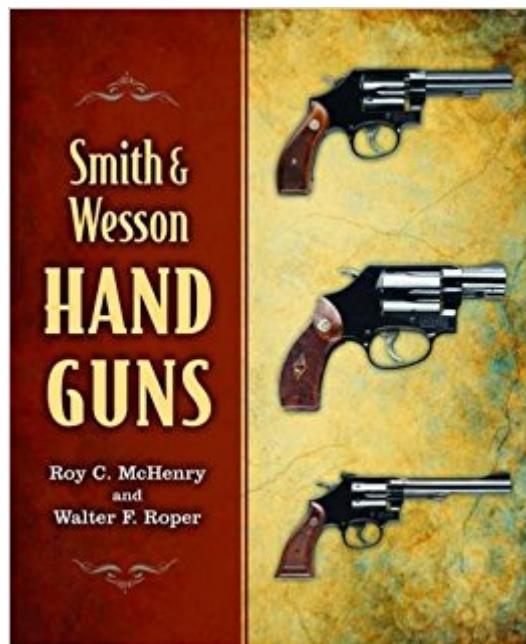


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# Smith & Wesson Hand Guns



## Synopsis

“The story of Smith & Wesson handguns and their evolution is one of the hallowed tales of American firearms history, according to the firearms writer Jim Casada. Anyone who collects Smith & Wessons or is simply interested in their backstory will cherish this book. Though originally published in 1945, more than half a century ago, *Smith & Wesson Hand Guns* remains the source for Smith & Wesson enthusiasts. It is an authoritative reference and has remained, for over five decades, the cornerstone upon which Smith & Wesson research rests. This work is foundational, supported by sixty-three detailed illustrations showing the handguns, the unique hammer mechanism, and facsimile reproductions of vintage advertising copy. The first twenty-four chapters of the book, which tell the story of Smith and Wesson and the development of Smith & Wesson handguns, are very informative. After the reader becomes familiar with Smith and Wesson’s history together, as well as their creation of a business, illustrations exhibiting Smith & Wesson handguns will show rather than tell of their magnificence. Finally, descriptions of different caliber guns are given, where readers will gain invaluable information regarding Smith & Wesson handguns. For any Smith & Wesson enthusiast or collector, this work is impossible to put down.

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## Customer Reviews

Roy C. McHenry was a Special Agent with the Bureau of Investigation (later named the FBI) from 1917 to 1920. Upon leaving, he entered the practice of law in Birmingham, New York. He is

now deceased. Walter F. Roper is the author of *Pistol and Revolver Shooting and Experiments of a Handgunner*. Roper was a fine marksman and an engineer and is best known for his custom handgun stocks for both pistols and revolvers. He is now deceased.

Poorly written with focus on too few pistols. I won't buy in the future; want pictures, photographs, illustrations.

This is a reprint of a book first published in 1944. All the information is about S&W firearms up to that point (no post war models) and has some nuggets of information every S&W collector and accumulator will enjoy.

Great history of SW. Very informative and interesting. Priced right!

Absolutely a great history of not only the work, but also the mindset of these great men. It also gives a good overall view of the firearms industry in that time period. Once I started it I just did not want to put it down, and was maybe a little sad when I did finish. So I read it again, and picked up even more. A great..great..great read.

Just finished reading this! It's a great book on the subject, especially for novice collectors, such as me. It was first published in 1945, so real recent guns are not discussed and the reader must bear it's age in mind as many references to 70 - 80 year old guns are in the present tense, so seem odd. Great read and reference, though!!

Written in 1944, therefore, language is a bit archaic but the conversational style narrative is a refreshing break from dry technical volumes. Although the title says. "Smith & Wesson" there are numerous mentions of and comparisons with other brands. Plenty of tech info and illustrations for technophiles..

Very good report!

Warning: The Kindle version doesn't have plate 63. I only bought the Kindle version to have that handy illustrated description of the lockwork available everywhere on my tablet. Oops.

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