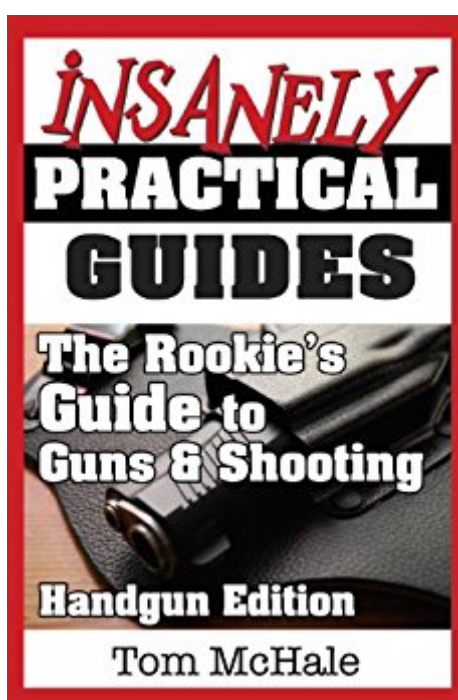


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# The Rookie's Guide To Guns And Shooting, Handgun Edition - What You Need To Know To Buy, Shoot And Care For A Handgun



## Synopsis

“How do you make that first trip to the range, gun store, or even a friend’s house to check out a gun or two without looking like a total doofus? Like all new things, learning how to handle guns can be intimidating. But how do you take the first step now that Miss Manners’ Sooper Dooper Guide to Shooting Etiquette is out of print? Let’s face it. If you’re thinking about buying a gun, are new to shooting, or just haven’t immersed yourself in the gun culture, guns and shooting can be intimidating! Loud noises, armed people and gun stores can be scary. Never fear! This book will make you comfortable, and knowledgeable, in no time. And you’ll have a few laughs in the process. “Like any new endeavor, the first visit can be fraught with uncertainty and doubt. But never fear, we’re going to tell you exactly what to expect, so you can walk in with confidence and have some serious fun. Fortunately, checking into a shooting range is a lot less stressful than passing through a TSA checkpoint. In light-hearted style, it will give you easy-to-understand and insanely practical tips about topics including:- Types of guns- Gun safety tips- Things to consider when choosing a gun- How to buy a gun- How to handle a gun- Getting started: A fistful of shooting tips- What to expect at the shooting range and what to bring- What you need to know about ammunition- How to clean your gun- Cheat sheet resources to help you find training, ranges and local gun stores” Hunting with the newly invented firearms was problematic as many animals were reluctant to stand in front of cannons long enough to be converted to SPAM. In response to complaints of supermarket butchers everywhere, the “hand-gonne” was invented. Simply a downsized cannon mounted on a pole, the hand-gonne struggled for popularity mainly because no one knew how to pronounce the word gonne. Go to any shooting range and observe what happens when folks show up without knowing the first thing about their new gun. The Rookie’s Guide to Guns and Shooting, Handgun Edition will teach you the basics of visiting ranges and gun stores and help you with basic shooting instruction. “Water tends to run downhill. Asparagus tends to find its way from kids’ plates to the dog under the table. And Michael Moore’s muffin top tends to hang around his knees. The point is, all things tend to gravitate towards their natural state. And that’s where natural point of aim comes in. Natural point of aim simply means assuming the stance and position where your body naturally wants to point the gun. The editors at MyGunCulture.com have painstakingly documented successes and failures we’ve seen over the years. We’ve listened to so many gun show huckster sales pitches that the late Billy Mays would be impressed. And the result? “The Rookie’s Guide to Guns and Shooting, Handgun Edition. “Not

too long ago, a visit to a local gun store would more than likely involve meeting Clem, Bodean, and Clem's other brother Clem. Fortunately, those days are mostly behind us. Many gun stores have gone full-auto retail and implemented 20th century customer-centric ideas like hiring helpful sales staff, designing functional and attractive showrooms and running water. Loaded with pictures and comedic illustrations, this book will tell you just about everything you need to know to get started with the shooting sports. We also address mysterious gun terminology and those shooting myths that spread like the flu on a budget cruise ship.

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## Customer Reviews

A guide, yes, but chocked full of practical detail. Great as a gift to first-time gun owner. Starts at the beginning: if you know nothing at all about guns, well, Tom doesn't leave you behind with terminology. The basics are covered. Lots of solid info in there, too, for longer-time owners. Bewildered by all of the accessories from sights to lights? Covered. Tom means it with the "practical" description in his title. For example, everybody learns about hearing protection, but not everybody knows that sometimes you need the ear-plugs in first, with ear-muff protectors on

top--indoors, at a machine gun shoot maybe, or next to that lucky guy with the .44 magnum. Tom lets you know about that. Wondering how it would work to buy a gun online? Tom lists the steps. Excellent section on the right grip, complete with photos. First day at the range, and wondering about all of the rules, customs, and protocols? Tom covers the dreaded "Newbie at the range" experience. And, all with hilarity, including comics. The tips go beyond the rank basics. Lots of illustrations and photos to make it all clear. I highly recommend Tom's guides in general, and he has hit the mark again with the "Handgun Edition."

Most of the book is the author giving incorrect facts about guns and their history and trying to be funny. Instead of drawing more people to guns, I think he gave them incorrect facts. I can not give this book to my students and expect it to help them. I wasted my money.

Lengthy and somewhat dry but informative. It is dominated by the history of guns more than daily use but that is OK, you just need to understand what you are getting. I had a major problem after the first download since none of the images came through. I had posted a poor review but a person asked me to check and yes, the download was damaged. I deleted it and redownloaded and they came through fine.

It isn't often that you read a guide to anything that makes you laugh. I bought this for my wife since she is still new to shooting. I started reading it with the intention of skimming through before handing it off to my better half. I found myself tearing through it quickly and reading every word. I am almost finished and have re-learned some things I knew, picked up a TON of knowledge I didn't. Keep in mind I have been shooting for over 25 years and have attending 5 day training academies, shot (poorly) competitively and have subscriptions to several firearm magazines! Rock on Mr. McHale my wife is actually **READING IT!** I have given here several of these types of books and this is the first one I see her laughing/smiling, but most importantly reading! She is about 1/4 way through. I recommend this book strongly to beginners and veterans to shooting.

This book does everything it purports to do. It provides basic information, helpful mostly, about guns and shooting. Call it "firearms 101."It becomes (as a book about guns invariably must) somewhat political at times. And his sense of humor is just. Awful. But yes, there are some useful tips in the book. Also, it is heartening (as an aspiring gun owner) to hear a more seasoned gun guy (the author) giving out advice such as "ignore the crusty lady at the gun shop, she knows not what she's doing,"

and "don't be intimidated when you do choose to buy your first firearm." All in all, a solid purchase. And I feel much better about my future path towards gun ownership (nay, even mastery!) thanks to Mr. McHale.

I really liked this book. Although I'm not a total rookie with guns, I still like to read guides like this to keep my game sharp. I like that it's easy to read. I feel like I can retain information better. And if I need to look something up, it's easier to find again. There are some humorous parts but it also gets serious when speaking of serious issues such as safety. I have his guide to holsters as well but haven't read that yet and I'm looking forward to more of his guides. I just bought a shotgun so a book on shotguns or long guns would be nice.

Tons of useful info. Great for any beginner. Reading it with my wife. Only reason its not 5 stars are the cartoons and silly jokes the author added to the material. Its still a good manual though. Just ignore the nonsense.

As an NRA certified instructor, I was interested in the book as a teaching tool and will definitely use it in that capacity. I will be using excerpts in my lessons and recommending the book to students. The author goes off on some amusing tangents that I'm not sure of the value of in relation to the subject. I think he's trying to make the material less tedious. I have not read any of his other works, and assume this is just his writing style. There is a wealth of good advice and information in the book for novices or any shooter who want's to learn the basic nuts and bolts of responsibly owning and shooting handguns.

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