

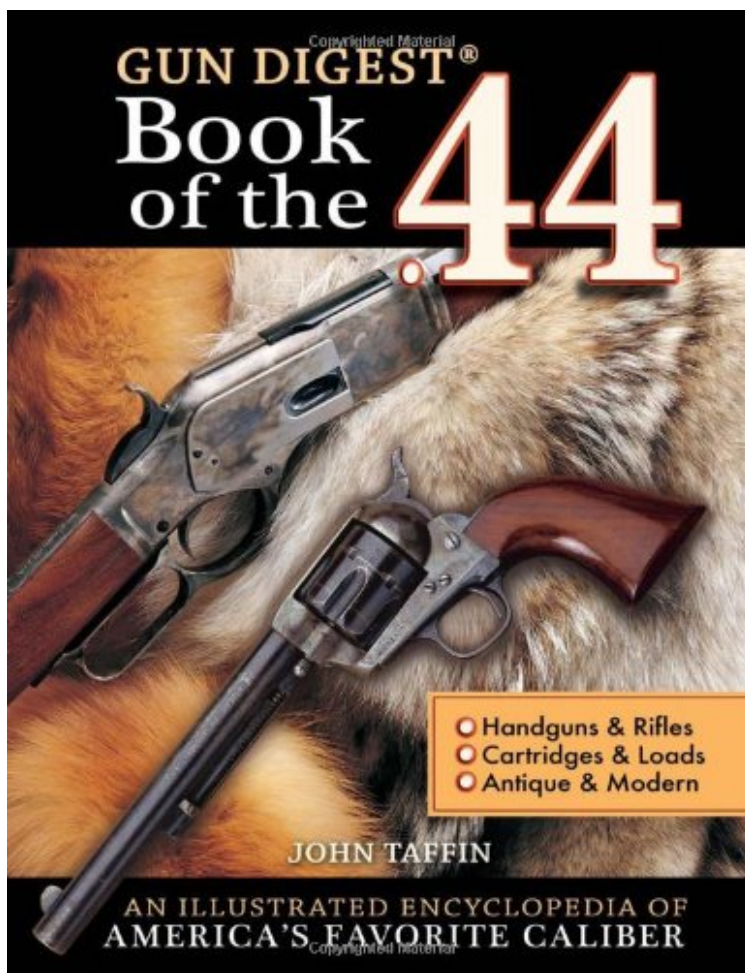
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## **The Gun Digest Book of the .44**

**John Taffin : The Gun Digest Book of the .44** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Gun Digest Book of the .44:

10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. What a screaming bargain this is, particularly here on !By Karl Erich MartellJohn Taffin is a sixgunner's sixgunner. He's not only renowned as a gentleman and a shootist, he's also one of the best gunwriters out there . . . and his favorite of all bores is the forty-four.You know what it's like when you pick up a book by someone who's REALLY into a given topic or field? You know how the author's enthusiasm bubbles up through the type and grabs the reader, pulling him along into the author's excitement over the subject matter? Well, that's what master gunwriter John Taffin does for the reader in the GUN DIGEST BOOK OF THE 44. It doesn't matter if you're not the world's biggest fan of the .44s (I'm not myself - I like them just fine, but I'm not a .44 "nut" or anything . . . I don't even own one at present), Taffin's enthusiasm is so contagious that you'll find yourself reading this book long into the night. I had been concerned that I would grow bored with a one-caliber-subject book,

but this has not at all been the case: Taffin's adept movement from subject to subject and story to story keeps the reader's fascination throughout what, in the hands of a lesser author, could quickly have become dry and obsessive. Instead, the GUN DIGEST BOOK OF THE 44 is riveting. Starting with the earliest percussion pistols, moving along through historical oddity revolvers and into rich detail about modern classics, and finishing with specialty, custom and long guns, Mr. Taffin gives his reader a collegiate education in the 44s. EVERY single .44 topic of interest is covered in this masterful work. Mr. Taffin refers back to and builds upon the work of earlier masters of the subject, such as the great Elmer Keith. The text is clearly illuminated by plentiful top-quality photographs, in precisely the right proportions. Handloading and chronograph information are included. Chapters are of reasonable length on discrete subjects; it is easy to pick up the GUN DIGEST BOOK OF THE 44 to just kill a few minutes (as I said in my review of Ayoob's GUN DIGEST BOOK OF SIG-SAUER, I foresee a lot of copies of this book camped out in the bathrooms of their new owners), or to spend hours and hours enthralled on a winter's night. I write this review days before Thanksgiving - if you're looking for a holiday gift for a "gun guy," this is a sure thing. Based on my familiarity with Mr. Taffin's terrific writing in his earlier books and in gun magazines, I had send me two copies - one for myself and one as a gift for my shooting partner's upcoming 40th birthday. As soon as I opened the package and flipped through my copy, I thought of two more friends who need this book . . . and at 's deeply discounted price for the GUN DIGEST BOOK OF THE 44, I'll probably order them their own copies soon. 288 captivating pages by a master writer for under \$19 - if you like guns or are shopping for someone who does, BUY THIS BOOK! 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. I highly recommend this book. By Jeffrey W. Quinn Once again, John Taffin has nailed it. Like his other fine books, the "Book of the .44" is interesting, informative, and entertaining. It is filled with excellent black and white photos which clearly detail the author's descriptions. Mr. Taffin is obviously an expert on handguns and lever action rifles, and this book contains lots of information on both, as they relate to the development and evolution of the .44 caliber cartridge and it's use in both. The book even describes with words and pictures the .44 caliber weapons that predated the cartridge guns, with percussion revolvers pictured and described in detail. You can almost smell the smoke from the black powder as you read the text and look at the photos! The book is a history and resource text on the .44 caliber, as well as a handbook for anyone who owns and enjoys handguns and rifles. I highly recommend the "Book of the .44" to any shooter, or lover of guns and their development. For the price of a good pizza, you can buy hours of reading enjoyment and years of good reference material, and it will never give you heartburn. Gitchee one! Jeff Quinn Gunblast.com 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A wonderful literary work. By Neon I have owned several 44 magnums over the years, from various companies, I've retained two of them, I thought I knew a lot about them, until I read this book! I have not finished it yet but the history from Mr. Taffin is awesome and shows that he knows his stuff. And this book is essential to my gun library, it is a wonderful literary work on the 44 Magnum!

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