

Weapons: A Pictorial History By Edwin Tunis 0690012853 I probably first picked this book up in the library at the age of 10 or so; like a lot of boys I was fascinated with guns war weapons of all kinds in adolescence. Tunis' book was first published in the 50s I think; he was a Maryland writer and artist who wrote and drew a dozen or so books on historical and mechanical subjects for young readers in the third quarter of the last century. In my case the fascination never led to wanting to hunt or go into the military but I have maintained a certain interest in the manly arts in fiction at any rate, All are characterized by beautiful draughtsmanship -- all black and white line drawings -- and pretty solid scholarship at least for kid's books: I haven't gotten completely through his volume on Indians but it looks to be much less prejudiced than most American texts of the time. Weapons will always be my favorite though a solid chronological essay on the development of destructive devices from the sling through the hydrogen bomb. The sections on the middle ages through the 18th century or so are probably my favorites. 0690012853 Describes in text and pictures weapons used through the ages from the stones of prehistoric man to the bombs of modern times[1]

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