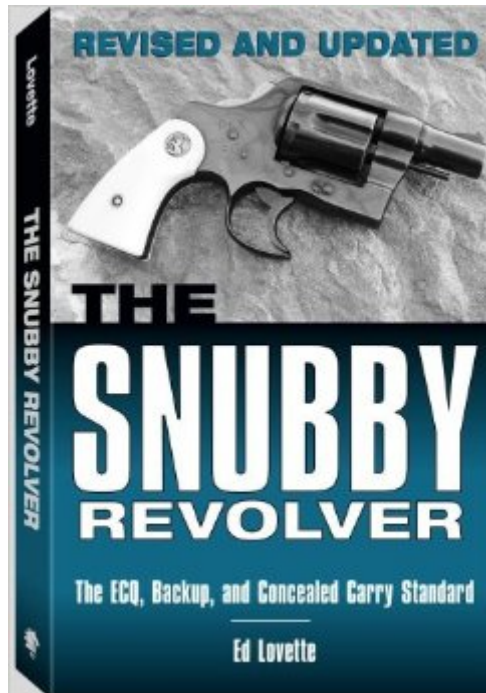


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The Snubby Revolver: The ECQ, Backup, And Concealed Carry Standard



Synopsis

In this book, former CIA operative and Combat Handguns columnist Ed Lovette pays homage to the short-barreled revolver, or snubby, holding it up as the timeless standard in concealed carry, backup and extreme close quarters (ECQ) defensive weapons. He addresses the four most common complaints about the snubby - grip, front sight, trigger and ammo capacity - and presents viable ways to remedy those issues based on his personal experience. Lovette devotes the second half of the book to defensive tactics, running the gamut from basic personal defense to strategic planning for extraordinary situations such as surveillance and carjackings to considerations specific to the use of the pocket revolver. This book is a must for anyone seeking objective, practical insight into the snub-nose revolver's enduring value.

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Customer Reviews

The Snub-nose Revolver could be classified as a subject in much need of discussion but with limited material available. This is why I wanted to read this book since the snubby .38 Special or .357 Mag is a very common carry gun by licensed civilians and used as a back up by law enforcement officers. There have been many instances cited where this type of gun saved someone's life. There are flashes of brilliance written in this book but mostly the author loses momentum very quickly and you're wanting for more. Another reviewer stated that this book was a compilation of "gunzine articles" and though I am not sure if it was, the book certainly could flow better. Some examples of things I liked were the reloading of the revolver. One pearl was that you

should reload opposite the way the cylinder rotates so if you have to slap the cylinder shut and fire in a hurry the bullets that were loaded will be available to be shot. Also his technique for aiming at just two cylinder holes versus all five or six promotes accurate and less cumbersome reloading. The author knows the different types of snub nose revolvers and though I would have liked him to be a bit more descriptive, there are certainly examples for you to look at if you are thinking of getting one. Some things that were big misses: His chapter on the trigger and use of the front sight was just a tease. There are many important factors regarding trigger control that are absolutely necessary for the snub nose revolver to shine and it is glossed over at best. He barely mentions dry firing which is an intricate part of mastering this type of gun if you want to learn how to shoot it well. The proper grip is very important and this is barely covered.

"Some things endure because they do what they do better than anything that can be designed to replace them. And so it is with the short-barreled revolver." So says Ed Lovette on page 15 of THE SNUBBY REVOLVER, and I think he's exactly right. For most civilian purposes, revolvers, though they may not be as sexy or cool as tricked-out autoloaders, are superior in practical terms. And for concealed carry, it's very hard to beat a good snubby -- it's simple to use and very reliable; when concealed, its rounded, irregular outline generally doesn't 'print' through clothing as much as an auto; and, to me one of the best advantages over an automatic is that you can leave a revolver fully loaded indefinitely and not worry about any spring fatigue (which can be a problem with autopistol magazines, no matter how high their quality, if you leave em loaded long enough.) For all those reasons, I'm a snubby sixgun fan and was delighted to find a book devoted to them. I found a lot of good information and pointers here (I really liked the stuff on knives as supplements to the snubby), and overall the book was an enjoyable, fast read. The author seems to know his stuff, with a background that includes Special Forces, law enforcement, and the CIA. All that said, I'll agree with some of the criticisms of this book: while the parts focused on snubbies were good, there was a lot of space devoted to 'defensive mindset' matters, which, while certainly important, I thought would've been more appropriate in another book. (Ed Lovette even tells you that he co-authored a book on that very subject; why he doesn't just refer you to that, rather than reprinting chunks of it in this book, is beyond me.

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