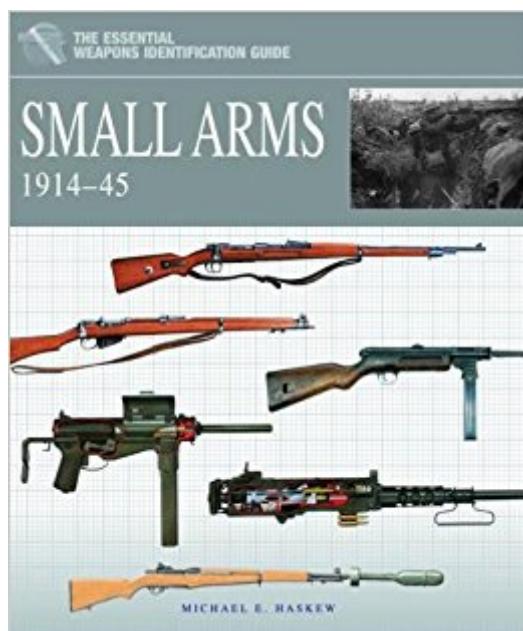


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Disappointed somewhat, as I was expecting more historical detail. That's one of the problems I run into when purchasing books on firearms. There is plenty of tech specs, but not enough historical context. The color illustrations and b/w photos in actions are nice, but I was hoping for a more comprehensive overview.

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great book

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just what I wanted

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