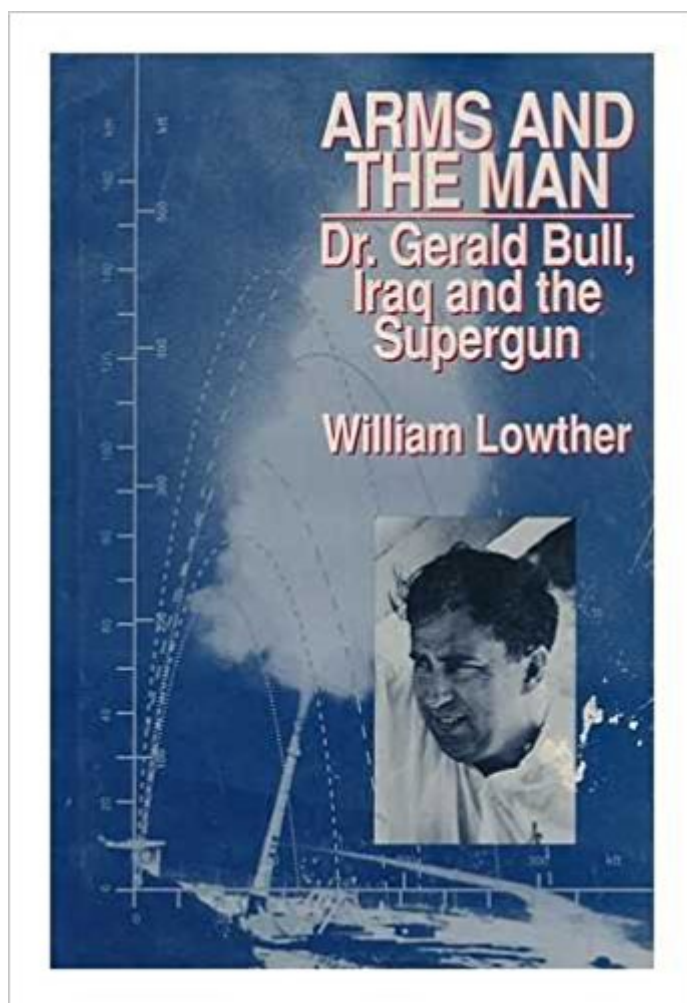


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Arms And The Man: Dr. Gerald Bull, Iraq And The Supergun



Synopsis

Chronicles the life and death of Dr. Gerald Bull, inventor of the supergun and one of the greatest weapons experts in the world, who was murdered when he became involved in weapons dealing in the Middle East. Reprint. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Well written on this thrice told tale of this fallen genius. By the way the movie with Frank Langella is not one to be missed. This veteran actor performed superbly and absorbed Bull into his crew. Lowther writes well, my colleagues concur. The profound sadness and tragedy of it all was based on genius wrapped in ego and naivete. Brilliant man who doomed himself when he went to bed with Sadam Insane. The CIA and KGB hold Mossad in great esteem. Mossad did not hld Bull in great esteem. What is confusing is that their weapon of choice a sielence berretta 22 calibre was nt used in this case. A larger calibre--believe it was 9mm.-- but short case meaning .380-- MI6 scent. Good read. First rate writer--held me on tip of my seat.

I'm Fascinated by the Gerald Bull story and this was a great first book on the subject. Hope to get in touch with the author with more questions. A very good read for sure!

A sad but fascinating glimpse into the mind of a delusional genius.

Interesting history

This is a great read, even for those who know nothing about the exploits of Dr Gerry Bull. Dr Bull was a flawed genius - a passionate and driven ballistics visionary responsible for the design of many of the worlds deadliest artillery cannons, and yet he was politically naive, inspirational to his colleagues, and a practical joker. He provoked both deep loyalty in his friends and deep hatred in his enemies. The latter would lead to his assassination. He died during his work on Project Babylon - a cannon several hundred metres long! This book delivers on many fronts: it is well researched and provides in depth information about the superguns that Dr Bull hoped could send small satellites into space, it also delves into his personal life, and takes the reader into the shady and nervous underworld of illegal arms dealings that Gerald Bull wound up in by circumstance. William Lowther has written with great passion and produced a book that will captivate you and make you want to tell Dr Bull's story to everyone you meet.

This is a fascinating look at the life of a true genius whose path took him, inevitably, to Saddam's door. His dream of producing a gun capable of putting a satellite into orbit was twisted into a weapon for the Iraqi regime. Reads like an espionage novel, although it slows down a bit when talking about the businesses and fronts used to get the weapon's parts into Iraq. Otherwise, a really good read!

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