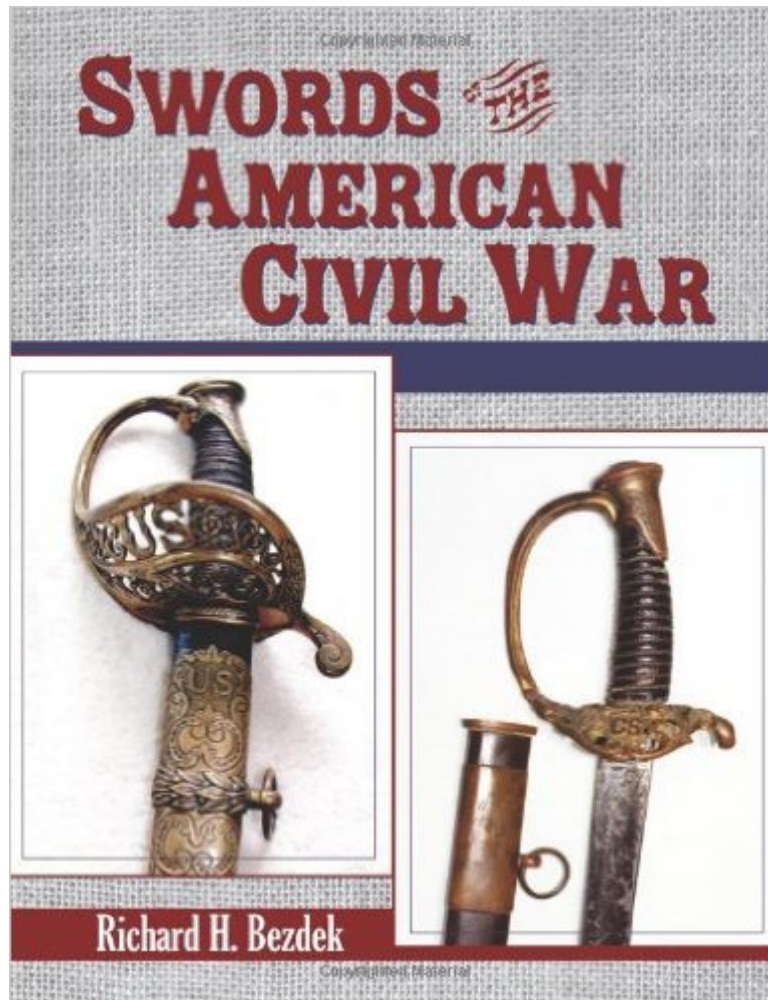


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# Swords Of The American Civil War



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Many books have explored in depth the firearms, uniforms and paraphernalia carried by combatants in the American Civil War, but the swords carried by Union and Confederate enlisted men and officers have never been completely examined in print--until now. *Swords of the American Civil War* is a complete photographic survey of all the swords--Union and Confederate--used in the Civil War. It contains more than 700 magnificent photographs showing every type and style of sword, including more than 300 Union and Confederate regulation swords, 45 swords presented to Union and Confederate generals, 40 Union and Confederate presentation-grade swords, 60 Union and Confederate swords engraved with the owners' names, and 150 Union and Confederate identified presentation swords along with the presentee's Civil War records. A fantastic chapter on the Civil War activities of Gen. George Armstrong Custer includes more than 30 never-before-published photos of Custer's presentation sword, dress uniform and personal equipment captured by Confederate cavalry at the Battle of Trevilian Station. The appendix provides additional little-known details on the fate of Custer's personal effects. This book is an essential reference for all collectors, historians, researchers and students.

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## Customer Reviews

Great book if you are looking for information on rare engraved presentation pieces and the history of who they were presented to. If you want detailed information on the history, makers and photos of field issued combat pieces save your money.

I expected more information on identifying swords and history of the manufacturers and information on inspectors marks, quantity made, So for me it was nice pictures but not a good reference guide....

The blurb on the back cover says this book is "...an essential reference for all collectors, researchers, historians and students". This is absolutely NOT the case! We all know publishers employ people with absolutely no knowledge of the subject to write these comments. I suspect the author may be embarrassed by those comments!The book is a basic guide at best and as other reviewers have commented it contains mainly info on identified presentation swords but little in the way of any actual info on swords themselves. For example there is only one page (p. 163) devoted to Union Light Artillery Swords and that only comprises two photos of Ames swords with brief captions. There is no text and no mention of other manufacturers, production dates, no mention of the two basic models, etc etc.Having said that the book is worth buying but don't expect it to provide much in the way of details or even general information on the various types of swords.

This book is filled with B&W photos and illustrations of swords and sabers, interspersed throughout the historical and descriptive narrative. There is no index but it is enjoyable searching for swords and seeing the photos alongside the descriptions of the various swords and sabers in use at that time.

Great Book! Great pictures and details. Works great with the Civil War Collector's Encyclopedia. We are looking forward to using them all in the field.

I used it to identify several mystery swords in my collection and for background history. I found it accurate, fascinating and well-written.

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