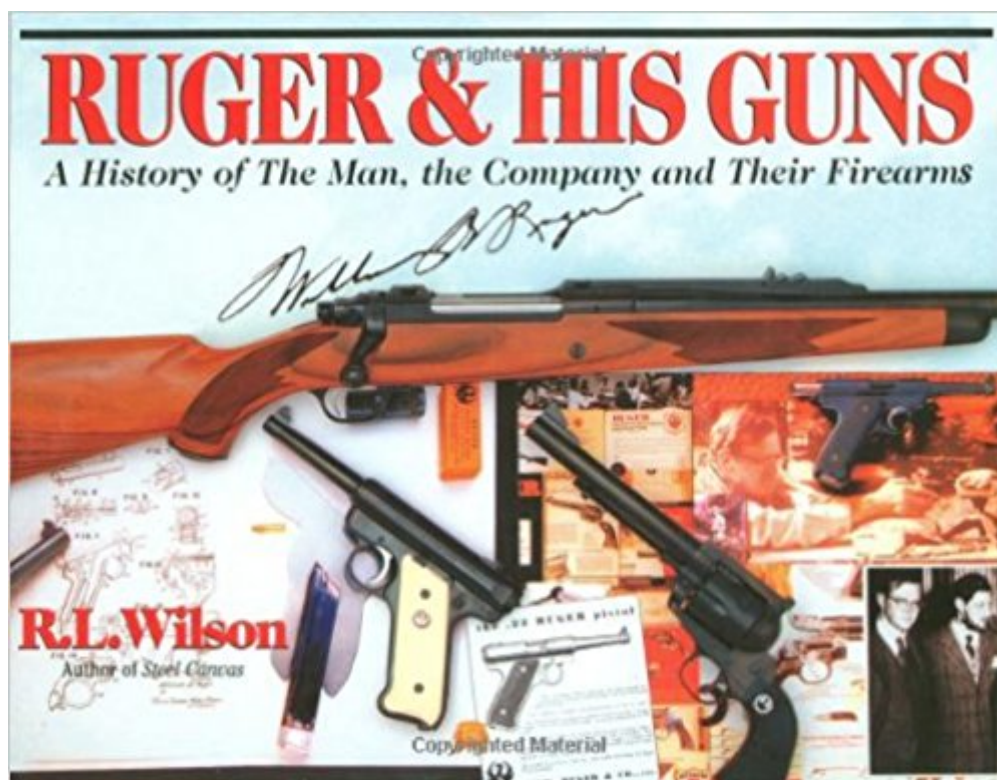


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# Ruger & His Guns: A History Of The Man, The Company & Their Firearms



## Synopsis

This book is the story of William B. Ruger's unflinching dedication to traditional yet innovative design and to manufacturing excellence, with products sold at a reasonable price for a broad ranging clientele from the youthful plinker to the mature African safari devotee, from the ordinary citizen to the president of the United States. This richly illustrated, beautifully presented work is the official history of William B. Ruger of Sturm, Ruger & Co., and of Ruger firearms. This volume features more than 185 color and over 100 black and white illustrations, with appendixes, index, and -- for the first time--serial number tables for all models by years of manufacture.

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Fans of firearms won't find a more handsome gun book this season than Ruger & His Guns: A History of the Man, the Company and the Firearms. Here, R.L. Wilson (Steel Canvas) offers the definitive history of William B. Ruger (b. 1916) and of the company, Sturm, Ruger & Co., that he fashioned into the world's premier firearms manufacturer. Even non-gun lovers may admire the craftsmanship of Ruger's revolvers and other guns, which gleam and glisten in the nearly 300 illustrations, 185 in color, that complement the text. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

As this volume amply illustrates, Ruger is undoubtedly the most innovative American firearms designer and manufacturer of the latter 20th century and could honestly be described as a living

legend in that field. As the subtitle states, this heavily illustrated volume offers a multifaceted portrait of the man and his creations. Ruger built his firearms empire by marrying the old-fashioned with the modern and improved on standard designs by pioneers Colt and Browning to produce high-quality shooting irons at reasonable prices. But along with ingenuity in design, it also took a certain bravery to release single-action handguns and single-shot rifles in a market dominated by double-action and semiautomatic weapons. His gamble, however, paid off. Wilson (Steel Canvas, LJ 1/96) offers much biographical information on Ruger plus the background, history, and statistics for each firearm made by Sturm, Ruger & Co., with numerous superb color photographs. Though this book is pricey, libraries supporting communities where shooting/hunting is popular will want it. ?Michael Rogers, "Library Journal" Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

If you happen to find Ruger one of your weapons favorite's, well this is the book for you.....It breaks it down to serial NO's and dates of manufactures without the usual garble of to many detailed scaled pages to read first.It's a well done, very well bound book that will be in my my family for years. I also have books on several other brands ofbooks of my favorite weapons, but Ruger has them hands fown on this book.

I love Ruger firearms. They are rugged and for the most part, very reliable guns. This book takes a sort of scrap book approach to the History of Ruger and his guns. Because of that, it is kind of difficult to read. You will have the main theme of a chapter that is suddenly (and frequently) broken up by smaller sub-stories like Sullivans view on this... or Notes from the 1985 Financial Report, etc. If you want to read the main story you are then searching forward to find where it picks up again. It would have been a great book if the publisher had laid it out better perhaps using sidebars or something like that to clearly differentiate the pieces.

Great Book!

This is the 2nd book I ordered. The first one fell apart but I really liked the book itself, so I ordered a new one. I did not return it or get a refund on either book. This one was delivered and right out of the package, it is completely out of the binding. The replacement took longer to get, which was really good about letting me know when it would come, but I am not going to try for a 3rd one. Will just try to fix this one myself.

The book is in good condition, it's just that it didn't help me because it's just too old. I wanted to find the age of a rifle but the book quits at 1993 listing the serial number I needed to look up.

Bought used in "very good condition", book was practically new, looked like it had been sitting on shelf for a very long time with a little cover fade but inside did not seem to have ever been open, guessing it was stock from a book store. (just a guess)

great read.

Would have been perfect except for the book not being attached to the spine as has been reported by others. Rather than return it I checked with local library who recommended an Elmer's repair which worked fine. Book is as good as new now and one of the best available on this topic. Waiting now for the new book due out in six months covering handguns,.

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