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The Hand Grenade (Weapon)



Synopsis

The Hand Grenade is the dramatic story, covering its origins, development, use - in the World Wars and into the present day - and lasting influence on close-quarter combat and infantry tactics. Allowing the user to inflict damage on his opponent within throwing range without leaving cover, the portable, lethally efficient hand grenade is a ubiquitous weapon of modern warfare, and has now found its way into law-enforcement arsenals too. In this engaging study the origins, development, combat use and lasting legacy of the military hand grenade are explored and assessed, accompanied by specially commissioned full-color artwork and an array of revealing photographs of grenades in use and in close-up.

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Customer Reviews

Gordon L. Rottman entered the US Army in 1967, volunteered for Special Forces and completed training as a weapons specialist. He served in the 5th Special Forces Group in Vietnam in 1969-70 and subsequently in airborne infantry, long-range patrol and intelligence assignments until retiring after 26 years. He was a Special Operations Forces scenario writer at the Joint Readiness Training Center for 12 years and is now a freelance writer, living in Texas. The author lives in Cypress, TX.

Well written book on the history and technical aspects of this vital tool of the infantryman. It guides you on a journey of the development of the grenade and through the ins and outs of development.

The recounting of the pressure of designers to make grenades safe thwarting their effective use through overly complicated steps is an object lesson to always seek the perspective of the user.

Gordon Rottman is an excellent writer and Historian. As with most Osprey editions, they are intended as introductions to the particular subject matter. He does this very well for the major belligerents in WW1 & WW2. "The Hand Grenade" provides the essential information for the development, and employment of hand grenades, from its early historical development to its modern incarnations. As with most Osprey editions, the artwork and photos are excellent. This booklet is a fine addition to my Military History library.

The Hand Grenade has been around for many centuries. This volume on Hand Grenade focuses on grenades used for killing. It provides a history of the development of the hand grenade in general and by nation for many nations and what armed forces in many nations use today. This Osprey Weapon book is the first I have looked at. I have over 500 Osprey titles and enjoy reading and benefit from the information contained in the volumes.

A good well written history of the hand grenade as a weapon, with description and pictures of the various types used. Excellent investigation and research as usual by Mr. Rottman. Tactics are covered better in the Osprey Tactics series. This book is more on development of the different kinds of grenades and uses for each and how well they met the user's needs. Recommended.

Good book

I have been waiting for a book such as this for a long time. I was not disappointed. Rottman has done it again. I pre ordered this book last year and read it in two settings. All the information you need on hand grenades. It will stay near the top of my book pile for quite some time.

WWI buff. level of detail and minutia is just up my alley. Those boys had it tough and knowing what they had to work with to survive brings the history to life for me.

Another winner by Rottman! All you ever wanted to know about hand grenades presented in an excellent format.

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