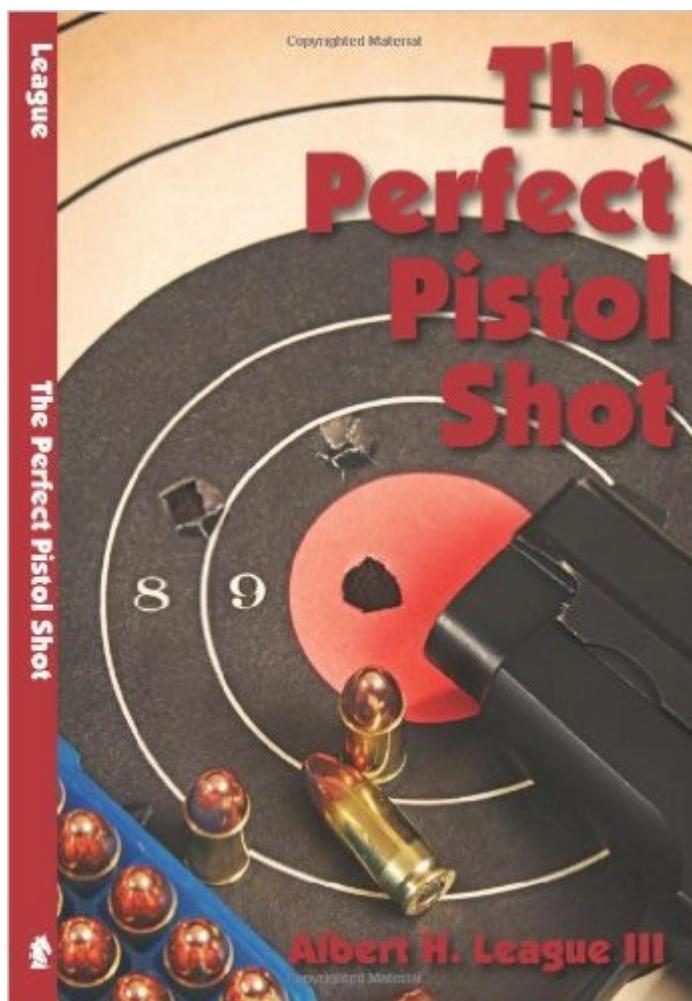


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# The Perfect Pistol Shot



## Synopsis

"You will either master the pistol or the pistol will master you." To fire perfect shots, you must train for perfect shots. But whether you want to shoot squirrels, punch holes in paper targets, or defend your home, there is only one path to achieving consistent accuracy with a handgun: mastering the fundamentals of marksmanship. Written by a former U.S. Marine Corps firearms instructor who has taught more than a thousand law enforcement, military, and security personnel, *The Perfect Pistol Shot* uses succinct lessons, uncommon exercises, and real-world stories to provide a fresh look at a vital topic for all gunmen. It includes:

- The single most important "trick" to perfecting handgun marksmanship
- A simple concept for learning how to shoot a gun twice as fast
- A series of unique "Prove It" exercises that allow you to test the concepts offered without the pressure of actual shooting
- An entertaining chapter on guns, gun magazines, and gun gurus that will help you make wiser choices about your training
- Knowing how to engage targets is valuable for the defensive shooter, but if "engaging" doesn't translate into "hitting," what's the point? You must have a solid foundation on which to build tactical skills. Your reward will be conversion from just another hapless shooter into an independent marksman.

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## Customer Reviews

Mr. League's style is entertaining while his substance hits the bulls-eye. Too many "experts" complicate the shooting process. The Perfect Pistol Shot (TPPS) focuses on how to perfect the basics and avoid common mistakes. The exercises are unique and effective. I practiced the techniques and my shooting improved. I routinely out-shoot my colleagues and recommended TPPS to several.

This is a good read for making clear one thing - the gun fires where you point it. This sounds obvious, but most shooters have difficulty hitting within 8 inches at 25', much less 3" at that distance. It reviews the mechanics of sighting and shooting, along with task to prove the author's points. I would have liked to see it also make the point that accuracy is 90% mental. Once you stop flinching and thinking about recoil, your accuracy improves tremendously. Until then, it doesn't matter what else you do, you'll never be accurate.

For someone like me, a beginner pistol shooter, to see my shooting markedly improve after just one reading of a short book, is nothing short of amazing. Shooting is indeed an intellectual pursuit, and just practicing without understanding why you shoot the way you do won't do you any good. You have to practice the right kind of shooting to improve. Buy this book and read it carefully several times, it will help your shooting. Couldn't recommend it more strongly.

This is an inexpensive, relatively short book. Regardless of price or length, it is worth every penny and every minute of reading and practicing the effective exercises. The author is concise (often dryly humorous) and hits fundamentals other shooting books allude to, but do not explain. Natural point of aim, proper grip, trigger control, etc as explained in the book are easy to understand and execute...he "Proves It" with exercises throughout the material. This is not a Practical Shooting book, nor is it a self defense guide. This is shooting perfectly, providing the fundamentals which then allow a shooter to develop the fundamentals into more skills (with training) for Practical Shooting and self defense, if desired. Or, just keep developing target shooting skills...you have many directions to go in shooting. But understand the basics first, unlearn self taught "skills" or local Gun Guru guidance. What a wonderful, simple book to explain the complex fundamental skills necessary to shoot well, regardless of your handgun shooting goals. I have already recommended it to other people, who mistakenly consider me their local guru....I am not that person, I just enjoy shooting with some competence, and gladly relinquish the undeserved guru status to Mr. League. I have much work to do to keep improving, and this book is a wonderful refresher or primer, whichever you require.

I am a member of a Bullseye Target league and I found this book to be very useful and down to earth. No "Zen" and visualizing a bullseye, etc. Just good old fashioned advice on how to shoot straight.

The meat and potatoes of this book are chapters 2 thru 7, which covers sighting (vision, sight alignment and sight picture), trigger control and grip, body alignment and natural point of aim, breathing, instruction on meshing these skills together to achieve the perfect pistol shot, and training and error correction (self coaching). Other related hand gun skills such as drawing from a holster, speed reloading techniques, gun presentation, etc, are not addressed. The focus of this book is solely on the act of shooting the handgun. More specifically, it deals with basic bulls-eye shooting, that is, standing stationary and shooting at a stationary target. Yet another way of saying this is marksmanship. Marksmanship is the mandatory basic building block for learning the more advanced tactical skills of defensive shooting and competitive shooting. So this is an excellent book for learning marksmanship, which is necessary to master in order to move on to tactical shooting.

This was a good, short book. The section on front sight is great and I will try everything I read, but I've read a lot already and this book contradicts certain ideas that make sense. This book says not to use a tough grip, but I've read that under stress you will naturally use a crush grip. Also, the book talks about letting the shot surprise you which I disagree on. You should always know exactly when your shot will break. It also says to ride the reset to shoot twice as fast which I disagree with because you will waste time looking for that reset point and might even short stroke the trigger. Also, in a defense scenario, you cannot rely on finding that reset reliably. You will likely short stroke or most likely fire when you don't want to. Other than that and a couple grammatical errors that should be easily caught in editing, I liked this book.

I have went through this book twice so far. The second time around things became much clearer. I'm going back through and highlighting the particulars that apply to me. Pretty awesome little book, probably one of the best I've read on the subject. AUGUST 10, 2014 UPDATE: Because The Perfect Pistol Shot is such a condensed read, you may not see the forest for the trees. I have been going back to it and as suggested I put it in my range bag. Each time I review through the pages I find little pearls of information. Lately though, I have been investing more time into the 'Prove It' sections and they have turned up the heat in my shooting quite a bit. I was always able to reasonably place hits on bullseye and silhouettes before, but now the accuracy and grouping has improved dramatically and I don't have to go through a box of 50 for results. For the macho shooters that claim that this book is for beginners I doubt seriously that they are anywhere within the 10% of accurate shooters. This book is an excellent buy if you study it and follow the flow of information. You should see the looks I get at the range.

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