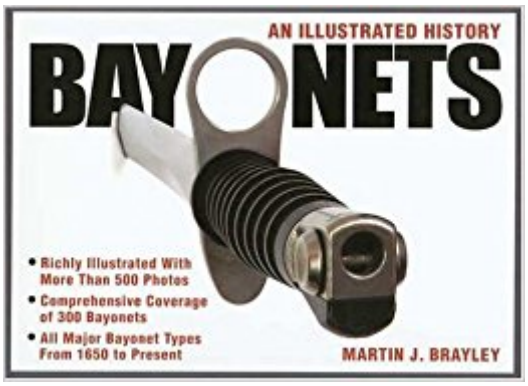
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Synopsis

The bayonet has long been of interest to military collectors, and its history ? going back to the 17th century ? is just as fascinating. This spectacular photographic exploration of the weapon begins with the inception of the bayonet in Bayonne, France, and follows its evolution through the technical advances of the next few centuries. Over 500 large scale, full-color photos provide overall and detail views of 300 different bayonets from around the globe.The book covers all types of bayonets, including Plug, Sword, Socket, Knife, Yataghan, and many more. In addition to the photographs, each bayonet is detailed with pricing information, physical description, manufacturing data, service history, and an examination of the effectiveness of the model. The book also contains a reference section with information on additional bayonet publications, collections and websites for collectors and enthusiasts.

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Martin J Brayley is a professional photographer and author, specializing in works on uniforms and militaria.Ã Â He served in the armed forces for 24 years, and has a keen interest in all aspects of military history, particularly the uniforms and equipment of the 20th century.Ã Â He is also a dedicated military researcher and collector and a regular contributor to the French magazine Militaria.Ã Â He had had many books published by Crowood including The World War II Tommy - British Army Uniforms, Europe 1939-45 and Khaki Drill and Jungle Green - British Tropical Uniforms 1939-45. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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First of all, this is a great book. It is well illustrated and contains numerous examples of different kinds of bayonets from all over the world.However, the focus is primarily on bayonets from c. 1870-present, giving the older models short shrift in some cases. For example, in the chapter about French bayonets, there is absolutely no mention of any of the "Charleville" bayonets used by the French during the 18th and early 19th century and were also used by Americans during the American Revolution and later. In fact, these bayonets were the basis of the early American bayonets, just as the French Charleville musket was the basis of the American M1795 musket produced at Harpers Ferry and Springfield. Plenty of examples of these older bayonets exist (I’ve seen them; and not just the French ones), so I see no reason why they could not be included.Just to summarize, this is a great reference book, but the information on 18th and early 19th century bayonets is lacking, which is why it gets 3 stars. What it does cover is easily 4 or 5 stars.

Just started collecting bayonets and this book was recommended as a great book for novice bayonet collectors. It’s oddly sorted by country, but it’s great! Has all the info on Makers marks, proofs, etc. Exactly what I was looking for!

A very good book in great condition. Shipping was fast & good price.

Tons and tons of high quality, glossy photos of bayonets and the men who used them. Large heavy hard cover, makes an awesome coffee table book or reference guide. Although its not as detailed or comprehensive as "Bayonets of the World", it is also a third f it’s price and offers beautiful color photos instead of diagrams. Helped me identify and learn a lot about several of my own collection. Definitely would recommend. You won’t be disappointed!

Very informative and accurately described by the seller. This book exceeded my expectations and is

a valuable resource for bayonet collectors.Excellent photos and detailed descriptions.

A very well done book with clear and detailed examples of the world's military bayonets. A great reference to view what an original bayonet looks like to determine what has been done to the blade. The illustrations are well balanced with a little history and technical details. A pleasure to add this title to my library.

This was my first bayonet book and was very happy with it: the books has some good info and lots of color photos. The bayonets are listed by country and show many of them. This would be a good book for anyone. Thanks Marty

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