the subject in understandable terms. The original text has been line edited, improved & expanded with up-to-date explanations and examples. The only complete reference book of extensive information with 432 pages of little known facts. A complete guide that is full of valuable data with illustrations, drawings, charts, tables, tips, glossary, index, and detailed factual information. Understanding Firearm Ballistics, 6th Edition, is a must for beginner or expert. Shown during a 2011 episode of CSI, Crime Scene Investigation (Las Vegas)

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Mr. Rinker has a unique and diversified background that is perfectly suited to author a book on firearm ballistics. His love affair with firearms started at the age of six when his father, a military

officer and newspaperman, taught him the manual of arms and gun safety. He started reading and studying about firearms and ballistics while still a youth. He has owned and fired most types of firearms, both antique and modern. He also acquired from his father a love for the printed word and has written and been published in national magazines, mostly on aviation, firearms, travel, history, and antiques. Mr. Rinker is a contributing editor to a national firearm magazine and he has written five books. His own photographs have accompanied many of his articles. Some intellectual readers want his writing to be more exact in grammatical technique, but he writes for the average reader in a style they can easily follow on even the most advanced subjects, and most readers appreciate that quality. While attending college, Mr. Rinker was employed as an armed police officer at a major airport. He also worked as a tool and die apprentice during the day while attending college at night. When his foreman found out about his knowledge of firearms, some of his early machine shop labor involved repair and restoration on antique guns from the supervisor's private collection. Educated as an industrial engineer, he owned and operated his own tool-die and machine shop where some of the work was on firearms, including big guns for the U. S. Navy. This work included design and research on modern shipboard weapons. He has also been trained and employed as an airline transport pilot, commercial-instrument-multi-engine aircraft pilot and gold seal flight instructor. He taught aeronautics in both the classroom and the air to Naval Aviators during the Vietnam War. He has degrees in both Industrial Engineering and Aviation Science. He is married and has adult children and grandchildren.

If you want a basic book for ballistics...this is it. I recommend this all the time to people just starting out. Its plan spoken and you just need a scientific calculator to work through the examples. No weapons grade math required if you just follow the explanations in the book. Recently gave this to a young woman I'm mentoring interested in forensic science. This is a basic book so if you want stuff about "metal on meat" look to Wound Ballistics' by Kneuguel. There are also some great introductory pieces for free on the web.Seller sent a book that was what it said..."Very Good" (More like New but they were conservative because of an ever so slight slight cover crease which had to be looked for to be found.) Great packing, much appreciated in a paperback.Unfortunately this book cannot be found in hardback which would be great considering all the times a beginner will reference it.

This book is the absolute end all be all for firearm ballistics! Okay, there may be some books out there that deal with a particular subset of ballistics better than this book but if you look at this book in

it's entirety it's pretty hard to beat. This book can take you as far as you want to go, from just the basics of understanding trajectories and what effects them all the way up to the hardcore physics equations so you can do your own ballistics calculations. Great for the novice, intermediate, and advanced firearm owner. I think the best thing about this book is you can pick up the basic concepts very easily, and then if you want to get deeper into any particular subject you can really delve into the hows and whys of what makes a bullet do what it does. Highly recommend it. I try to make my reviews engaging and useful. Please click the helpful button if you thought this review was worthwhile. Thanks!

The layout, grammar, organization, printing quality, etc. make the text seem jumbled and unclear. Many topics are covered in a "hand-waving" manner, and use terms without explaining them adequately beforehand. I feel that they dumbed it down a bit too much to be very useful. I wish they had gone a good bit more in-depth with the math/physics instead of constantly throwing in space-wasting comments like "Oh don't be scared of the math it's really simple" and "The math looks scary, but don't worry about what it means ... here's all you need to know ... " etc. Ballistics is a physical science and you can't learn it without knowing mathematics and basic physics. It's foolish to try to write a book on ballistics that attempts to avoid or oversimplify the mathematical/physical aspects ... The book was good enough for me to get a mediocre overview of the field, and pointed me to areas where I can do further research, but nothing more. This is a decent book, but most definitely not great.

Best book on the market in my opinion. Like it so much I bought this new update. Great stuff, easy to read (to me). This book has been around a while so it's a little old fashioned for graphics and typestyle, but it's good content. Not necessarily good for a youngster or beginner in this field but you can work up to the harder stuff.. A good math and physics understanding helps a lot.

I haven't finished reading this yet, but only 50 pages in and my knowledge has exploded. very easy to understand, anybody can do this, even with an 8th grade education. the math can be a bit hard, even for an A student who took everything below calc, but it's not all necessary and if you're going to learn it, learn it here. you'll learn something new every page unless you're a sniper. I know a good deal about firearms already and this book just puts me to shame. lots of good tips, tricks, and dispelled myths.

Read it from front to back cover, passed it on to nephew who thought he knew ballistics.

Actually it's much more than just an intro. to ballistics. I bought it and read what I needed, and have gone back to reread some things and to read more new material on several occasions- it's a reference book of just over 400 pgs. It's the 6th edition but has been reprinted 27 times since the 1st edition was printed in 1995-- that should tell you something! I recommend the book. It's easy to read and discusses many complex issues- it's well written!

Easy Read Covers a lot Would recommend this book as a learning guide for understanding ballistics and reference guide. I would rate it a 10.

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