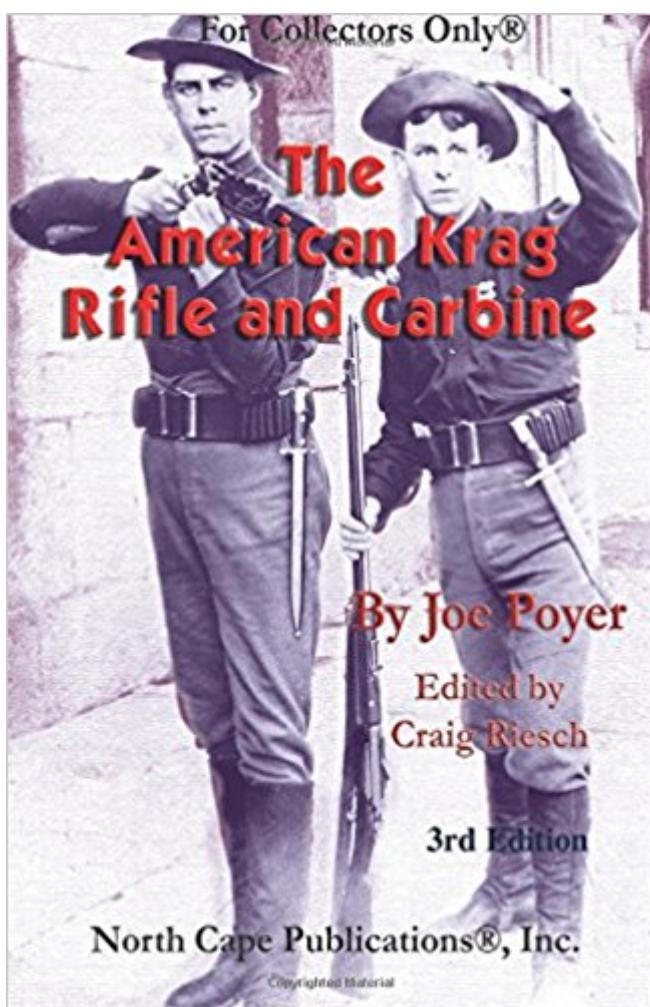


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The American Krag Rifle And Carbine (For Collectors Only®)



Synopsis

The Krag rifle and carbine were the first smokeless powder, magazine loading arms used by the United States Army. The arm was adopted from a Norwegian design in 1892 and reached the troops starting in mid-1894. The American Krag Rifle and Carbine provides the arms collector, historian and target shooter with a part-by-part analysis of what has been called the "rifle with the smoothest bolt action ever designed." Each of the fifteen models of the American Krag rifle and carbine are described in detail. All changes to all parts are described and matched to serial number ranges. A monthly serial number chart by production year has been devised that will provide the collector with the year and month in which his rifle or carbine was manufactured. The mystery of the so-called Philippine Constabulary rifles is solved and the "School" rifle is introduced. A new and complete exploded view is included as are instructions for assembly and disassembly of the rifle and carbine. It was the ideal time to introduce a new rifle. The U.S. Army in the mid-1890s was a peacetime organization. The frontier had been settled in the late 1880s and the Army had been reduced in strength to not quite 18,000 strong, and was scattered halfway around the world from Plattsburgh, New York to Anchorage, Alaska to Honolulu, Hawaii. All but two troops of cavalry were still stationed west of the Mississippi River and no military formations in regimental strength had been assembled since the Sioux Wars in 1876-1877. The Krag was the first precision-machined, small caliber, magazine loading rifle adopted by the U.S. Army. This meant that the production facilities and work force had to be completely rebuilt and reorganized. In just four short years, the entire U.S. Army, both mounted and dismounted branches, were completely equipped with the new rifle and carbine. So successful had been the design and initial production phase, that only minor changes were made to the rifle and carbine afterward. The combination of Spanish imperialism in Cuba and the sinking of the battleship, USS Maine, led the United States into a short, sharp war in 1898 that gave way to a longer, more bitter fight in the Philippines. In 1900, Chinese revolutionaries styled the "Boxers" threatened to murder all foreigners in China. The U.S. Army and Marines brought their Krag rifles to mainland China in concert with forces from other European nations and quickly relieved the siege of the Foreign Legations at Peking and then helped clear the country of insurgents. Even though the Krag only served the U.S. Army for eleven years, it did so admirably and saw much hard fighting. It only gave way to the Model 1903 Springfield as the latter rifle could be loaded quickly and easily with a five round clip of more powerful ammunition.

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I chose Joe Poyer's The American Krag Rifle and Carbine . . . [a] comprehensive resource [that] features so much information and is so well-illustrated, it kept me from wasting money on a rifle I didn't want. I used Poyer to help me identify markings, wood, and hardware. --Eric R Poole, Editor, Surplus Firearms, Guns & Ammo.

Joe Poyer is the author of more than 400 magazine articles on firearms, the modern military, military history and personal security. He written and published twelve novels with worldwide sales exceeding five million copies and authored or co-authored ten non-fiction books on the modern military and nine books on firearms. Mr. Poyer has written or co-authored, The .45-70 Springfield, U.S. Winchester Trench and Riot Guns, and other U.S. Combat Shotguns, The M1 Garand 1936 to 1957, The SKS Carbine, The M14-Type Rifles, The SAFN-49 Battle Rifle, The Swedish Mauser Rifles, The M16/AR15 Rifles, The American Krag Rifle and Carbine, and The Model 1911 and Model 1911A1 Military and Commercial Pistols. He has also served as editor of the following magazines: Safe & Secure Living; International Military Review, International Naval Review and as field editor for International Combat Arms. Mr. Poyer was the on-camera Military Affairs Analyst and Reporter for a major television station in Los Angeles, California and has served as an expert commentator on the History Channel's series, Tales of the Gun. He also imported the very fine L1A1A inch pattern FAL rifles from Australia in the late 1980s.

A useful book for a collector as an entry vehicle to learning about the Krag series of rifles and carbines.

I bought The American Krag Rifle and Carbine 2nd Edition by Joe Poyer on .com. Joe Poyer is a very knowledgeable author on military rifles. This book is very deep in history and provides a part-by-part analysis described in detail. All parts are described and matched to serial numbers and ranges. There is also a monthly serial number chart by production years. There is a complete exploded view included as well as instructions for assembly and disassembly of the rifle and carbine. I don't think that there is anything about this rifle and carbine that you would need to know that is not covered in this book. The only downside to this book is that it is 300 pages long with hundreds of photographs, charts, and drawings and the size is only 8.5 x 5.5 inches. I think the book would be much easier to use if it were 8.5 x 11 inches.

Very informative book for my Krag 30-40! No need to buy the \$150 version!

I find the subject fascinating. This is a precise, detailed, well written and well documented history for the Krag collector. Others looking for a more general tome to accompany 55 Days at Peking may find the voluminous minutiae of the Krag a bit tedious. As with all things, know what you want before you buy.

Very well researched book it had all the information I needed on the krag rifle

Very good source material.

good reference-

Krags are getting harder to find and original Krags, not cut up, tampered with or "restored" can be difficult to spot. This book helps you through the process and gives a colorful narrative of the weapon's history.

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