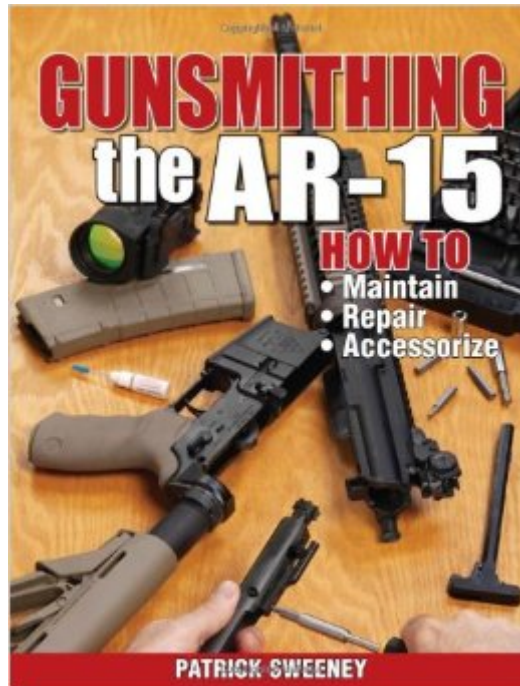


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I have been into guns since I was a little kid and have used guns professionally all my adult life, and have trained others to use weapons in defense of both their life and the lives of others. I read 5 to 8 gun rags a month to keep up with whats new and old in the gun world and have a solid base of training. Having said that I would like to say that I would NEVER recommend this book to anyone, whether a beginning shooter or an old pro that just needs a working idea of whats what with a AR-15/M-16/M-4. I can't remember when I have last read a book that is less informative in passing the information that the writer wanted to convey. This was meant to be a book a shooter could pick up and learn to take apart the AR-15 platform, instead 1/4 of the book is about the history of the platform that any person into the AR-15 family of weapons already knows. The book jumped from

part to part on the gun without direction and without a breakdown matrix listed for each area. The photos while in color at least, did nothing to enhance the readers understanding of what the author was taking apart on the weapon because they were too few and too poorly explained for a beginner to follow in taking apart his own weapon. Lastly, the book should have been spiral bound so it would lay flat on a work bench allowing the user to follow along with his rifle. Overall I found the book to be a waste of money and time. Very poorly written and very poorly presented for the reader.

I have had this book for over a year. There are many things I like about it, but ...It is sloppily produced. The page numbers in the table of contents are completely wrong. The last chapter (on malfunction clearance) is so short it might as well have been just left out - and it refers to an appendix B that covers an entirely different subject. The whole book would seem to be a draft of something hopeful that got rushed to press. Anything written about the AR15 will sell, so no level of professionalism is required from the production staff. Then there are the giant figures that are printed big just to use up paper and make the book thicker (we are not deceived, not are we amused). And Sweeney himself has a writing style that can be pleasant and informative at times, but other times he is just way too impressed with and full of himself. In spite of all this, the book does have useful information (otherwise it would be getting only one star), but it could be much better.

I was a bit skeptical when I picked up this title - I honestly expected it to be another of the "...bend this to the left, grind off that and you'll have a rifle that can dot a bee's eye at a kajillion yards, easy!" type of books. Instead, upon reading into and through the book, I found a very involved but easily understood discourse on the AR-15 / M-16 platform. The author leads you through each 'system' or area of the platform, explaining not only 'what's what', but also 'why' along with several tips, opinions and suggestions that you can follow to work on your own project. I would heartily recommend this text to anybody looking for a fairly involved but not overly technical read on the AR-15/AR-10/M-16.

I had hoped that I could learn a lot about my AR with this book, but it assumes a lot of previous knowledge and offers nothing for the beginner. No parts diagrams, or how to field strip. More about modifications and upgrades. For such a well known author I think he really blew it on this one. Don't waste your money unless you already know everything about the AR.

Well written book. I am much more informed on the quality of different brands and models. I thought

that I knew something about the AR but I realize now that I didn't. This book will help you make informed decisions about repairs and make the right repair rather than the normal back yard gunsmith answers that I have experienced with friends. A lot to learn and a lot of pages have bent ears to go back for review. Glad I bought this before looking at buying an actual AR. I know what to look for now. Not all AR's are the same and not all parts in the different model AR's are the same. You get what you pay for in most cases from what I have seen. Review of reviewers Comments. One person stated that the table of contents is wrong. Not in mine. One person stated that the color photos are terrible. Mine are B&W. Another person stated that you are supposed to refer to Appendix B to find out more on how to clear a malfunction. That statement is not in mine and the section is three pages with one small photo. I do agree with one person that it could have better photos to reference the parts you are supposed to be working with. It would have been very helpful to have a AR in front of me. The person that wrote this is intelligent based on some of the verbiage used and he could have written it a little more towards 12th grade level but it doesn't hinder understanding what he is trying to convey. P.S. Dictionary's are a helpful tool. Written sloppily. Well I found about two errors in spelling as for punctuation etc. I didn't really care because it was not confusing. I would recommend this book to a friend with a heart beat.

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