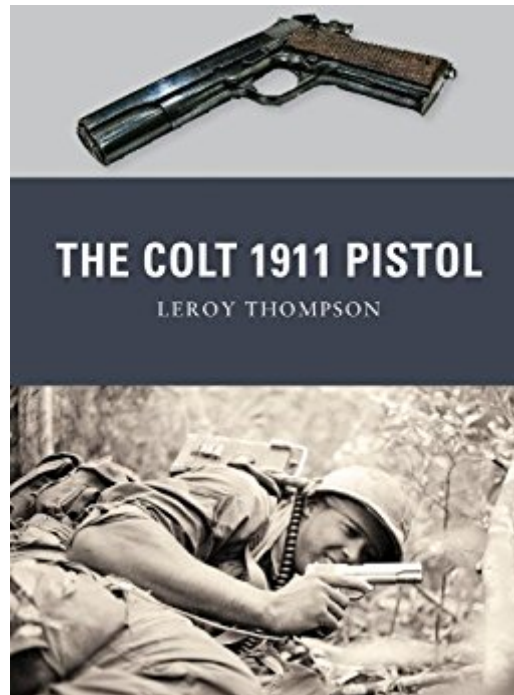




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# The Colt 1911 Pistol (Weapon)



## Synopsis

First used in combat during the Punitive Expedition into Mexico and then extensively during the world wars, the Colt Government Model (1911) pistol remained the standard issue handgun in the US armed forces for nearly 80 years and has continued in service with some units to this day. In fact, the M1911 has seen a resurgence amongst US Special Operations units as US Marine MARSOC and MEUSOC personnel are issued current generation 1911-type pistols. In addition the pistol has seen service with famous law enforcement agencies such as the Shanghai Municipal Police, LAPD Swat and Texas Rangers. Nearly a century after its introduction, the M1911 pistol remains a popular design and is now produced by virtually every major firearms manufacturer doing business in the USA.

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## Customer Reviews

The Colt Model 1911 pistol has had an astonishingly long service life, arming U.S. forces in the Philippine insurrection, the World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, and the war on terrorism.

Although the M1911 .45 has been generally replaced as an issue weapon in U.S. forces by the M9 9mm Beretta, selected units, and private individuals, continue to use it for its undoubted stopping power. "The Colt 1911 Pistol" is an Osprey Weapon Series book, authored by Leroy Thompson, with illustrations by Peter Dennis and Alan Gilliland. The narrative includes a quick introduction, an extended discussion of the development of the Colt .45 caliber pistol, and a history of its long service use. The service history includes a number of interesting stories about its use in combat in multiple wars, and by lawmen in the United States, China, and other locations. The text is backed up by period photographs, breakout diagrams of the pistol itself, and some nifty illustrations of its use. This book will be a concise and interesting read to the scholar of military firearms, and the general reader. Recommended.

This book has some interesting and entertaining information about the legendary Model 1911 pistol. So far, so good. However, it lacks a certain cohesiveness or narrative form, and ends up as an advertising vehicle for certain manufacturers. Ultimately disappointing.

The only reason it got 4 stars was how thin the book was. AS A COLT 1911 OWNER MYSELF I WAS EXPECTING A MUCH LARGER VOLUME. With that said it was extremely informative and something every COLT owner must keep in their library.

The Colt 1911 Pistol M14 rifle was developed for in the early 1900s to replace the revolver. It has been used by the US Army from the punitive raid in Mexico through WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam and into OEF in Afghanistan. The Osprey Weapon book by Leroy Thompson is well written and provides ample pictures, diagrams, and uses artwork to supplement the text on combat operations. The 1911 pistol was also used by British Commandos in WWII and has been used by law enforcement to the present day. This was the weapon which I carried as sidearm while serving as pay officer in West Germany in the early 1980's and for other special missions. I became very familiar with this weapon and was thankful that this volume was produced. I have over 500 Osprey titles and enjoy reading and benefit from the information contained in the volumes.

This is a moderate-length book that features something that some authors don't cover very well in some 1911 books-- that would be the history of the brave men who used these pistols in combat. Very well written and researched, with an emphasis on the people who made the gun what it is today, those people being American heroes. Detailed yet succinct, a very nice simple read that is

great for any 1911 fan, especially people new to the gun.

Great book!!! It's filled with the kind of anecdotes that I enjoy reading. From WW I to WW II and early lawmen and gangsters. It's not a technical manual on the 1911, but is a nice, short, interesting history of this classic gun.

Great buy.

Good overall history of the 1911 series. For the true 1911 snobs this is not an in depth history but it is a good short history of how brave men and women used this firearm in multiple conflicts to this day. That being said it still had little tidbits to interest 1911 snobs such as myself.

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