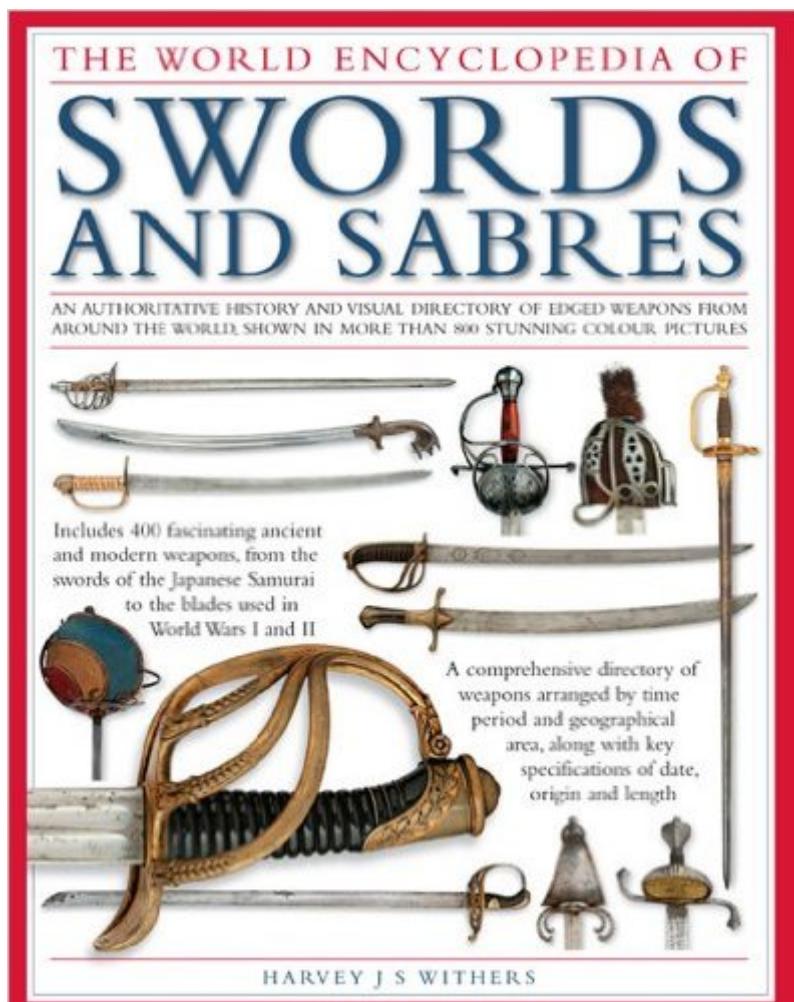


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This is a good reference with a lot of material. It has a broad coverage and thus lacks depth on any one item. They could have had more room for the swords if they left out the coverage of polearms, but that doesn't take up too much room. The illustrations are excellent. My only real complaint is that there are a number of references in the text to important examples or specific items which are then not pictured. Nonetheless it is well worth the price.

At a time in history where technology takes center stage, it is refreshing to find a book steeped in history concerning a subject that at one time was more vital than most, reemerge with such a vivid visual reference. Encyclopedia's, by their nature can be dry, lofty volumes, yet this book is not. It is more concise than I would desire, yet still excellent in comparison to other books on the same subject, mainly because of the visual presentation which is necessary to the subject matter.

Regarding the pictures, this book is fantastic. Now, with regard to information it is rather poor. Many basic errors and some generic terms that do not actually define anything. Thus, the reader is

insecure about fully trusting on the information contained in this book. Much of information is correct, but the amount of errors contained requires a strict content review.

The details are fantastic. As are the illustrations of the swords that have been discovered over the years. The author takes the time to explain why the swords were made in so many ways, their strengths and weaknesses.

I purchased this book for my 13 year old grandson who is a sword enthusiast. He just loved the book. We could not get it out of his hands, but he does love to read and he is very interested in history.

Unfortunately the book misses contributions of the halstatt culture for both bronze and early iron swords. Bronze swords found in Nebra, Saxony. Antenna swords of the Hallstatt B period ; c. 10th century BC and the wonderful workmanship of bronze European swords dating back to 1600 BC. This European history forms the genesis for the early Celtic swords i.e. Falcata...and swords borrowed by the Roman Legion: Gladius Hispanensis and the Spatha.

4 stars, it's a solid book with lots of pictures and a decent number of examples. It's a book mostly for kids up to say 12-13. It doesn't get into any sword very deeply- but that's not what it's meant to do. It's a coffee table book for sword people!

I am a Civil War Collector and this concentrates on all swords which is not what I really wanted. Not the Authors Fault. Still this has an incredible amount of useful information if All Edged Weapons is your thing.

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