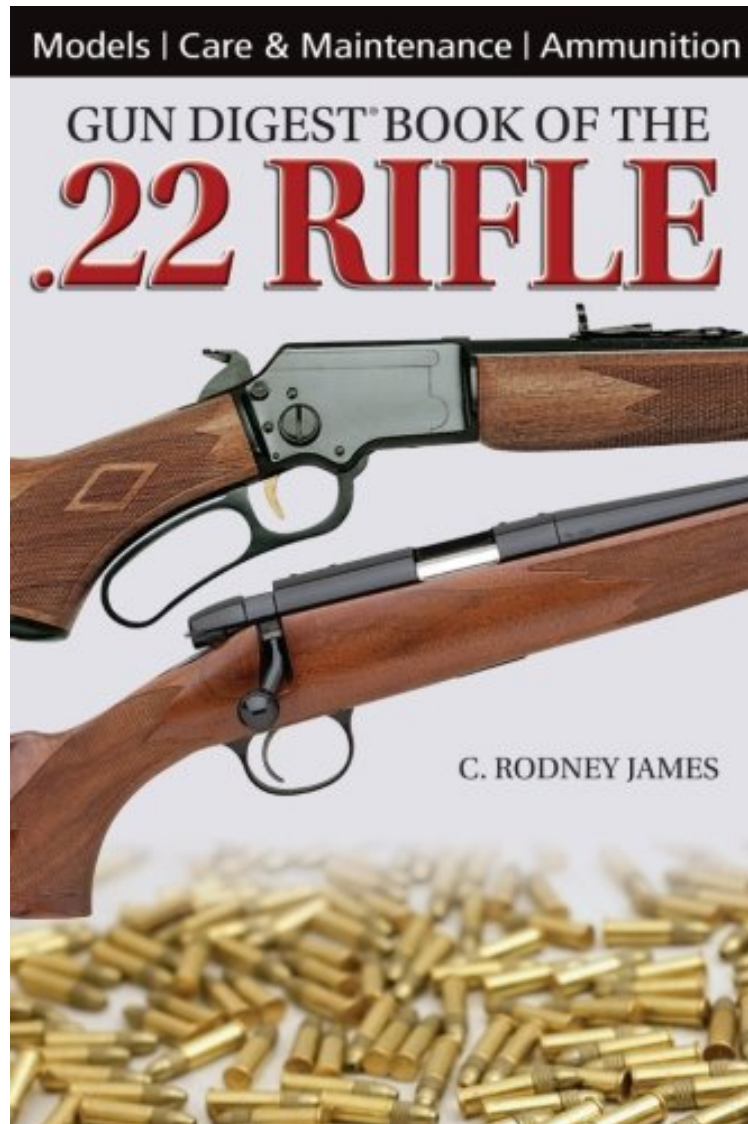


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Reference Guide - Highly RecommendedBy C. HillThe "Gun Digest Book of the .22 Rifle" is an excellent resource for those interested in learning about the history and types of rimfire arms and ammo, which also includes .17 caliber in addition to the various .22 varieties. The author, C. Rodney James, is a "Forensic Firearms Examiner" and is clearly very knowledgeable about both the rifles and available ammunition. The book provides an in-depth look at the action types, shows popular models, and provides

detailed information on the "care and feeding" (maintaining and ammo selection) of rimfire rifles. As might be expected in a book written by a professional firearms examiner, there is a lot of technical data presented on things like grouping, bullet expansion, and trajectories. Fans of TV and book crime dramas will likely also appreciate the pictures of recovered bullets showing the rifling "engraving" after being fired. The section on "Hunting and Varmint Shooting" (or "How to Shoot and Not Miss") is well worth the price of the book to new shooters, in my opinion, since it provides very practical advice on selecting and using sighting options, including "iron" sights and optics. The section on competition shooting and shooters was particularly interesting to me since both of my kids like competitive shooting.

The last chapter is on safety, and should definitely be read by new shooter, and experienced shooters will likely appreciate the sound advice it imparts. I have this book both on my Kindle and in hard-copy, but prefer the physical book because the pictures and illustrations are much clearer and easy to see. Highly Recommended! CFH4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Book of the 22 Rifle or ... the 22 Caliber?? Good book but ... By Savannah AL14 other reviewers have reviewed Gun Digest Book of the .22 Rifle I'd like to add some of my pro's and con's of this book. Pro's:- It is probably the best book on the 22 caliber currently available- The author, Mr. James, offers loads of data to back up his conclusions, he is not just spouting off.- His chapter on Bolt-Action Competition Rifles seems to be his real passion, if that is your interest then this is a bonus.- The book has a good historical perspective on the 22 bullet and the focus throughout the book is the caliber. Con's:- As good as this book is, I wanted a book helping me know the 22 and 22 WMR rifle offerings of the last 50 years, and hopefully which ones come recommended or had reliability problems. I try to buy 22 WMR and I want the rifles to be original, all the parts, therefore the photo's showing the details of the gun are important. This book is lacking for the 22 rifle purchaser.- The photo's inside are small, grainy, black white. I thought maybe this book was published in the 1970-80s based on the photo's, but when I looked at the inside flap - it was published in 2009.- The book is physically small with a thin soft cover. Not a collectible type book but rather one to stick in you pocket and bring to the range. ALSO: Interested in the .17 HMR? Read pages 147-148, the gun performed poorly in test. I know little of the .17 caliber but found this surprising. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Not bad By William F. Edwards There is always an issue when an author writes an "everything you want to know about" book. There are many aspects of the 22 in which I have little or no interest, for example the history of past failed guns and cartridges. There was little on bolt action rifles except as they relate to competition. The book is 6 years old so does not include recent products. Still a good read. As with all Gun Digest books in it loaded with pictures but most are relevant in this one. As with many Gun Digest books there are printing problems where there are gaps in words and where two letters occupy one space.

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