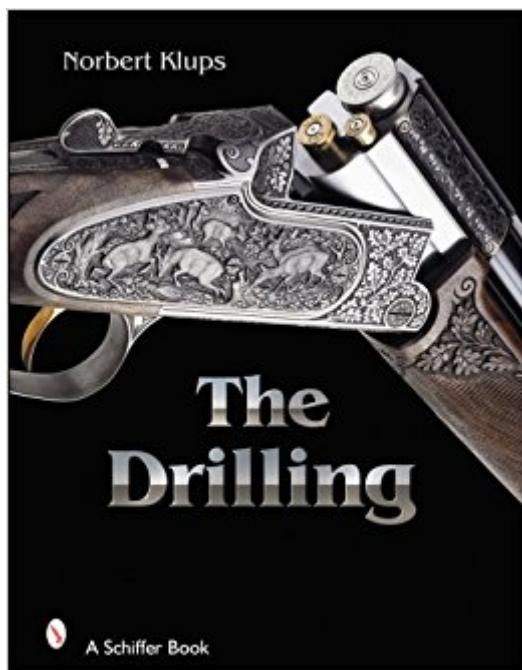


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# The Drilling Gun: History, Use, And Technology Of A Universal Hunting Weapon (Schiffer Military History)



## Synopsis

The Drilling is a triple barreled, shoulder held firearm. The gun's name is derived from the German word for three "drei." As a "combination gun," the Drilling is comprised of various combinations of shotgun and/or rifle barrels, giving the flexibility of shooting both types of cartridges with a very wide range of caliber from one firearm. Designed for the discerning hunter or survivalist, these guns were originally designed for the German and Austria forests where there was an advantage to carrying one gun with multiple loads when hunting the dense forests filled with various types of game, from deer, to wild boar and fowl. The option of quickly choosing a specific caliber enabled the hunter to be ready for whatever came out of the woods. Primarily made by small manufacturers, Drillings were offered in a broad range of barrel configurations, combinations, and calibers. Many of these firearms were custom made and are highly decorated through detailed engraving, stock carving and customized metal work. This book is an essential reference to this type of gun and looks at both older as well as contemporary Drillings and gives instructions on their use.

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## Customer Reviews

One of the few books on this subject, so I bought it; but the writing is incomprehensible in some places. It was written in German and translated by someone who knew very little about firearms. The pictures are beautiful, the printing is well done, but sometimes following the text is hard, especially when he is describing technical stuff like the operation of the lockwork. Klups' main interest is in current production drillings, not the exquisite historical ones from the "Golden Era" of 1920-1940. Useful as far as it goes but not useful enough to a collector to be of more than marginal

interest except for the lovely images.

I have found very little in print on this subject. I found this book to be very informative on drillings in general. The description of the different types of actions and how they function is a must for anyone interested in drillings. There are chapters describing barrel inserts and scope mounting options which anyone in the market for a drilling should read. The photographs are very nice also. I would highly recommend this book for anyone considering buying a used or new drilling.

The first review on this book made me more than a little suspicious but I bought it anyway. I'm very glad I did. The translation is a little awkward but completely readable to anyone with a basic knowledge of firearms. Some of the phrases are awkward (gas for pressure, and foreshaft for forearm) but nothing which should trouble someone looking to gain more information of the drilling. All in all an excellent book. Well worth the price. I don't know of another book of this quality and scope for anywhere near the price.

Despite the occasionally-stilted syntax of the author's commentary (an understandable consequence of tutonic phraseology that did not "translate" into English very well), I am finding this book eminently interesting, and well-worth having. Having admired, and collect examples of, German combination guns-- especially drillings-- for some years, I dove into the book eagerly, when it arrived! And I was not disappointed! The author takes pains to employ photography and prose paired as a "team" (and he does so, proficiently), to chronological, and categorically, present evolutionary elements of design during the still-unfolding Century-plus history of this genre, he ALSO takes you "inside" the various action innovations, examining and showing you HOW they worked (or, in some cases, didn't, very well) so that you end up with a much clearer sense of why and how these unusual firearms differ from one-another so much! Definitely worth the money. Anyone who enjoys this category of arms collection will be really missing-out if they don't get a copy of this book (which, because the topic is so esoteric, was presumably published in limited quantities, and thus may not remain available for long).

A very interesting and informative read. I learned a lot about the platform. I wish there were more books like this for other types of firearms

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