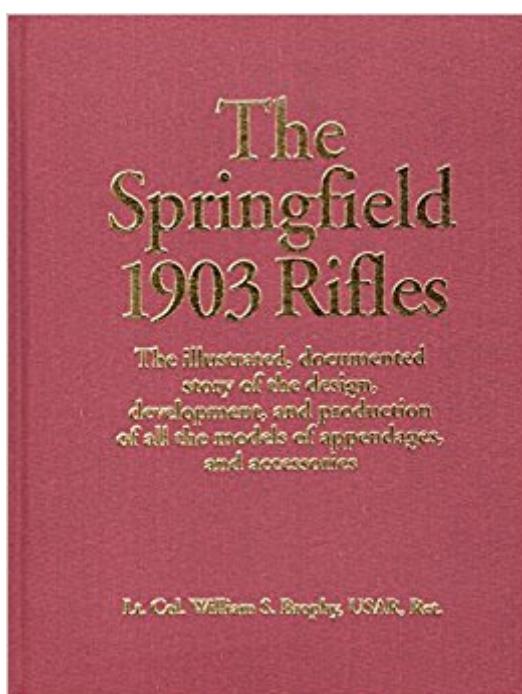


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# The Springfield 1903 Rifles (The Illustrated, Documented Story Of The Design, Development, And Production Of All The Models Of Appendages, And Accessories)



## **Synopsis**

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## **Customer Reviews**

An excellent book, with a multitude of topics, and details. It is an excellent book for anyone collecting 1903 Springfield rifles, and covers almost every aspect of the design, manufacture, and distribution of the 1903 Springfield. It is not, however all inclusive, and several areas were covered in much more detail than others. The .22 rifle was detailed to the point of being almost half the total volume of the book, while other areas, such as those rifles manufactured by Rock Island were sparse in detail, and information. I realize the title should forewarn that it covers the Springfield rifle, which it does, but there was plenty of information about the Remington 1903 A-1, 03-A3, and 03-A4, and they are not Springfield rifles either. I had to purchase a separate book about the 1903 Rock Island in order to learn about that specific rifle. I felt a lot of this information could have, and should have been included in this book as well. It's still a valuable, and informative book on the subject, but given it's a somewhat expensive book, it would have been better if it was more comprehensive.

This book has all the details about the development of the 1903 Springfield rifle. It is filled with photographs of all the various models of this rifle as well as all or most of the equipment that was designed to go with this rifle. It is a great reference work!

This book covers the Springfield 1903 rifle variations from the original experimental rifles of 1900 (a replacement for the Krag) through the WW2 models (A3 & A4, plus the Remington M1903, and various other versions). That takes up the first 300+ pages. The remainder of the book includes detailed information on related "peripherals" such as bayonets, cartridge belts, grenade launchers, M1918 periscopes, slings, sights, etc. Of significance are the charts of Serial & Production Numbers and Ordnance Inspectors' Marks. The book is filled with innumerable photos, drawings, and original schematics. For the owner and collector of the US Springfield '03, this is THE definitive resource.

The definitive source on the 1903. The only downside is the the pictures are black & white. If the pictures were higher quality or color it would be 5 stars.

If you're a collector of books and a serious collector of small arms this book is great. If you are trying to find details of a specific version of the 1903 Springfield rifle this isn't the book for you. Not enough specifics about the versions of the '03 that most people would happen to own. It is an excellent reference for the why's and how's of the rifle's existence but again, not enough about the myriad of versions and variations that came from the three major manufacturers.

This book shipped very fast! For anyone interested in the Springfield 1903 and 1903-A1 this book is a "Must Have". I am totally amazed with all the intestacies and variants of this rifle. Serialization and dates of various changes, even insignificant changes are all here. Hundreds of detailed photographs and drawings. Well worth the price

The book seems to be a reprint of the original. The text is fine, but the photos all look like they are Xerox copies from the original book - all washed out. A lot to pay for the low quality photos. Otherwise, it provides a lot of historical data.

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