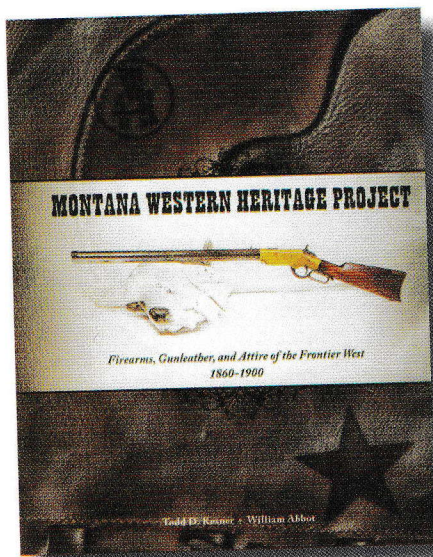


## Firearms, Gunleather, and Attire of the Frontier West



That I am a hopeless bookworm is something that my wife Sheryll has come to accept over the years. This means that around our house there are books scattered in the strategic places that I spend time- next to the couch, the bathroom (of course), the “Badger Den” and the nightstand. Many of these volumes are

what I call “brain-kickers”- those books that jog your brain into thinking about new projects. This new book, *Firearms, Gunleather, and Attire of the Frontier West* by Todd Kesner and William Abbot is certainly a visual brain-kicker. It is literally filled with excellent photos of great old frontier firearms and accouterments. This is not to say that the text is substandard...the descriptions are just as focused as the photos. This isn't surprising since the book was

compiled as a resource book for educators teaching their students about the real frontier, not the Hollywood version portrayed by the modern media.

Many of the images are of firearms and artifacts held by small-town museums; most of which have not been seen before. Small local museums often have the most incredible collections, pieces that have been donated by locals and which have come down through the family. These have impeccable provenance tied directly to the frontier and one can be assured that these guns and accouterments were actually used. *Firearms, Gunleather, and Attire of the Frontier West* contains excellent photography, 156 color pages and concisely written, informative text...all in all, a very well-done reference work on the Old West.

The best part about this great book is that it is being marketed to support the Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Program. So, here's a great way to indulge in a great brain-kicker and help out kids who like to shoot as well. Get your copy by contacting the Western Heritage Project at their website [4hwesternheritage.weebly.com](http://4hwesternheritage.weebly.com) and click on the icon “Buy the book”. The price is \$25.00 for the paperback, \$45.00 for hardcover or, if you really want to get the deluxe version, \$149.00 for the buffalo hide hardcover book. It is a great book that's helping out an excellent organization and I'm sure you will appreciate having it in your library. Did I mention it would make a great Christmas gift?

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## The Gun Book For Boys

When I was a kid I literally devoured any book on guns and shooting. My grandfather's copy of Jack O'Connor's *Rifles and Shotguns* was read every time my family visited. The *Muzzle Loading Caplock Rifle* was another early-day read...I literally wore out my first copy. And, I still browse through these books and derive no small measure of enjoyment from them, even though they are practically memorized.

However, as good as these books were, I would have enjoyed a book that was a broad view, educational treatise on guns and shooting in general; covering both modern and vintage-style firearms. Well, too late for me but for the young shooters of today there is a great new book out called *The Gun Book For Boys*.

Authored by Silvio Calabi, Steve Helsley and Roger Sanger, *The Gun Book For Boys* is an excellent reference work for youngsters interested in firearms, especially those whose parents aren't necessarily ‘gun people’. The book stresses safety, is very well illustrated (something that is really important to kids) and easy to understand while still being very engaging to the reader. And while the title is *The Gun Book For Boys* it will appeal just as much to the young ladies who are interested in the shooting sports.

A sample of topics include- basic types of guns and how they work, being a safe shooter, what not to do with guns, secrets of becoming a good shot, famous guns, all about the .22, and taking guns afield. These are just a few of the excellent subjects covered

which will hold the attention of the young reader.

When I was a kid, thirsty for anything connected to guns and shooting, I would have cherished this book. I'm sure many of you are searching for that perfect Christmas gift for a young person you know. You can't go wrong with *The Gun Book For Boys*. Available from Shooting Sportsman for \$24.95; you can contact them at [www.shootingsportsman.com](http://www.shootingsportsman.com). For telephone orders please call 1-800-685-7962. Supplies are good and ready to deliver in time for Christmas.

*The Gun Book For Boys* will go a long way towards encouraging youngsters to develop their interest in firearms, not to mention counter-acting the negative propaganda that they are exposed to in today's society. Consider it an extremely good investment in the future of our shooting sports.

