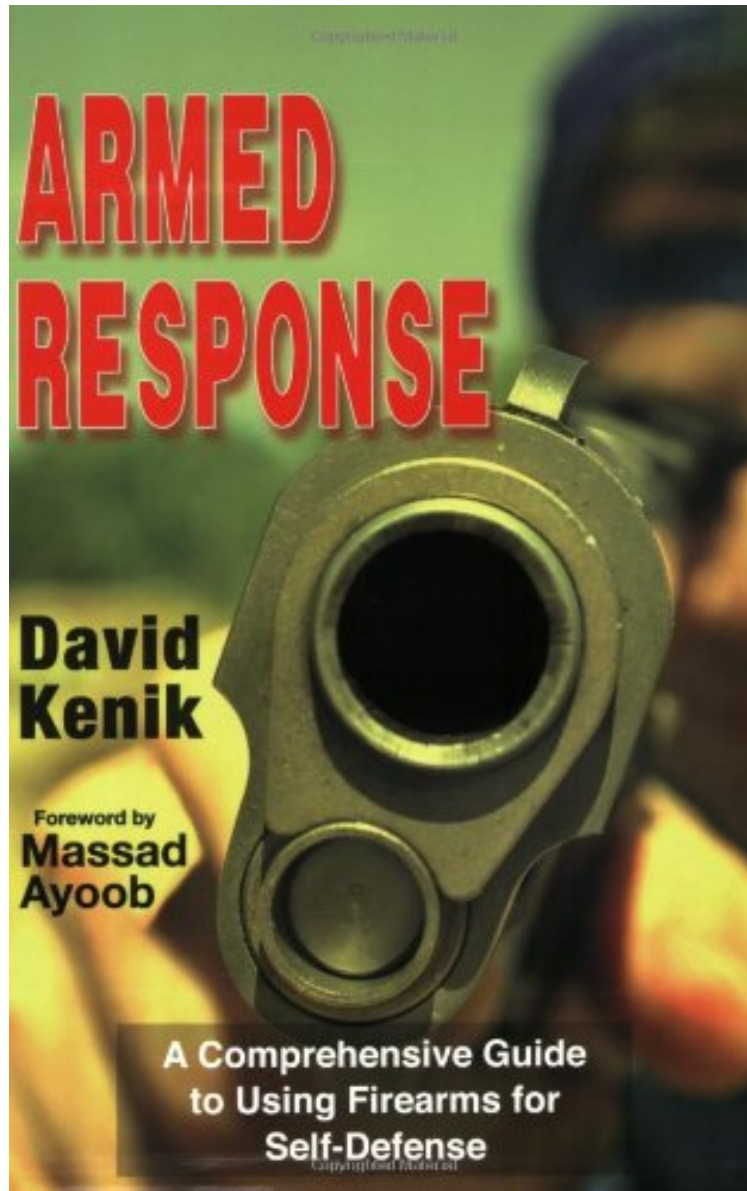


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By Walt C. Secret knowledge? Not so much. Common sense? Yep, likely in abundance, right up to the point of editorializing at the end. This is a tough book to review, the subject is so charged politically. So starting off with the non-controversial stuff, mechanical production. The book was poorly published. Where page 22 should have been page 12 was reprinted. And insert page, smaller, was tucked in after the second page 12. Even it didn't line up with page 23. From that point forward there were several pages that never mated to the following or prior page. Certainly words, if not paragraphs were missing. This was disturbing as the book was recommended by my instructor and I really wanted to read what Kenik had to say. Everything up to the chapter on Gun Control was very good...5 star. Book production 1 star (it made it to print). I have no doubt that David Kenik is expert in this field. With the exception of chapter 32, I got a tremendous amount out of the book. I've been on this planet many decades, voted in dozens of elections and never once heard of someone elected or otherwise try to 'take my gun away', or my brother's or his girlfriend's. I was either pre-teen or early teen when I took a rifle shooting class at the YMCA. As a teen I had a .22 which is still around. I realize that sometimes bad things happen to good people. I also realize only fools go looking for it, see title of review. But sometimes it happens anyway. Since I've twice referenced chapter 32, let me comment on that. If nobody had guns, nobody would get shot. How can anyone argue with that? The operative word there is nobody. Nowhere in that sentence did it say good people. There are many people that should not, maybe never, be allowed to possess a weapon. I believe that is the point of the license and finger print and criminal background, mental health check. Simply put, that's the point of making it 'not easy'. Not easy is not the same thing as impossible. Getting a weapon that can kill from a distance because your, then current, girl friend has other prospective suitors, is a bad reason and pretty much goes to intent. Getting one because unknown person(s) are showing up at your residence with malice at 2am, and escalating, is a much better reason. The acquisition of this means of self defense and protection of life or property I don't believe anyone has an issue with. A girl friend is not property and anyone feeling that way is way more dangerous than a gun. My instructor was approached by just such a person. Guns don't kill people, people kill people. No issue there, but that is why some people shouldn't be allowed to have weapons that make the process easier. One last point, Assault weapons. I believe there are a class of weapon that, by their design, can be easily converted to fully automatic. There is an adage about perception becoming reality. If an AR-15 is perceived as more dangerous than a .22 and more sexy to the 18 to 30 'outlaw' type and can be converted to full auto easily, then the perception it is more dangerous than a .22 becomes reality. (a marksman with a .22 is far more lethal than a kid with a .44) And being in the liberal bastion of Massachusetts, one wouldn't expect it legal to own an AR-15, yeah it really is so long as it meets a few questionable conditions. I am sure that doesn't do the rationale justice but I am equally sure it was not a couple of old dudes that like their Scotch old and women young that got together one evening and made that decision. Government is the collection of people we elect to make the rules. They don't always get it right, but they also don't always get it wrong. Chapters 1-31 are very good. It is unfortunate this is such an emotionally and politically charged area. If you want a reason to hate people with guns or hate the people that hate people with guns, skip 1-31 and go straight to 32. If you want to learn more about responsibly using one and understanding the mechanical, physical, legal and moral issues with having one, focus on 1-31. What scares me the most, is not the gun, but the person that sees this through the lens of vitriol, disgust, and loathing of those that don't agree with them...from either side. Defending one's life has no political affiliation. Adding chapter 32 did the author a grave disservice.
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Good overall book. Not as good as anything by Ayoob or Spaulding.

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