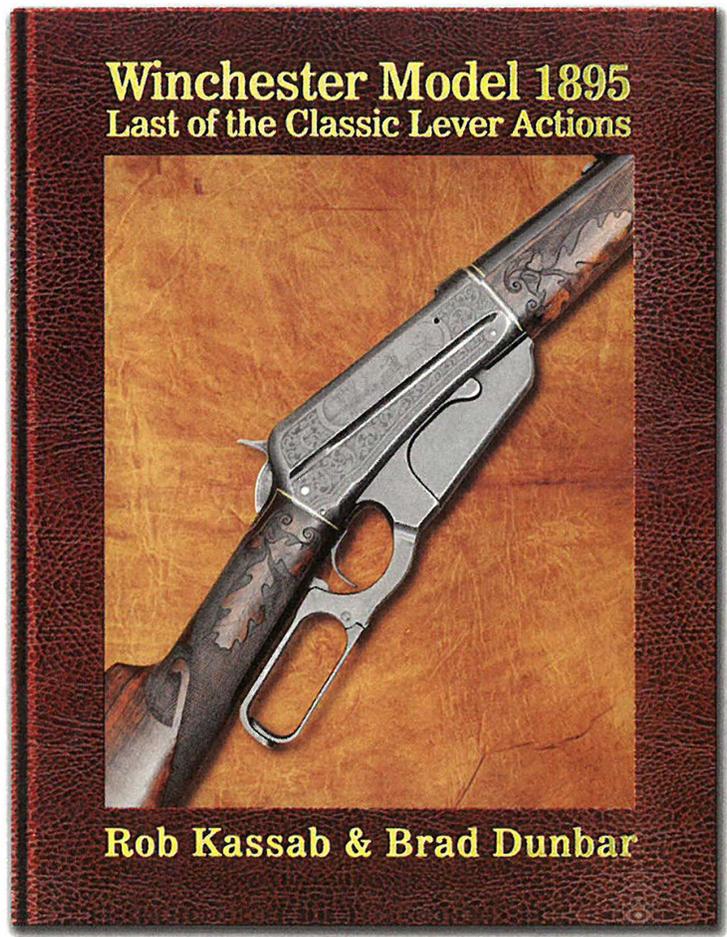


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unique lever-action rifle that Winchester Repeating Arms ever produced. Patented by legendary firearm designer Johnathon M. Browning, the Model 1895 features a top-loading box magazine rather than the side-loading tube magazine found on Winchester's previous lever-action rifles. This significant feature has been a topic of discussion among firearm enthusiasts for almost 125 years.

The ability to safely discharge high-pressure cartridges and utilize pointed bullets added to the popularity of the 1895 rifle over its lifespan. The 1895, including the legendary .405 WCF, was carried throughout Africa by American president and big-game hunter Theodore Roosevelt. Mexican soldiers, lawmen and even outlaws used the 1895 extensively. The Imperial Russian Army received 293,818 Russian Muskets chambered in 7.62mm Russian, forming the bulk of 1895 production.

The result of Kassab and Dunbar's intensive effort is quite simply one of the best firearm-related books to be published in recent years. Winchester Model 1895 – Last of the Classic Lever Actions will be thoroughly enjoyed by readers with a basic interest in firearms, but absolutely treasured by those who own a single 1895 or collect Winchester lever-action rifles. Current list price is \$79.99 USD at Wet Dog Publications, Greensboro, NC, www.fnbrowning.com, phone (336) 394-4138. 📞

Authors Rob Kassab and Brad Dunbar are well-known historians and collectors of the Model 1895 Winchester. They are editors of *The Winchester Collector* – Official Journal of the Winchester Arms Collectors Association. The respect they have earned among the firearm community enabled them to access firearm collections, historical documentation, museum inventories and Winchester factory records not available to the public.

Winchester Model 1895 is the compilation of many years of meticulous research examining, photographing and documenting features of several thousand Model 1895 rifles. Kassab and Dunbar welcomed and included contributions from several talented authors

who are recognized experts in their chosen fields. George Madis, author of the legendary *Winchester Book* is credited with having originally published some of the information presented.

The table of contents lists 29 specific sections, which range from the genesis of the Model 1895 to its demise in 1936. The easy-to-read text provides fascinating historical information, as well as extensive technical details. Hundreds of high-quality photographs make browsing through *Winchester Model 1895* a truly enjoyable experience. Included are some of the finest highly finished arms in existence. Kassab and Dunbar graciously provided these rifles the opportunity to speak for themselves.

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