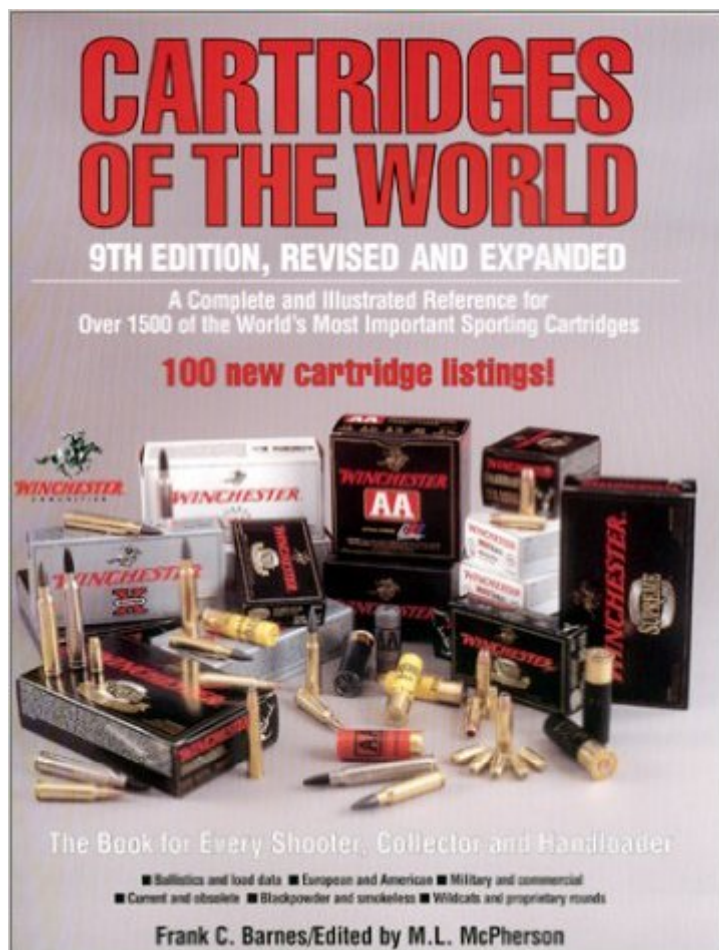


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Customer Reviews

Cartridges of the World, authored by Frank C. Barnes and edited by Stan Skinner, is always a fun read and generally a good reference book, however, I believe the franchise publishers may be getting a little impatient in releases. The 11th edition was released only 10 months after the 10th edition, while the 10th edition was released almost 3 years after the 9th edition and with more appropriate timing based on new cartridge releases. In short, there wasn't much new included that shouldn't have easily made the 10th edition. In general, I noticed no particular attempt by the author to update or correct entries that appeared in earlier editions. The 357 SIG is still listed as a new cartridge, with the suggestion that time will tell if it will succeed. The 357 SIG is chambered in almost every performance non 1911 autoloader and in heavy use with Federal agencies including air marshals and the FBI. The 376 Steyr carries an association with the Scout rifle which has not been available in that chamber for years. The Remington SAUM line and the WSM line read like a

new introductions. There are some showcase articles on sub .22 caliber rifle cartridges and the Chinese standardization on the 5.8 caliber, although I am hard pressed to know why as the information is of little practical use and of interest to a very limited audience. I would have been happier with a review of the concepts behind the past few years of cartridge releases and the prospects for the future. Some of the categorizing or editing has gotten a little sloppy and there is a decent amount of redundancy in listings.

Cartridges of the World Review First of all, most of what I'm going to say relates to Edition nine, but is designed to tie in with comments made by "Spartiate" below. I felt his/her comments deserved a reply, because they echo thoughts I had when I first bought Edition nine. I had thought Edition Nine was an excellent advance on what I'd read before, with a few low patches. Previous editions I'd seen were two and five, when John Amber and Frank Barnes reigned supreme. Nine certainly has vastly more information, and I'm curious as to whether Ten has that much more again. I agree with certain criticisms, particularly the repetition within the entries on the Lazzeroni and JDJ cartridges. It seemed to me (with my more limited knowledge) that the editor was trying to fill space while talking about new cartridges that didn't (yet!) have much history worth speaking of. A collated expose on those companies that offered various proprietary cartridges, with the odds and sods at the end listed by calibre, might have been better and allowed a lot less repetition of somewhat less relevant material. I didn't examine the handloading data very carefully, not being actively engaged in the sport myself, and can't comment on errors. What I did think was a shame was the numerous horrendous typographical errors, omissions and "tab-stop disasters" present especially within the British Cartridges section. From this viewpoint, some of the older editions were better. Inconsistencies from one edition to another are also apparent, e.g. Barnes's comments on the .32 Winchester Special and the rifles which fire it have been COMPLETELY RUBBISHED in the most scathing tones by the editor in the 9th edition.

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