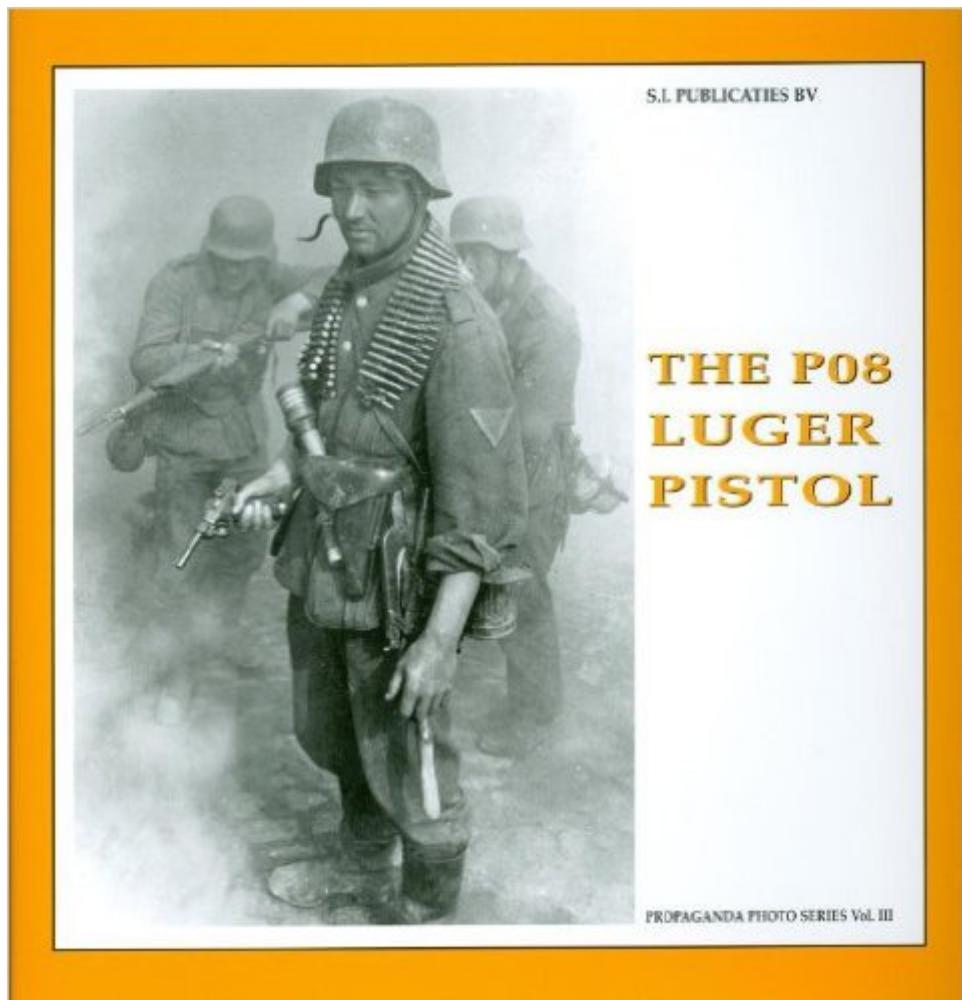


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Customer Reviews

The book was interesting and well written. The documentation and graphics were superb. I never knew why the Germans preferred the 9mm over a larger bullet until this book. The reason is the greater penetrating power through the heavy woolen clothes that the combatants had to wear in such cold weather; the 45 being fatter and slower was absorbed in the heavy clothing before it could do its work.

This book should be considered as a supplement to any other P-08 Luger book. The written information is somewhat general in nature and does not get into the fine details of the P-08. There are about 97 pictures of individuals using the Luger, but most are of the "posed" variety, that is to say the pics do not show soldiers in actual battle conditions, but are pics of military personnel behind the actual battle front. They show military personnel observing and firing the pistol, but usually performing target practice or simulated target practice. There are no 'live' battle front pics. They are none the less interesting. Most pics were taken in France, Russia, Poland and the Low countries. There seem to be many photos of German Luftwaffe (Air Force) personnel using the P-08, but the Luftwaffe was only a minor user of the P-08 whereas the German Army were the heavier users. One should consider this book as a good supplement to other Luger P-08 books. It's the pictures that make this book, but it is unfortunate that there are not any actual 'military action' photos. The soldier on the cover of this book is a good example of the type photos you will find inside the book, where there is much posing and no action. These photos were described in the book as being the 'send back to Germany' type photos by German military photographers, but none of the down and dirty type photos.

The P08 Luger pistol is probably the most famous pistol in history. G. de Vries and B. J. Martens' THE P08 LUGER PISTOL, part of the PROPAGANDA PHOTO SERIES published in the Netherlands, is a fascinating photo guide to that legendary weapon. After a 50-page introductory chapter covering the Luger's history and development, the book presents almost 100 well-reproduced and well-captioned photographs of the P08 in use. The images include pre-war and World War II shots including many target-shooting and a fair number of 'at-the-front' pix. Depicted are SS, Army, Air Force, Navy, foreign volunteers and even Heinrich Himmler. Luger buffs and small arms aficionados will undoubtedly enjoy this nicely-done tribute. Recommended.

I am just a 63 year old Aussie who appreciates the magnificent classic Luger pistols. Being a licenced Gun Dealer here in South Australia (for 34 years) I purchased a fantastic 1914 Luger last week. Wow. John

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