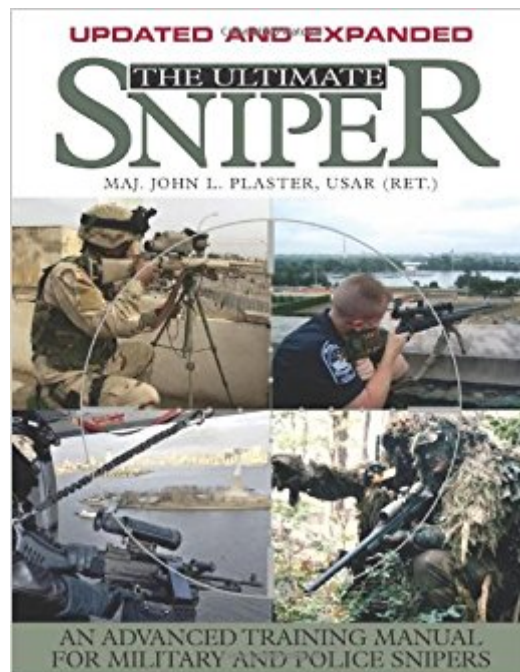




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The Ultimate Sniper: An Advanced Training Manual For Military And Police Snipers



Synopsis

When John Plaster's *The Ultimate Sniper* was released in 1993, it was hailed as an instant classic in the sniping community, influencing an entire generation of military and police marksmen around the world. Now, this revolutionary book has been completely updated and expanded for the 21st century. Through revised text, new photos, specialised illustrations, updated charts and additional information sidebars, *The Ultimate Sniper* once again thoroughly details the three great skill areas of sniping; marksmanship, fieldcraft and tactics. This new edition includes the latest tactics and techniques from the frontlines of the War on Terror, including the mountains, deserts and urban areas of the Middle East and Central Asia; analysis of evolving techniques including lasers, night vision, FLIR and ballistics programmes; an all-new chapter on countersniping 'lessons learned' in Iraq and Afghanistan; and detailed ballistics and trajectory data for sniper ammunition. About the Author Major John L. Plaster served three tours in the top-secret unconventional warfare group, Studies and Observations Group, in Vietnam. As a long-range reconnaissance leader, he led tiny intelligence-gathering teams behind enemy lines in Laos and Cambodia before leaving SOG in late 1971. He was decorated for heroism four times and retired from the U.S. Army as a major.

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This is a great book some what older information, but also has some good information that will always be needed or usable. Not just for snipers but for game hunters, preppers, All this is changing fast with the digital age new equipment is being developed really fast and techniques for the changing face of our enemies and threats. Interesting reading and concepts

....by 'almost', I'm referring to the illustrations within the book. As the old adage says, 'don't judge a book by its cover'...which is exactly what I did. I thought that because of the high quality pics on the cover, the inside would have the same pictures throughout. As it turns out, figures/illustrations are drawings or B&W photos. Regardless, all the info you need to teach yourself long range precision shooting is included. Well worth the money, would definitely recommend it.

We'll here's a book title that may get some folks shorts in a bunch. Of course if you wanted to learn about long range shooting, what other title would you look under? As a work dedicated to sniper training, it is probably representative of more basic or summary treatment of topics, but I'd leave this critique to someone more qualified. The book is promoted or defined as an Advanced Training Manual for Military and Police Snipers, but the detail in description and selection of any long range shooting equipment is the most comprehensive I've seen in public print. The book offers quite an education to almost any shooter. The rifle selection coverage is expansive. You'll find everything from types of actions to special preparation and specific model rifle features to look for. The section on scopes is a definitive work on shooting optics, including full description and application of every reticle I can think of, fitting and setting up a scope including mount and ring shimmming and offsetting techniques. I know I have a better understanding of how MIL dot set up is suppose to work. This section concludes with a chapter on utilizing scopes, as well as related problems and solutions. There is great detail on shooting positions, using a sling, breathing techniques, etc. There is an excellent chapter on ballistics, including the basics of bullet and case construction, and on to premium cartridge selection and cartridge options, pros and cons. This section then rolls into a chapter that ties the preceding together into long-range marksmanship coverage. All of the preceding is all capped off with a good deal of information on field equipment ranging from range finders and binoculars to field posting and camouflage. Some of the material needs conversion to a hunting situation, while the concept remains the same; as an example, there is a lot of information on tracking and covering a given terrain or situation. To tell you the truth, I thought this content was closer to what "Art of the Rifle" would provide. If you are interested in long distance shooting with

centerfire cartridges, this is an excellent addition to a home library.

This book is entertaining to study and commit some parts to memory. I have a love of learning and this is my first exposure to sniper fieldcraft and detection. I have been a bench rest shooter for 30 years and the marksmanship descriptions are great! I can relate to some of the fieldcraft based on bow hunting and long range hunting experiences. I am a little frustrated about two subjects. I can not find the 'mesh' camo discussed in the book as expedient for police snipers. I also would like a discussion of group sizes obtained with various rests and positions, particularly the camera tripods now deployed in the field. Being an experimentalist, I prefer data to theory.

I didn't necessarily buy this book so I could become a shake-and-bake sniper. I'm in my fifties and my eyes aren't what they used to be nor do I have the time and money to buy all the latest in sniper gimcrackery. No, I bought this book in order to sharpen my marksmanship, fieldcraft, and tactical skills while using the commonly available iron-sighted rifles I currently have as well as to further my understanding of countersniper techniques. I also wanted to see what the youngest generation of military snipers in our military have in the way of gear and training. John Plaster's writing style is simple and to the point; you feel like you have an old friend walking you through every concept on every page. There are zillions of those neat little tips that leave you thinking, "Wow, why haven't I thought of that?" We have the freedom we have today because we were a nation of marksmen over 200 years ago. If you have any interest in marksmanship or teaching marksmanship to your children, this is a book that should be in your reference library.

Parts of it were a little bit "dry" because of the discussion about ammunition. But most of it was fascinating. Frankly, it was hard to believe that there was that much to know about being a sniper. Rest assured: there is a lot to know and my guess is this book covers all of it. Enjoy.

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