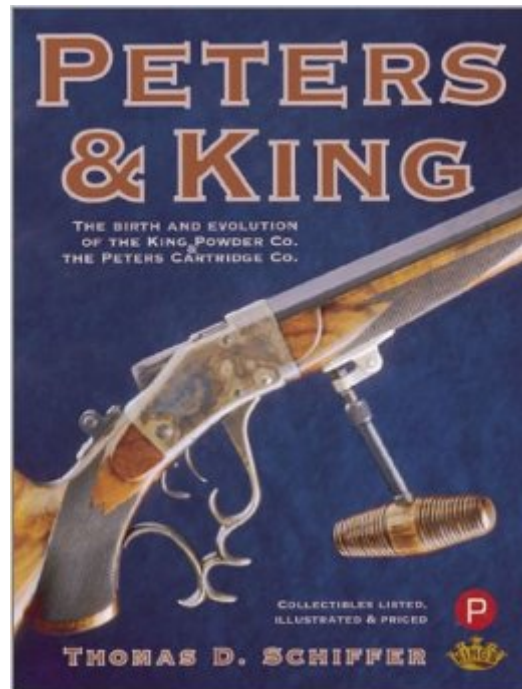


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# Peters And King: The Birth & Evolution Of The Peters Cartridge Co. & The King Powder Co.



## Synopsis

Today, Peters Cartridge and King Powder draw considerable interest from serious collectors - boxes, calendars, powder kegs, and other items left behind by the two companies regularly fetch hundreds and even thousands of dollars at auction. Few people know the fascinating story behind these now-departed industrial powerhouses and why their products are so valuable today. This new volume will be a priceless addition for collectors and historians alike, tracing the evolution of Peters and King from frontier powder mills to sophisticated munitions makers and providing current values for collectible advertising and packaging items. A color section displays and prices the most popular collectibles such as powder kegs, tins, cartridge boxes, and calendars. Discover how they helped shape the current arms industry and shooting sports, and successfully created a loyal following that continues today.

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## Customer Reviews

This book is a must for anyone interested in early bullet and shot shell manufacturing. It was of special interest to me as I live near the site of the former factory and was able to take a long day hike along the Little Miami River where the Kings had the powder works while the Peters Co. made up the bullets. You can visit Kings Mill where folks lived at the time and the book has old photos of many buildings that are still standing today. Highly recommend this book to any firearm enthusiasts.

Excellent read. This is a well researched and fascinating book, I found most interesting the

precautions used to prevent explosions. King Powder utilized different materials that minimized sparking by using cars with four-wheels made of brass riding on iron rails pulled by a mule or horse with bronze shoes secured with copper nails. Workers could not wear shoes made with nails and were fired if caught with matches or smoking. Some of the explosions were massive and one caused 3000 windows to break. They had to go recruit workers from outside the area. This book is a tribute to the many people that were pioneers of an industry which makes this country secure today. I also like the pictures of old ads and shells in the back of the book. I highly recommend reading this book.

More poorly edited than poorly written, this is a detailed and extremely factual read. I was surprised that the publisher, Krause, did such a slack job at editing - they had a better reputation at one time. Readability aside, Peters & King is a library keeper for those interested in American history, especially ammunition history. Chuck Klein, Author of: Instinct Combat Shooting: Defensive Handgunning For Police

This is the second book I purchased. I purchased the first one for myself as my Grandparents lived in Kings Mills next door to the King family. I spent a lot of time there and the book provides a lot of history. I purchased this book for my Uncle who grew up there. Both books were in pristine condition an well worth the money.

A lot of detail but finding things about my heritage as my great grandfather worked for the King Powder company and my grandfather was raised in Kings Mills, OH and my mother was born there. Still looking for a picture of my grandfather as he was a match rifleman in his youth. I inherited his guns and our younger son has them and he is the one who put me on to the book.

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