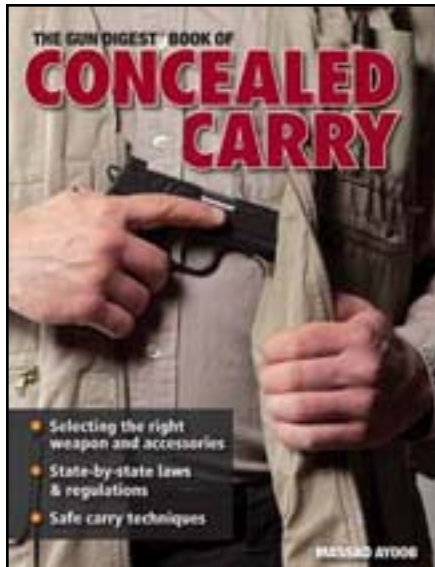


Book Reviews



Concealed Carry by Massad Ayoob; Gun Digest Books - An imprint of F+W Media, Inc., 700 East State Street - Lola, WI 45990-2873. (8-1/2 x 11 paperback) www.gundigestbooks.com Call 800-258-0920 for free catalog.

I could tell that this book was going to be a good read when I saw the first photo of the first chapter: it showed how one should handle getting a hug while carrying a concealed firearm. This sort of practical and useful information is what fills this book. I own other books on carrying concealed firearms, but this is the first one I've seen that was able to do an authoritative and exhaustive catalog of the things that need to be considered.

Gun Digest did the right thing in getting Massad Ayoob to author this book. Ayoob is a police officer, competitive shooter and trainer who is also a master writer and riveting storyteller. As an individual licensed to carry a concealed firearm, I've been reading his informative columns and books since the '80s. As a criminal defense lawyer, I'm familiar with the high esteem in which the Bar holds Ayoob as an expert witness on such matters. His training is held in high regard by the firearms community, and he has designed holsters and

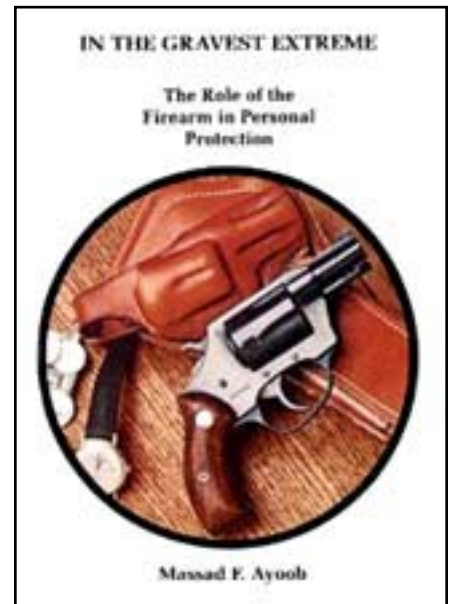
other police gear that have been very favorably received. Ayoob's ability to precisely and accurately communicate legal information to lay people is renowned — and it's certainly on display in this book. I can't think of a better author for this book.

Ayoob's 254-page **THE GUN DIGEST BOOK OF CONCEALED CARRY** covers a breadth of subject area that I would have found intimidating to contemplate. Fortunately, it appears that his decades of training police and civilians in firearms matters well prepared him for the task. The book, well illustrated with hundreds of clear black and white photos, begins with an overview of considerations that come with carrying a concealed firearm, as well as thoughts about why concealed carry might be something that would be helpful to a given woman or man. Ayoob then delves in some detail into the legal considerations of where, how and what to carry, modifications, ammunition, etc. He discusses when deadly force can legally be used, illustrating and fleshing out his points with true stories to keep it interesting, but always carefully writing in such a way that accurate information is conveyed. The author is always cautious to ensure that he recommends the safest legal course of action to his readers. There's no macho loudmouthing here — Ayoob is thoughtful and precise in his discussions of legal matters . . . and the subject warrants no less.

The practical matters of what might best suit an individual for carry are delved into in great detail, all illustrated with photos of different women and men of different builds — really demonstrating the points under discussion. Ayoob mentions small but vital considerations that most folks only learn after years of carry. Sitting down with **THE GUN DIGEST BOOK OF CONCEALED CARRY** gives the reader access to a master's knowledge of how to select a wardrobe for concealed carry, which

defensive loads to use, the dangers of overpenetration, the advantages and disadvantages of every type of carry option and well-illustrated tips on the use of such.

Anyone who considers carrying a concealed handgun, should add this book to their library.



In the Gravest Extreme: The Role of the Firearm in Personal Protection (Paperback), Police Bookshelf, PO Box 122, Concord, NH 03302

Written in 1980, there are some technical aspects of firearms law that are clearly outdated, the principles are thought-provoking and still apply. What I found interesting is that the author repeatedly states that it is preferable to avoid situations where one would have to use a defensive firearm. That is stated throughout the book. And he backs that up with situations where one could be charged with various degrees of murder, manslaughter, etc.

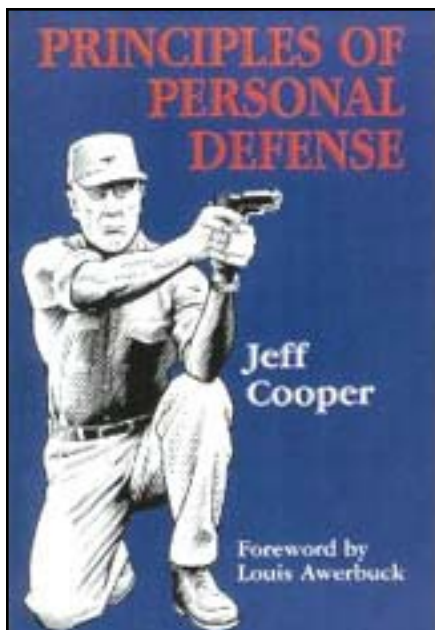
For example, you're walking down the street and someone insults you. Do you get into it with them, or just keep going? He explains that since you are

carrying a firearm, it is your responsibility to avoid having to use it, if possible. So getting into an argument with some punk because he called you a name, which could escalate into something which might cause you to draw your weapon, must be avoided. Legally, it could be devastating.

But he doesn't shy away from using it when absolutely necessary. One carries a firearm for a reason, and that is to avoid death or serious injury.

Also bear in mind that when this book was written, some very fine firearms hadn't been developed and/or used much, like the Glock. The same goes for calibers of ammunition, such as the .40 S&W.

Read this book because the principles still apply. Afterwards, do some further reading about various state and federal laws which now apply.



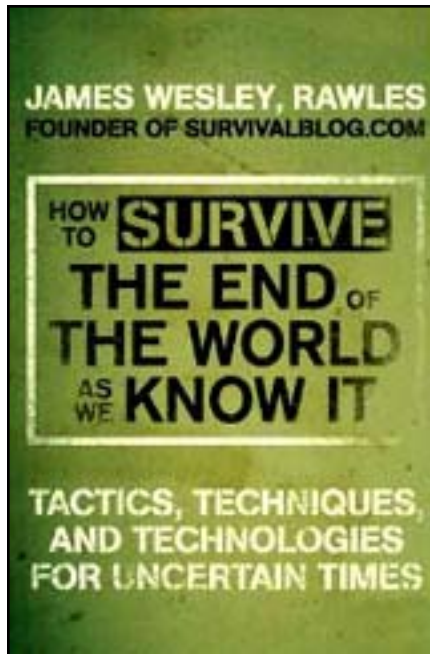
Principles Of Personal Defense by Jeff Cooper — Paladin Press, Div. of Paladin Enterprises, Inc., Gunbarrel Tech Center, 7077 Winchester Circle, Boulder, CO 80301

John Dean "Jeff" Cooper (May 10, 1920 - September 25, 2006) was recognized as the father of what is commonly known as "the Modern Technique" of handgun shooting, and is considered to be one of the 20th century's foremost international experts on the use and his-

tory of small arms.

Even today Principles of Personnel Defense is a must read for any student of self defense and the combat mindset. For many firearm training schools this is required reading.

This book is short, but it is good. Many of the points Cooper makes are every bit as valid and important now as when he first started teaching the Modern Technique. This is a must read for anyone who is a serious student of combat handgunning.



How To Survive The End Of The World As We Know It by James Wesley Rawles. Published by Penguin Group, Inc., 375 Hudson Street, New York, NY 10014. (5 x 8 paperpack)

The definitive guide on how to prepare for any crisis — from global financial collapse to a pandemic

It would only take one unthinkable event to disrupt our way of life. If there is a terrorist attack, a global pandemic, or sharp currency devaluation — you may be forced to fend for yourself in ways you've never imagined. Where would you get water? How would you communicate with relatives who live in other states? What would you use for fuel?

Survivalist expert James Wesley,
www.theamericansurvivor.us

Rawles, author of Patriots and editor of SurvivalBlog.com, shares the essential tools and skills you will need for you family to survive, including:

Water: Filtration, transport, storage, and treatment options.

Food Storage: How much to store, pack-it-yourself methods, storage space and rotation, countering vermin.

Fuel and Home Power: Home heating fuels, fuel storage safety, backup generators.

Garden, Orchard Trees, and Small Livestock: Gardening basics, non-hybrid seeds, greenhouses; choosing the right livestock.

Medical Supplies and Training: Building a first aid kit, minor surgery, chronic health issues.

Communications: Following international news, staying in touch with loved ones.

Home Security: Your panic room, self-defense training and tools.

When to Get Outta Dodge: Vehicle selection, kit packing lists, routes and planning.

Investing and Barter: Tangibles investing, building your barter stockpile. And much more.

How to Survive the End of the World as We Know It is a must-have for every well-prepared family.

We, at The American Survivor, recommend that all serious readers obtain every book we review in our magazine.

From this premier issue forward, we will be stressing defensive firearms, particularly concealed carry and serious, trouble times survival. We feel that good, solid, knowledge is imperative to our survival. Therefore, what we present to you is considered required reading.