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A few years later, Winchester became aware of the demand for a smaller, lighter and more modern rifle for medium to small game. Again, John Browning came through with the M1892, a downsized version of the Model 1886 capable of chambering the smaller but still relatively powerful cartridges like the .25-20 and the .44-40.

Over the years, these two models have become very collectible. But the majority were heavily used by the owners at a time in our nation's history when many, many people depended on hunting to supplement their diets. These rifles have been repaired and updated, sometimes at the Winchester factory but more often by the local gunsmith or even by their owners. The problem for the collector then is in determining what parts of the a particular rifle or carbine are original.

Arthur Pirkle's second volume in the Winchester Lever Action Repeating Rifle series provide the collector, museum curator, arms historian, gunsmith and hunter with a detailed description of each part for both models as well as any changes made to that part during its production life.

Organization is by serial number range. The book also includes a complete description of each model and all markings and other identification features.

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Editorial Review

From the Publisher

This is the second book in the Winchester Lever Action Repeating Firearms series, the first new information published in more than 25 years on these fine, historical rifles. We at North Cape Publications have endeavored to make it as useful a series as possible. Each model is examined on a part-by-part basis. All changes to any part are linked to a serial number range at which that change was made. Armed with this information, the collector can determine very quickly whether or not a particular Winchester is "correct as manufactured" or if incorrect parts have been added. The series also provides full details on markings and wood and metal finishes. Extensive appendices are included with each book in the series to provide specific information about rare or special models.

About the Author

Arthur Pirkle is a well-known collector and dealer in Winchester Firearms. He is the author of Winchester Lever Action Repeating Firearms, Vol. 1, the Models of 1866, 1873, and 1876, and Vol. 2, The Models of 1886 and 1892. Mr. Pirkle served two tours of duty in Vietnam as a Marine Corps Master Sergeant. He has been collecting and studying Winchester firearms and records for more than 40 years.

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