The World's Great Small Arms (English And Spanish Edition)
This book does contain plenty of good information, much of it generalized information that most gun collectors/enthusiasts would know. But it's a fantastic learning book for your beginners to the firearms world who want to get a good start on their knowledge. However, I found this book frustrating in the way it was set up and formatted along with the pictures of guns with cutaway portions can be tough to follow. Even when looking at a cutaway picture of a rifle I own and have taken completely apart 1000 times I found myself attempting to figure out what is what in the picture. It usually ended with me picking out parts I recognize and then figure out what the rest is. This book also has formatting that can be frustrating. You may be on a page that has the foldout cutaway picture of the M16A1 service rifle along with some pictures of the M16. But the text below is often speaking about an entirely different rifle. This can frustrating for those who are using this book as a learning tool. The poor format doesn't allow for those people to compare what their reading to the pictures with ease. Overall, there is plenty of good information for those who are new to firearms but the cutaway pictures and formatting are to be desired.

Ok, I'll be honest, I bought it for the pictures, at first. I found this book at Barne's and being attracted to guns as I was, I picked it up and looked through it and noticed all the beautiful diagrams, cross sections, photos, etc. So I bought it. After looking at all the photos and reading about a few of my favorite guns such as the AK and PPSH, I put it down where it layed for a while until I was bored and...
picked it back up again and started reading. What I learned was everything, how it worked, its history, present, and future of most every gun imaginable. I’m almost done with the book now, I’m at the SMG section. After reading the rifles section I decided to buy a rifle and am now in the market for a Dragunov sniper rifle. This book has inspired me to take up a new hobby in gun collecting.

This is the perfect book for anyone who’s interested in small arms. I know several people who loves this book; one is a passionate hobby-hunter who also owns a large collection of hand guns, one is a female author of thrillers who uses this book for research and the last one is her step son (13 y/o), who regularly tries to steal her book and show it to his classmates. The book contains a very large number of small arms, all thoroughly described and with excellent photos. The reader can use it as an encyclopedia, or just indulge in the history of small arms. This book is simply the best.
(French and English Edition) From Great Paragraphs to Great Essays (Great Writing)