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Editorial Review

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Written by a team of British military historians, this oversize volume seizes attention with the publisher's brand-name design: images surrounded by information-packed captions silhouetted against a white or a black background. Its pictures are sure to snare the substantial audience interested in the history of swords, guns, and body armor. Limiting the subject to portable armaments, the work extends from the first likely weapon (a rock) to the rifles issued to contemporary infantrymen. In most cases, the emphasis is on the tools of the ordinary soldier, his equipage through time explained with arrowed illustrations. The evolution of handheld weaponry is soon apparent, with that of firearms especially prominent. Some guns depicted here will be recognizable (think AK-47) even to those who recoil from guns. Explaining how such lethal equipment works is *Weapon*'s forte; another asset is the comparison of weapon categories across a suite of historical societies. Popular? That's a foregone conclusion. *Gilbert Taylor*

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Review

"*Weapon* depicts the spectrum of weaponry from the stone axes of early warfare to today's modern artillery."
– **Publishers Weekly**

"An illustrated history of weaponry diagrams in detail." – **Columbus Dispatch**

"From Assyrian spears to the AK-47, weapons — and the warriors who have brandished them — forged history by shaping the rise of empires and the course of revolutions with the ax, the bow, the sword, and the gun." – **Military Officer**

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