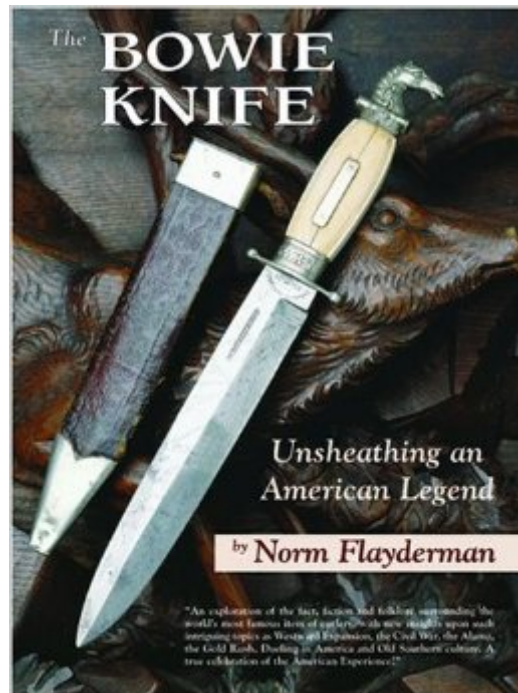


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# The Bowie Knife: Unsheathing An American Legend



## Synopsis

From Norm Flayderman, perhaps the best-known name in arms collecting, comes this exciting new book on the Bowie Knife. All we can say is 'You will be astounded...It's great.' The size and quality of this book make it a huge bargain. It is a deluxe edition, printed entirely in color, with hundreds of massive, professional photographs showing every detail of your favorite knives. As an added bonus, the photos also contain a countless selection of some of the best guns and swords that you will ever see - so while this is technically a knife book, it truly has something for everyone. For instance, there is a large chapter on Dueling in America, and the Civil War chapters are a book in and of themselves. This is simply a 'must-buy' purchase for any collector of antique weaponry. You won't be disappointed. 512 pages, 9 inches x 12 inches; Hardcover.

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## Customer Reviews

There is a lot of good material in here, along with some questionable material - but what is desperately lacking is organization. It IS arranged into chapters, but they don't seem coherent. It is a great big album of STUFF, and it is left up to the poor reader to try to figure what the point of each item is, and what goes with what. It does include a lot of pictures, but they have several problems, too. - Most of the pictures include multiple items, both knives and props. It is ALWAYS a mistake to prop knife photos, unless the prop is directly associated with THAT PARTICULAR knife. That is almost never the case here. The result is that the random props set up false historical associations. And not only are the props irrelevant to the knives, the knives in group photos are often irrelevant to

each other.- The pictures are only of knives Mr. Flayderman owns or owned. While he does live at the center of the universe, there are 'several' knives that never made it into his orbit. So, as big as this book is, there are probably more types of bowies left out than included. And there is a fair number of non bowies included, merely because he happened to own them. Also many of the knives shown are nowhere near the best surviving examples of their types, in condition. So... I figure it would take a really experienced person the best part of a year to sort it out. And the only efficient way to do it would be to buy TWO copies, cut off their bindings, cut up the pages into individual items, then "edit" it all into a coherent whole -- using a folio sized album, and leaving gaps for what is not there (which you could then fill in from other books, especially auction catalogs). Flayderman should have done this editing himself, or at least hired it done.

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