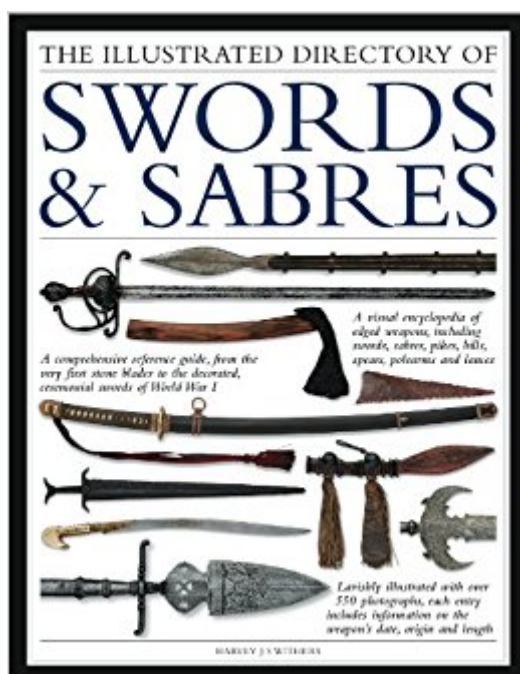


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Customer Reviews

Harvey J S Withers has held a lifelong passion for sharp-edged weapons and for many years has been a successful dealer in antique military swords. He is the author of *British Military Swords 1786 to 1912: The Regulation Patterns*; *World Swords 1400 to 1945* (both Studio Jupiter Military Publishing) and *The Scottish Sword 1600-1945* (Paladin Press).

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books.

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If you love swords and sabers this book is for you

A good concise visual history of swords.

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Not only is the content of the book great, but the pictures are beautiful. I'm a hobbyist bladesmith and know something of the history of swords and knives throughout the world, but this book had a few surprises in it for me. All of that being said, it is written in a very approachable manner, the information easy to find and elegantly delivered.

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