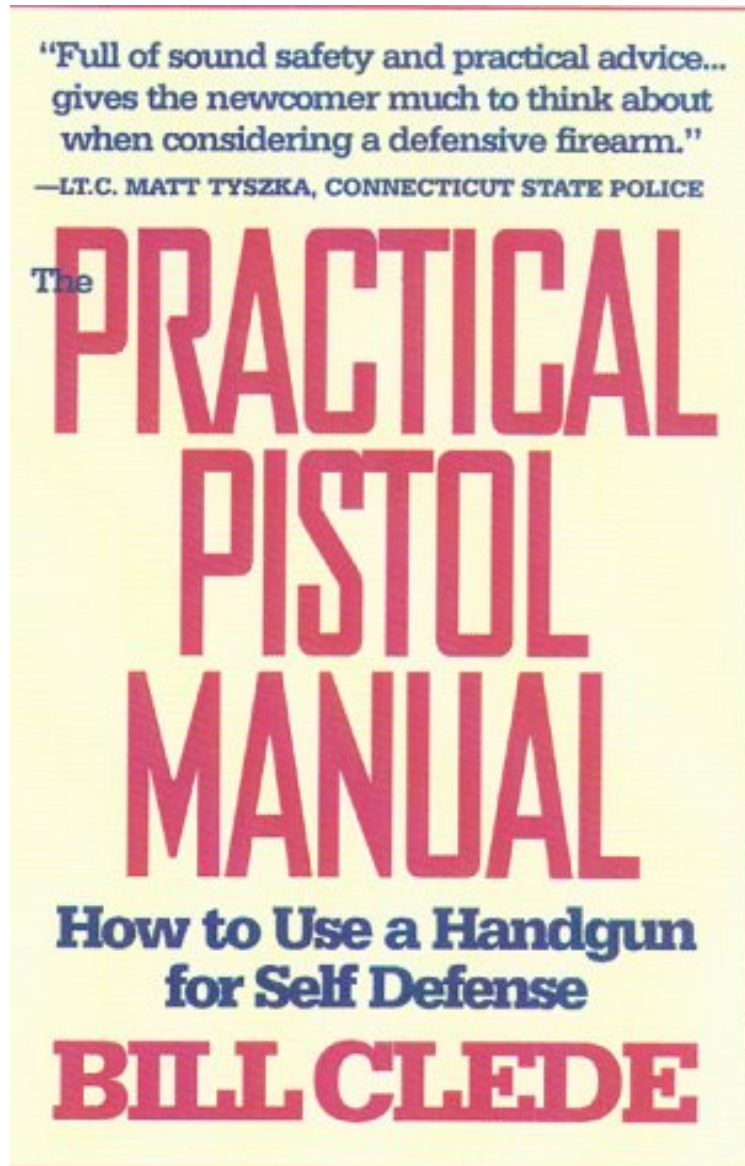


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0 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Not quite what I was looking forBy TheNekoThe book is short and

doesn't have much useful information on marksmanship. They talk about self-defense mostly, and I was looking for a book on how to improve my shooting ability, how to clean and maintain my firearms, and how to be safe. This book didn't help me much in that regard. 8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. A good book for newcomers to using firearms for self-defense

By Joseph H Pierre
In his introduction the author acknowledges that there are many fine books dealing with gun handling, marksmanship and confrontational behavior directed at specialists in those subjects. He perceived a need for a book intended for people who simply want to qualify for their CCW (concealed carry) permits and to conduct themselves responsibly when they carry their weapons. He does a good job addressing that audience. The book is carefully written, and all of the information it contains will be helpful to novices who want to learn more about firearms, their handling, and the incumbent responsibilities incurred concomitant with carrying a concealed firearm. Thirty-one states at last count have "must issue" laws, permitting any law-abiding citizen with no history of mental illness or a criminal record to qualify for a concealed carry license. Many of us have them. They have been found to reduce violent crime in those states with such laws, and in fact have saved many lives, as statistics show. A hostile press has downplayed the demonstrated efficacy of an armed populace in reducing crime by simply not reporting the 2.5 million instances per year in the United States where armed citizens have used firearms to prevent crimes, while dramatically playing up each of the far fewer instances where a gun is used in a crime (school shootings, etc.). But, a lot of the people who are new to firearms need the information in this book, and another one written by the late George L. Tooley: "George Tooley's Beginner's Book on How to Handle Firearms Safely," which is also available on . It is very similar to this book by Bill Clede. Both authors have been law enforcement officers. Tooley spent 45 years in law enforcement and corrections, most of it teaching other officers to shoot and care for their weapons. His book is more heavily illustrated than Clede's, and in some areas more detailed. It contains less information on when to shoot and the legal ramifications, and more on shooting accurately and safely, and the details of firearms and how they work. Both books are aimed at the same audience.

Joseph H. Pierre
author, Handguns and Freedom...their care and maintenance
38 of 40 people found the following review helpful. Kind words from a friend.

By A Customer
Truth in packaging - Bill Clede is a long-time friend, although we've never met. We've been corresponding on CompuServe since forever. You'll also find my name in the credits for his Security Officer's Manual. Bill is a practical guy, and has about as much patience as a forest fire. When he sits down to tell you a story, or tell you how to do something, it's clear, concise, and you'd [expletive] well better listen if you know what's good for you. What we have here is an excellent compendium of all of the courses and studies (and discussions!) I've ever seen on what to do and not do while carrying a firearm. Bill starts with the usual "this is a gun" drawings, moves to "sight picture" (how to hold the thing), and then spends more or less the rest of the book telling you when to shoot or not shoot, and why. If you're a Police Officer, you've probably already heard all of this, but should read it again anyway. If you're a private citizen who wants to keep a gun in the house, or if you're legally able to carry one, it's a must for how, why, and when....

Skinny little book, BIG message.... Stu Mulne

Drawn from the training course the author developed for the state of Connecticut for citizens desiring to obtain "concealed carry" permits for handguns, this book covers everything a person will need to know about using a handgun for self defense. Includes Chapters on safety, defending yourself in court, psychology, and when NOT to use a gun in self defense. More than twenty states now permit concealed carry so citizen education in the safe and effective use of handguns is essential.

About the Author
Bill Clede is a former police officer and long time free lance writer. He is technical editor of Law and Order magazine, author of numerous books for police officers, and a member of the American Society of Law Enforcement Trainers.