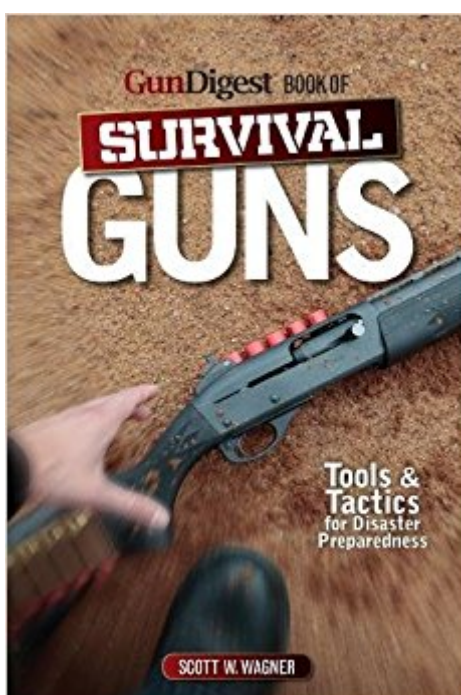


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Customer Reviews

Scott Wagner has spent more than 30 years as a sworn law enforcement officer, working every assignment imaginable from patrol to sniper to S.W.A.T. to training. He has authored two other books with Gun Digest, *Own the Night* and *Gun Dig*

This book was pretty helpful in discriminating between weapons that would be best used during any sort of civil upheaval or invasion (by commies, terrorist or the undead), and I found his suggestions helpful and as objective as possible. But you do have to understand, the author is an older gent who has spent a lot of time as a law enforcement officer and like anything, you swear by what your trained on and what you know. He doesn't disguise his bias towards certain weapons or tools, but he does allow the reader to make his own choice, and like any good law man he goes where the evidence leads and expects you to do the same. So when he suggests you may have a better chance off with a direct impingement rifle (AR-15) vs. the newer Piston AR platform, take it for what its worth and judge for yourself. I even found some of my ideas challenged. I found the book well written and Mr. Wagner's writing able to hold my interest and make me think. Again, hos book offers

second opinions and sometimes its good to get well rounded options instead of rants by Fat Guys on Blogs who have all the guns in the world and optics but would probably be the first to die when the world crumbles. If you have a brain of your own and some dollars to splurge - I say give this book an honest read and judge for yourself.

The first part of this book is essential. It lays out many more important issues that may even be more important than guns! Scott has a wealth of experience and information. I liked how he divided the weapons by category. I think he did a fairly good job defining which weapons would be best for what kind of survival application is intended. I particularly enjoyed the detailed information he gave on the Ruger GP-100. There is no better all purpose handgun for almost all types of survival applications in my opinion. There are several books out regarding guns or survival guns, but I consider this one much more informative, detailed and useful than most.

So, let me first start off with some praise, before I run to the criticism and nitpicks. This book is very readable. The author's personal law enforcement experience enables him to provide some rather amusing anecdotes, and you at least get the sense that he knows how to deal with dangerous situations. I also liked how he basically kept it on topic. He doesn't spend a lot of time getting into the nitty-gritty of this kind of disaster or that kind of disaster, but keeps it focused on firearms selection for disasters in general. A couple of the points he makes did provide some genuine enlightenment, and given my previous readings on this topic, that's some real praise. Key examples would be his dissertation on the use of bayonets, and how to move in formation on foot. Alright, now the complaints... The author seems to be utterly enamored of 5.7x28, to the point where it blinds him to the fact that 1) it is barely available at the best of times and 2) not all that great a caliber in non-AP format. I would love it if 5.7x28 ever became as common as .40S&W (nevermind 9x19mm or .45ACP), but his exhortations about bringing common calibers and guns that shoot them are kind of undercut when he declares you should haul around a PS90 in the apocalypse. Don't even get me started on his Uzi. He's telling us to travel light, and then simultaneously advocates a very heavy pistol-caliber rifle. Why can't he just simplify weapon selection to "bring a bunch of AR-15s, maybe an AR-10 or two, and handguns for everyone?" He also has a weird love of 7.62x39. Yes, it has a bigger bullet than 5.56x45 or 5.45x39... but the ballistics and terminal effects are horrible. It's an old, obsolete cartridge not made in the USA in any meaningful quantity. The Soviets, contrary to his assertion, did not return to it after Afghanistan. There is almost no discussion of NFA items, specifically suppressors, short-barreled rifles, and short-barreled shotguns. If you are trying to make

a discreet getaway, suppressed guns that don't give away your position to everyone within a mile's radius are going to be very useful. Same thing with SBRs and SBSs - if you are dealing with a compact space (ie, shooting out of a car, clearing a building, etc.) and trying to travel light, having less barrel to maneuver and carry is very much in your best interests. Finally, I threw up in my mouth a little when he started pushing Century and IO Inc guns. I'm not a Century hater - they put out decent stuff most of the time - but let's be real about them: they've historically had QC problems, and they're hardly the guns I would advocate taking with you in a civil disorder situation. You go to war with what you have, I guess, but if you're _planning and prepping for a long-term situation_, it makes sense to spend a little extra on quality. Those are just some nitpicks, and I admit some of them may be bias on my part. In general, it's a good book, and probably worth the price you'd pay for it on the Kindle.

Well written with great practical advice. And we'll thought out explanations and arguments. As a relative layperson, I found it to be an excellent guide.

I really enjoyed this book. I am a prepper and a gun nut, so the book applied to me on several levels. The information was first rate and the writer is very well versed in the issues of survival and weapons. Great book.

Good information. Lots of typos. Some of his ideas are very solid. I especially like his recommendation of the A1 style AR-15 due to its like weight, simple design, and carry handle.

This is a very informative make sense book for survival preparation from the fire arms you would need in a dooms day situation

Lots of good info. Wish it had more ideas on firearms in areas where assault rifles are banned. It's a quick read too.

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