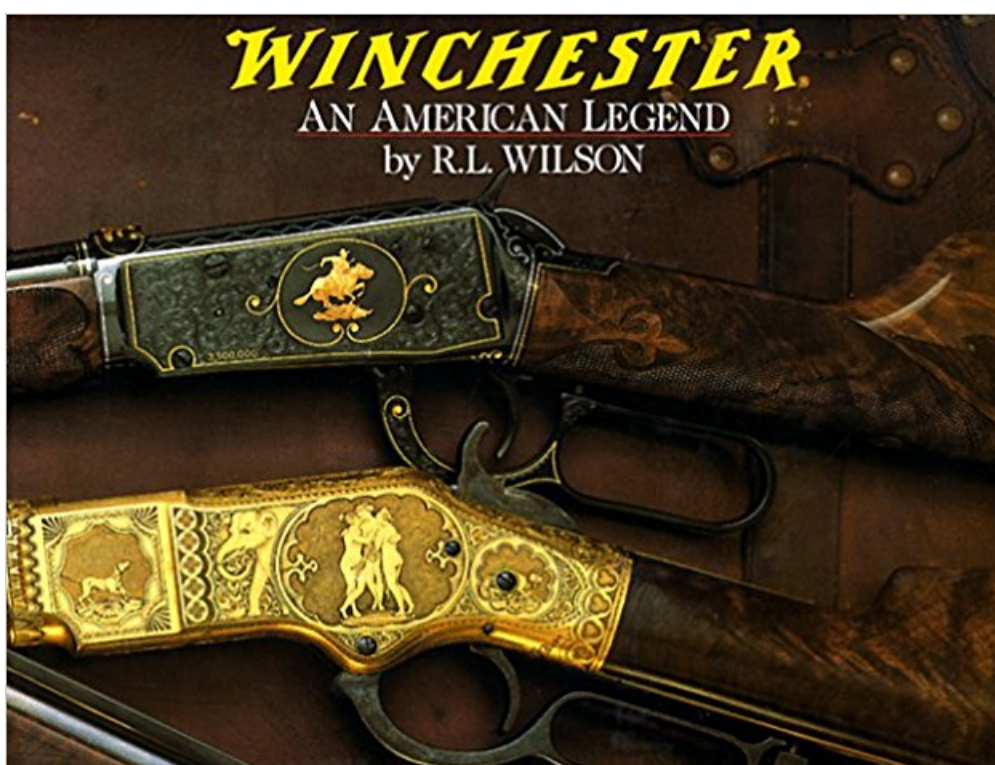


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# Winchester: An American Legend: The Official History Of Winchester Firearms And Ammunition From 1849 To The Present



## Synopsis

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A thorough history of when Winchester WAS the gun maker of choice. How things have changed, and not for the better.

I bought a copy of this book as a gift for a friend. After paging through it, I bought another copy for myself. I'd call it a "coffee table" book, full of large color pictures and great stories and facts

regarding Winchester rifles. There are aspects of the book that could be used as reference material, however, it's a book that is better suited for pure enjoyment.

Great Book!

Excellent book on the history of Winchester firearms!

I am very dissapointed in the high review scores this book recieved. Color pictures are great. Old Winchester product ads are interesting. Story line info is ok. However lacks info big time. I was looking for better date lines from serial numbers. My blue book gives more accurate info than this book. No real date lines what so ever given. They cover some older ammo ballistics but leave out most. And because I own older winchesters I can verify some of the info and it is not entirely accurate.

A very nice book. Excelent pictures. All the info I need about each model.

Purchased as a gift for my friend, Daniel Ahrensberg. He thinks the book is beautifully photographed and well writen, and is proud to own it.

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