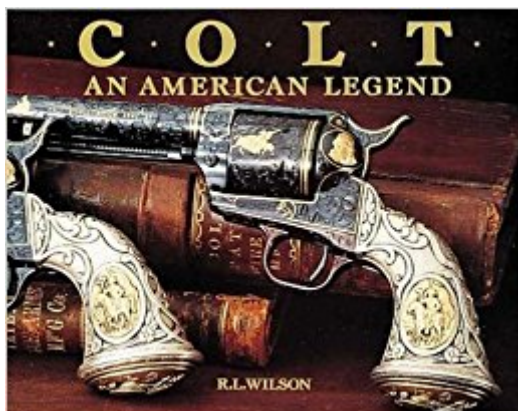


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# Colt : An American Legend



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No inventor in the history of American industry has captured the imagination the way Samuel Colt did. His revolving pistol became synonymous with American genius and invention, gave birth to a great manufacturing empire, and was legendary in the history of the Civil War, in the taming of the West, and in campaigns and adventures all over the world--wherever Colonel Colt's invention "made men equal." With more than 3300 color photographs and 115 in black-and-white (all taken especially for this book), *Colt: An American Legend* illustrates and describes every model Colt produced between 1836 and 1986. There has never been a bigger, more beautiful, or more extraordinary book in the firearms field. The large format of the book allows many of the firearms to be shown full size, and the history, development, and importance of each model and variation are presented and described in authoritative detail. A unique appendix traces the complete serial numbers and year of manufacture of every Colt model; making this book a remarkable and invaluable guide for every serious collector and dealer.

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Beautiful photos!! Oh how I wish my great, great grandfather's pistols had been passed down to our family. He was born in 1840 and traveled the world. He rode in the Missouri Union Cavalry in Company H. during the Civil War and died in 1909. I was born decades after he was died. Would have loved to hear his stories!

One of the better references for Colt. As with most references, many high-end pieces are pictured. Along with the near-unattainable pieces described and pictured, there is sufficient coverage of what is available today. The history of Colt and the pieces produced is very good. I would certainly recommend this book for those interested in beginning or furthering their interest in this fine firearm.

I went to a gun show and one dealer had tons of books about guns. I am particularly interested in old west guns, especially Colts, so I was very excited when I found this book, but he was charging a ridiculous price so I passed on it. Then I looked on and found it used (doesn't matter to me as long as it's in good condition) for much less. This is a great book, filled with color photos of all the Colt guns from the very beginning. I haven't read it cover to cover yet, but I've looked through it and I can tell it's going to be very informative. Worth it for the photos alone.

This was a Christmas present for a person who never says anything nice about his presents. When

he opened this one, he said, "Oh, wow! This is nice! This is nice!" Then he tried to cut the plastic wrap with his fingernail, so he could read the Colt story as soon as possible.

You can't go wrong with this one. Dad has a copy he won't give me, so I bought my own. Plenty of colorful pics and dialogue. Worth every penny.

His books are astounding - there is little left to say. It's a treasure!! It's not so much the pictures which are killers to begin with, but his writing is a thing of beauty. You will not regret owning any of the R.L. Wilson books.

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This book is one you must have! Well written and contains information on all the Colt line up to the copyright date. It is not a detail information book, but does contain information that is helpful. If you only had to have one Colt book, this is the one!!! Also, the photos in the book are stunning.

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