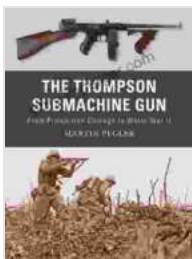


# From Prohibition Chicago To World War II Weapon

The Thompson submachine gun is one of the most iconic weapons of the 20th century. It was used by gangsters and soldiers alike during the Prohibition era and World War II. This article tells the story of the gun's development, use, and impact on history.



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## The Development of the Thompson Submachine Gun

The Thompson submachine gun was developed by John T. Thompson, a U.S. Army officer. Thompson was inspired to create a new type of weapon after seeing the carnage of World War I. He believed that a submachine gun would be more effective in close-quarters combat than the standard rifles and pistols of the day.

Thompson's first prototype was completed in 1919. The gun was a .45-caliber, air-cooled, blowback-operated weapon. It had a 20-round magazine

and a rate of fire of 800 rounds per minute. The Thompson submachine gun was immediately adopted by the U.S. Army and Marine Corps.

### **The Thompson Submachine Gun in Prohibition Chicago**

The Thompson submachine gun quickly became a favorite weapon of gangsters during the Prohibition era. The gun's compact size and high rate of fire made it ideal for close-quarters combat. Gangsters also appreciated the fact that the Thompson submachine gun was easy to conceal.

The Thompson submachine gun was used in countless gangland shootings during the Prohibition era. Some of the most famous gangsters to use the gun included Al Capone, John Dillinger, and Bonnie and Clyde.

### **The Thompson Submachine Gun in World War II**

The Thompson submachine gun was also used extensively by U.S. forces during World War II. The gun was particularly effective in close-quarters combat, such as in the trenches and in urban areas.

The Thompson submachine gun was also used by other Allied forces, including the British, French, and Canadians. The gun was also used by the Axis powers, including the Germans and Japanese.

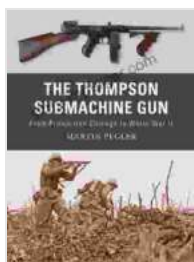
### **The Impact of the Thompson Submachine Gun**

The Thompson submachine gun had a significant impact on military history. The gun was one of the first successful submachine guns, and it helped to pave the way for the development of modern assault rifles.

The Thompson submachine gun also had a significant impact on popular culture. The gun has been featured in countless movies, television shows,

and video games. The Thompson submachine gun is also a popular collector's item.

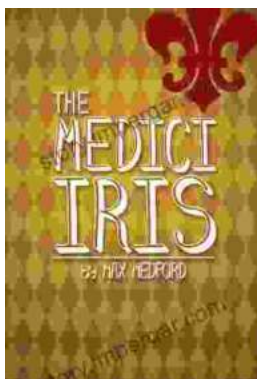
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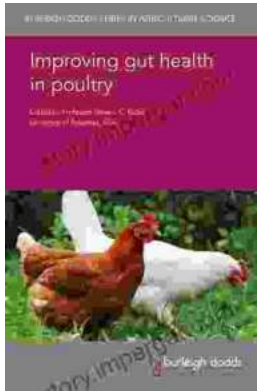
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