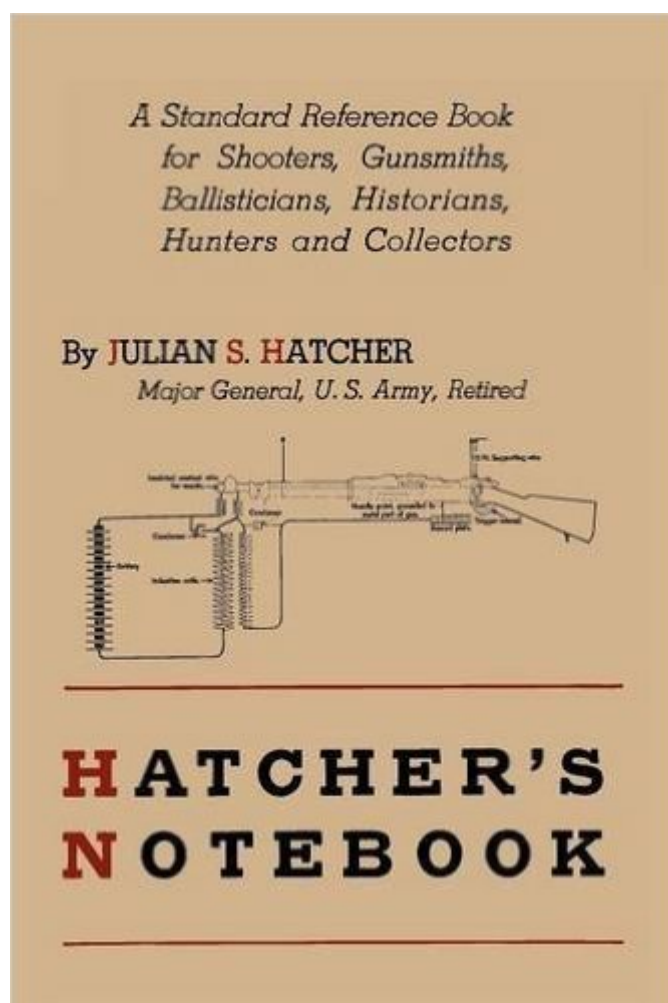


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An indispensable book for those who are serious about learning early experimentation in developing military weapons and the subsequent advances in civilian firearms. Hatcher is easily read and doesn't use incomprehensible technical terms. He kept detailed notes on what was good, what was bad and what might cause stuff to blow up in your face.

I do not know how many copies I have given away to new shooters, Much of the info in here is timeless and if you are serious about the sport this old reference is a 'should have', I have enough miles to know most of it by now but still replace it because it just belong with your references like a 25 year old Lyman manual. :) If you don't have one, get it.

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Buy this book if you are into service rifles and/or reloading high power cartridges. It is well written and easy to read. There is an overview of all things related to military firearms. I am a newly M1 owner and have just started attending Garand matches. This is a great resource to become knowledgeable in the field.

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