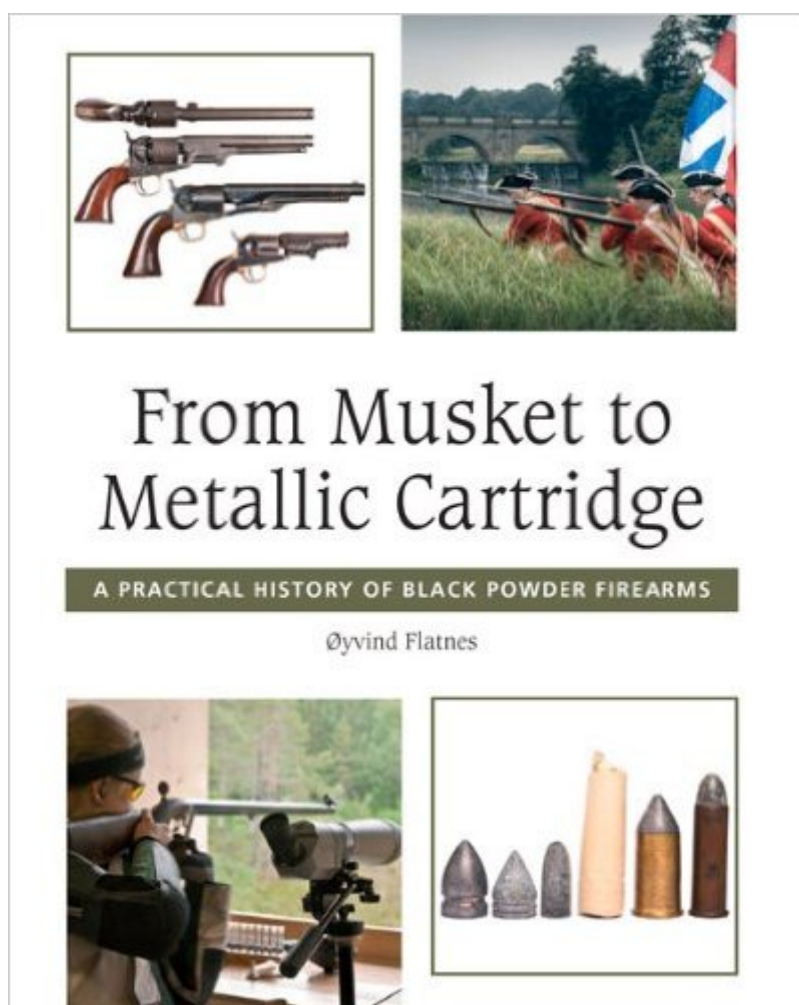


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From Musket to Metallic Cartridge is a historical introduction to the use of black powder firearms, from the primitive smooth-bore musket to breech-loading cartridge guns, as well as a primer on their practical use for today's black powder shooters. Drawing on his experience of countless hours on the shooting range, and backed up by meticulous research, Oyvind Flatnes relates more than 500 years of development and covers the huge range of different ignition systems, models, and patents. He describes the use of antique firearms and replicas, discussing their historical and safe modern use.

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Norwegian black powder shooter, competitor, and historian Oyvind Flatnes's excellent, well-researched book on the history and technological development of black powder firearms really hits the "X ring." His subtitle: "a practical history of black powder firearms" is spot on. As a historian of the nineteenth century, I have a shelf of books about the subject, many of which go into considerable detail, and even minutiae on the subject. Flatnes's book is compact, filled with lush photos and clear, explanatory images and is written to appeal to several audiences, namely "shooters, collectors, gun enthusiasts and historians." This is a tall order, but the book accomplishes this quite well. The book urges collectors to take up shooting their specimens, historians to get out of the library and get "hands on" at the range or in the field, and provides an excellent history for firearm enthusiasts. Comparable North American books on the subject are either about load

development for hunting and competition, or geared to the history of firearms in America, with a nod to developments in England, France, and Prussia. British books naturally have a perspective fixed on guns and rifles in the UK, with nods to the continent and American trends. Flatnes's book offers a fascinating and excellent review of British, American, French and Prussian contributions but provides a Scandinavian perspective that is highly informative. How many firearm cognoscenti know that the term "Kentucky rifle" is a misnomer? Flatnes reveals that it may have been jäger troops in his native Norway who first carried rifles afield in the early 18th century.

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