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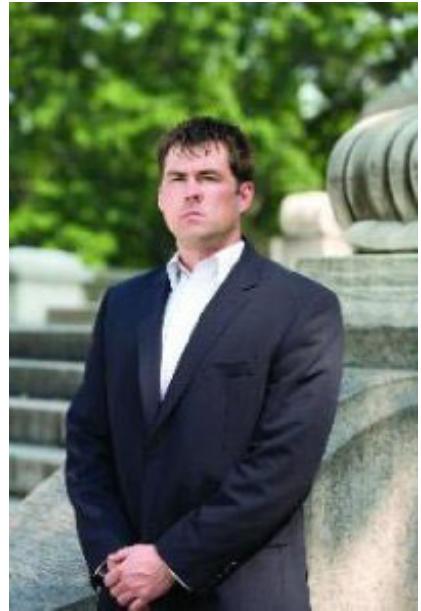
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Editorial Review

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Guest Review: Marcus Luttrell, author of *Lone Survivor*, reviews *American Gun* by Chris Kyle



Chris Kyle is not a man I ever thought I would refer to in the past tense. No matter how much danger he faced, we always knew Chris would come out alive with an awesome story filled with close calls. To say I lost a friend this year does not say enough. I lost someone I looked up to as a frogman and Texan brother. He exemplified each word of the SEAL Creed, and he deserves the highest honor and respect for what he put on the line to keep his brothers safe from the enemy. I know there are mothers and fathers out there right now who are grateful their son or daughter returned home from war thanks to Chris Kyle. He saved countless lives. Whether he sat high on a rooftop taking out the enemy threatening his teammates, or if he was fighting side-by-side with a Marine platoon, his mission was always clear: “draw on every remaining ounce of strength to protect his brothers.”

Chris gave a piece of his life to the SEAL teams, but there came a time when he needed to refocus on his family. No matter how difficult his decision to leave the military, he knew he was doing the right thing for his wife and two children. He became well known after the much-deserved success of his first book, *American Sniper*. The way he handled himself under the spotlight and shared his passions are a testament to the man he was. Chris gave away the proceeds of his book to veterans and families of fallen teammates. He was the founder of a security company that was dedicated to teaching fine skills to law enforcement and other security details. He was committed to his family, he was committed to helping veterans, he was committed to several charities, he was committed to serving others. That was Chris. He lived by his own rules, and I couldn't respect him more.

I am so glad to see this important book, *American Gun: A History of the U.S. in Ten Firearms*, come to life, because it meant so much to Chris to get it completed. It's a testament to his service, and it proves that he wasn't a guy who just wanted to be known for his kill count. He had an incredible respect for his country,

our history, and preserving the second amendment—he also had an almost unmatched knowledge of firearms. This book is filled with his passion for a fine gun, shows clearly how our national relationship with firearms got to where it is today, and reveals the many fascinating ways guns have shaped American history. It's also a hell of a good read--full of amazing stories of American soldiers, cowboys, and heroes, from the Revolution, Civil War, Wild West, world wars, Iraq, and beyond.

I have to pay tribute to Chris's wife Taya, who wrote the foreword and afterword in *American Gun*. Taya is carrying the torch for Chris, their kids, and for those who he fought to defend. She has promised to see through all of the projects Chris left behind, as well as ensure Chris's memory is honored as it should be. I think Chris married a person who may be stronger than even he was—that's saying something. With Chris's spirit beside her, she is never out of the fight. Lastly, y'all should know Taya and their kids receive the author proceeds of *American Gun*, so buy this awesome book in bulk and share with friends.

From Publishers Weekly

Starred Review. Bestselling author Kyle (American Sniper) was putting the final touches on this discerning study of 10 firearms—completed by his widow and Doyle—that changed the course of warfare when he was killed at a gun range. Coupled with his goal of "talk history with the bullets flying," Kyle's picks—surefire debate fodder for gun enthusiasts—make for immersive reading as he recounts key battles during the Civil War, Spanish-American War, and WWII. Kyle's enthusiasm for his subject is infectious—even for professed doves—and his gift for narrative lends the stories the tension and drama they deserve. He brings to life the infamous shootout at the O.K. Corral and the Battle of Cowpens during the American Revolution, recounting close calls, colossal errors, and the weapons that gave one side a key advantage over another. Thanks to his experiences as a Navy SEAL, Kyle is intimately familiar with the construction, key features, and upkeep of all the featured weapons, which adds to his credibility and enables him to tell his stories in greater depth. Regardless of one's views on guns, readers will gain a deeper respect for weaponry and the people tasked with using them. (June)

Review

"Chris Kyle embodied what it meant to have a heart both strong and soft, and a commitment to country, family, and God. ... Kyle will continue to inspire anyone paying attention to his example." (Dallas Morning News)

"Chris Kyle was incredible, the most celebrated war hero of our time, a true American hero in every sense of the word." (D Magazine)

"A true hero." (New York Times)

"Chris Kyle has done and seen things that will be talked about for generations to come." (MARCUS LUTTRELL, recipient of the Navy Cross and author of *Lone Survivor*)

"A celebration of Kyle's voice and life: It's like sitting down with him in some funky Texas roadhouse just off the interstate after a hot but fulfilling day at the range, ordering up a tableful of Lone Stars and just talking guns for a few hours." (USA Today)

"Tells how 10 firearms changed United States history." (New York Times Book Review)

"Kyle's enthusiasm for his subject is infectious, and his gift for narrative lends the stories the tension and drama they deserve. ... Regardless of one's views on guns, readers will gain a deeper respect for weaponry and the people tasked with using them." (Publishers Weekly (starred review))

“Kyle’s firm grasp of the ten guns selected is combined with a narrative of American soldiers, lawmen, and citizens who used them. ... When you read *American Gun* you hear the voice, heart, wit, and passion of this self-effacing American hero--one taken from us too soon.” (Mark Keefe, American Rifleman)

“Chris Kyle knew guns in a way no modern American ever has. ... His book new book details the rifles and pistols wielded by soldiers, police officers, hunters, mobsters and outlaws that most influenced the culture of this nation.” (Daily Mail (London))

“A book that every American should read, and it will stand as part of the legacy of one of our nation’s greatest heroes.” (American Rifleman)

A fitting legacy for Chris Kyle. ... *American Gun* is written with the authority of a subject matter expert and the straight-talking voice of a warrior.” (SOFREP.com)

”An entertaining gallop through history.” (London Times)

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