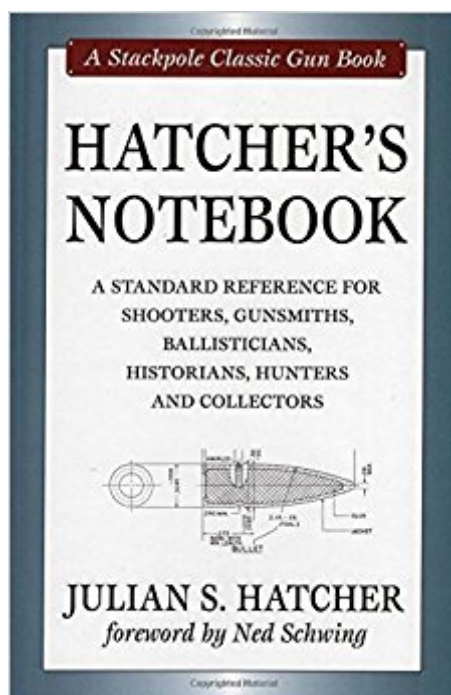


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## Synopsis

Classic reference by a renowned expert Invaluable information for shooters, gunsmiths, collectors, ballisticians, and hunters Includes new foreword Starting with the '03 Springfield and '17 Enfield, this authoritative guide describes the development of automatic and semiautomatic weapons, explaining how they work, barrels and experiments with obstructions, strengths and weaknesses of military rifles, receiver steels and heat treatment, headspace, recoil problems, gunpowder, corrosion, triggers, and the Pederson Device. It also covers noted gun makers, tips to match ammunition, interior and exterior ballistics, velocity variation, measuring methods, weights, overloads, and ranges.

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## Customer Reviews

Julian S. Hatcher was a U.S. Army major general, technical editor for American Rifleman, and director of the National Rifle Association from 1922-1946.

I borrowed this book to read for ballistics research on a paper I was writing 20+ years ago, and found it informative then, and refreshing to review it again. The book I borrowed was an early edition, and I have searched for a personal copy for years at places like Second-Hand Books, library sales, firearms suppliers, and even , but for the longest time it was out of print and unavailable. The book I purchased was the revised version, and I found the new end sections to be timely and very informative. The main text of the book is still the interesting prose of General

Hatcher, reflecting the history of American weapons development from just before the turn of the century until after WWII. The end section extends the subject on through portions of the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. Written from the exclusive personal experiences and observations of Gen. Hatcher, the text presents a, "You were there" type of experience to the curious reader who is interested in the "how and why" firearms developed into their current form. Every serious student of firearms history should have a copy of Hatcher's Notebook in their collection.~ The Mauser Bolt Actions M91 Through M98: A Shop Manual~ Winchester Lever Action Repeating Firearms: The Models of 1886 and 1892~ Winchester Lever Action Repeating Firearms, Vol. 3, The Models of 1894 and 1895 (Tourism Dynamics)

This book is filled with a lot of information for the price. It is written by someone who was involved with firearms experiments first hand. The book details the development of the bolt action rifle as well as semiautomatic rifles and machine guns and their ammunition.

Long before "Myth Busters" Julian S. Hatcher tested such issues as whether a bullet fired vertically will cause serious harm on its descent to earth. [.45 caliber bullets may hurt but won't cause serious injury. On the other hand a .30'06 rifle bullet can be lethal on descent due to its greater mass and greater G1 (that's G1 not GI) ballistic coefficient.] He tested the danger involved in an uncontained cartridge firing. He covers such subjects as: the developmental history of ballistic coefficients for projectiles and how to calculate bullet velocity at any range based on muzzle velocity and the bullets G1 ballistic coefficient; characteristics of burning gunpowder and its attendant pressure curves in the barrel; rotation rate of the bullet due to rifling; dangers involved in the storage of large amounts of gun powder and the massive damage capability of improperly stored gunpowder. This is just one of a myriad of subjects Hatcher covers. In some cases his information has been superseded due to analyses made possible by technological improvements in testing. In other cases his treatment of the subject matter is still relevant today. In any case, it reveals a man with phenomenal expertise in firearms made possible by his involvement in firearms development throughout his career with the US Army's Ordnance Department and his participation in competitive shooting events. It's fascinating reading and a classic treatise on firearms that is a must-have for understanding characteristics of firearms subject matter.

Hatcher's Notebook was my first introduction into the world of serious gun craft. This book is for every sportsman, gunsmith and serious firearms researcher. Your library is most definitely

incomplete without it. I have been a professional gunsmith for 35 years, and this book has, once again, finally come home to me. I was once weak, and sold my first print copy at a gun show at a high price. But now, I have salved my soul with another copy...this one. It matters not the binding, the dust cover, or anything else, for Hatcher's WORDS are what count most. Buy it for those words and nothing else.

This is an extremely informative book on firearm development and other data from around 1910 on. It has interesting reasons for some of the best practices that are now done. I highly recommend this to anyone that is new to reloading or that wants to have a good reference manual. It is fun to read as well.

### Great Product

For someone who likes gun and understanding more than just "they go bang" this is a great book for not so much just reading but studying how and why they work as well as understanding different operation systems that are employed. The book also goes into depth over what happened with the low numbered M1903's, written by one of the guys who was directly involved with the investigation. Some of the info is a little dated but 95% applies as much today as it did back in the 1950's. I laughed when it talked about the early M16 design weapons that were tested and said the basically they would not be adopted by the US military. hahaha

Buying this book is a no-brainer for gun enthusiasts. While some of the information is outdated because it was written in the late 1940s, much of the information contained in this book is still extremely relevant. Case in point: General Hatcher's description on headspace is nothing short of phenomenal. If you've ever had someone try to explain it to you and you didn't understand it, it is because they have never read this book. After reading just this one section you'll understand it so well that if you explain it to someone else afterwards they will swear you are either a guru or a gunsmith.

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