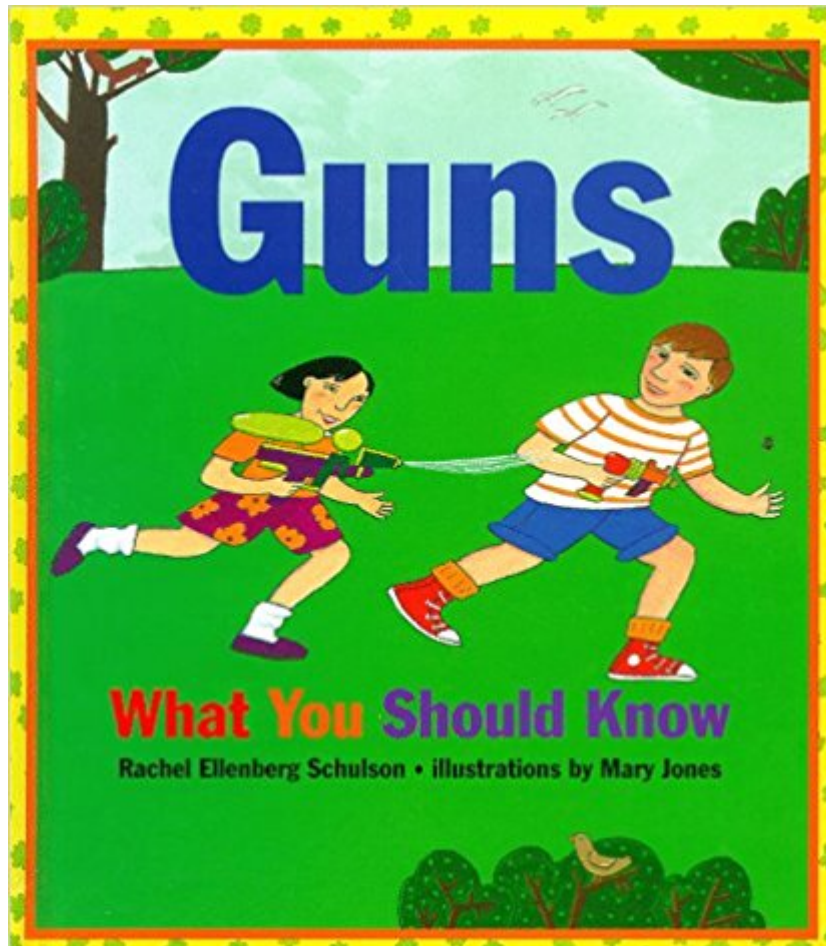




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# Guns: What You Should Know



## Synopsis

This simple, frank book gives curious information about guns without taking a side in the gun debate. After briefly talking about types of guns, Rachel Schulson explains that because children see shooting in movies or on TV, they might not realize how badly a gun can hurt someone. Safety rules at the back of the book will help parents share a critical subject with children. Full color.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 1. This easy-to-read selection is a timely addition to any collection. Using simple words and bright, childlike illustrations, the book conveys an important message. Beginning with a description of various types of guns and how they work, Schulson goes on to explain that, even though these weapons don't really hurt characters on TV and in movies, in real life they can seriously injure and even kill people. The author concludes by listing some important rules about gun safety. While the writing is ordinary, and the pictures somewhat static, this book fills a real need. Jan Shepherd Ross, Dixie Elementary Magnet School, Lexington, KY Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc.

"This easy-to-read selection is a timely addition to any collection." School Library Journal --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Every family should have a copy of this. It's non-partisan--not promoting gun control or advocating for gun ownership. Instead, it strictly addresses the serious considerations of tampering with and

using firearms. Educating children about this is imperative--especially if it is likely that they would be in the home of someone who may not keep all firearms unloaded and locked away. For someone who did not have access to this information, his friends all missed celebrating his 17th birthday. Teach children respect and safe handling of firearms so they live to make a decision about whether to own guns themselves.

My son is 4 and this book was a good introduction to the gun conversation. It primarily defined what a gun is & how it worked. When he gets a little older I will look for something that hammers more into what to do if you find a gun. I don't care to have firearms in the house but we stand to inherit an arsenal. I would rather be straight forward about the subject than fearful.

We read the book to our kids and they immediately got the message. Sometimes when we are doing chores or driving in the car I make up a random situation "If you guys are playing at the park and you see a gun laying under a slide, what do you do?" The kids yell "Don't touch it" "Tell Someone". This book is a great introduction to gun safety.

When my son started pretending to shoot things with a gun (made from his hands, or sometimes a stick) a few weeks ago, I immediately thought to look for a book about gun safety aimed (no pun intended!) at preschoolers. A children's librarian found this one for me. It is exactly what I wanted--a simple way to explain to my three-year-old that a real gun is very different from a toy or pretend gun. The brief, simple text talks about different kinds of guns (shoulder arms vs. hand guns), how a bullet works, and why guns are dangerous even though they don't look that way on TV. The text states that grownups have different opinions about gun laws in the United States, but that all grownups agree that children shouldn't play with guns. The final page gives rules for what to do if you (a child) ever find a gun. The illustrations are explicit enough to prompt discussion, but not at all scary. This book has generated lots of productive conversation and questions about guns. Five stars for helping out a busy parent with a tough topic!

I like the fact that this book is non-judgemental regarding guns. It states the facts of the situation clearly and succinctly. My eight year old son had no trouble reading it and understanding the content of the text. Use of words and examples is good. I appreciate the fact that guns were not referred to as weapons. This is consistent with firearms training protocols for non-military personnel. One technical inaccuracy was noted. The cut-away illustration of the pistol referred to

"bullets" in the pistol magazine. They are properly called "cartridges". But this is a minor detail. The safety message at the end, while thorough, was too wordy to be easily remembered. But it is not inconsistent with the Eddie Eagle Safety Message of "Stop! Don't Touch! Leave the Area! Tell an Adult!" Overall - very nicely done! David G. Coy, CMA, CPA Associate Professor - Accountancy Adrian College Adrian, Michigan I am an NRA Certified Firearms Instructor

I have read this book to my primary grade students since it was published. It presents facts about gun safety clearly, without taking sides. It is amazing how many discussions it provokes from the students. It is a great starting place for teaching safety, particularly gun safety, to young students. It should be a "must have" in any elementary school media center.

Values neutral book is good for children, it will answer their questions, thus stopping most of the curiosity. recommended by pro and anti alike.

While I really like this book and feel it explains well, I did need to mark it down a bit since I don't think that it emphasizes enough how kids should not pretend to use guns or stay away from them. The fact that this is only addressed on one page, versus the several pages of how a gun works, was disappointing. I'm not reading this to my sons so they know the difference between guns & how they work... and to get them excited about the concept of how a bullet can travel to the end of the block before they'd even take a step in a race... I'd rather find a book that will supplement the safety training we try to give our children about staying away from guns... not pretending to shoot people... etc...

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