

The M 16

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Jean Huon : The M 16 before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The M 16:

10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Didn't live up to the hypeBy Rodger YoungMay have been better in the original French version but the translation is very difficult to read as the terms used to describe the various parts of the rifle are wholly confusing. Given the errors in captioning and lack of original content I haven't had much use for this book except for the truly beautiful photography, some of which look to be original, or not previously released, pictures.I'm not trying to belittle this work since Jean Huon is a well known gun scribe in Europe but there are many better books that cover this subject matter.I hope to learn at least one thing from each book I read and this one did not let me down. I finally saw how the "grenade launchers" I see sold here and there fit on the muzzle of the M16 between the flash suppressor and the end of the barrel threads. It's an ingenious system.Jean, if you're reading this, I truly wish you would have used a better translation service and the one you contracted didn't have a clue what you were writing.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A big let downBy Eric P. AllenIf only I had read the previous reviews before I bought this book... I'm always looking for good AR-15/M16 books and thought this one "looked" good. When I got a good deal on this, I bought it. My heart sank the moment I received it and noticed the main photo on the front cover was a reverse. I thought to myself, "how could anyone put a reverse picture on a book they're supposed to know about"? Unfortunately, the cover was only the beginning. There were reversed pictures through out the book. And as stated by a previous reviewer, the terminology that is used for several parts is so obscure, that I had to re-read several

times to try to understand just what part he was referring to. That and the fact that nearly everything is measured in millimeters and kilograms, makes for a very difficult book to keep reading. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Don't waste your money
By gunman42782
This is the worst gun book I ever bought. I have never been more disappointed, as I was really looking forward to reading this. This guy does not even call the parts of the gun by their correct names. And everything is in metric. As the headline reads, a complete waste of time and money. I did not buy this from , but honestly, I hated this book so bad I felt everyone should be warned!

In 1965 when the US intervened in San Domingo military observers noted that the para's of the 82nd Airborne were armed with a completely new gun made of light alloy and plastic. This was the M 16, a weapon developed by an aeronautical engineer based on the design of Eugene Stoner. It was subsequently used in Vietnam and it was there that it became world renowned. With a number of adaptations more than ten million M 16's have been produced and it is in service in at least 80 countries. Jean Huon tells the fascinating story of this weapon. Packed with more than 200 full color images and 200 black and white photos, The M 16 is a comprehensive history of the development of this key weapon. The book shows every conceivable version , variant, and accessory of the weapon. It even includes versions made under license by other manufacturers. The M 16 will be of enormous interest to collectors and gun enthusiasts and to historians of the Vietnam and Post Vietnam eras.

This is an ideal reference book for shooters, arms students, military historians, and anyone else interested in the AR-15/M16 rifles. (Gun Week, 2005)