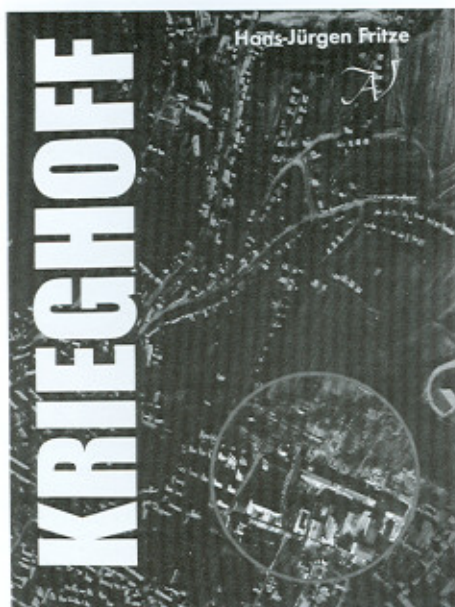


Book review



Krieghoff

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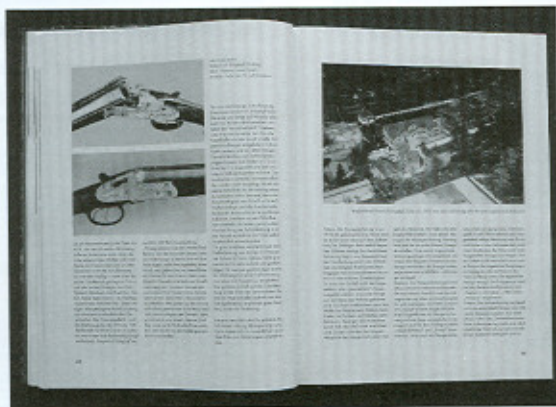
This large format (9 1/2" x 12") book with 264 pages is a welcome edition to the serious student of the Krieghoff family dynasty. It has many black and white photos, but shows very few Krieghoff hunting guns. The early Krieghoff

family and business history, although covered, takes a back seat to the history of the company from 1933 into the 1950s. Because it was one of the major German gun companies, Krieghoff was part of the re-arming of Germany; thus it grew rapidly. It had several branch factories located

in Germany and Austria.

Collectors know about Heinrich Krieghoff's firm's production of Luger pistols. The book, *The Krieghoff Parabellum* by Randall Gibson, documents its history well. This book was published by Taylor Publishing of Dallas, Texas in 1980. Not as well known is the fact that Krieghoff became a major producer and developer of guns for fighter planes. The book covers this information in great detail, showing and describing the various models and production information.

The World War II years are well covered, as well as the years right after the war when American troops first occupied Suhl, followed shortly by Russian troops. The destruction of the factory buildings by the Russians and the takeover by the new Communist government are reported in detail. One chapter covers the difficult new beginning in the divided Germany, first in Heidenheim and then in Ulm. This new information is fascinating to read.



Your editor, having also experienced these difficult times in Suhl, can't judge how much interest there will be in this book. I have, therefore, decided to accept special orders for this book. If you order a copy

with a \$40.00 deposit by September 15th, we will bring the books back with us when we return from our trip to Germany early in October.

The final price should come to about \$50.00 to \$60.00 depending on exchange rate and actual costs.