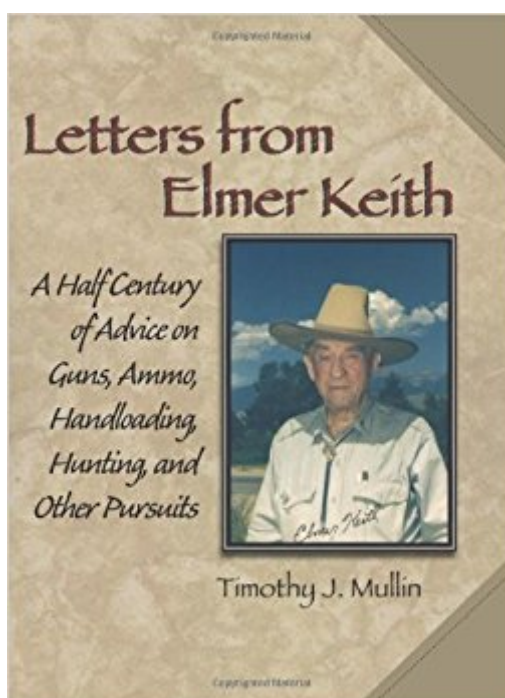


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Letters From Elmer Keith: A Half Century Of Advice On Guns, Ammo, Handloading, Hunting, And Other Pursuits



Synopsis

The acknowledged dean of American gun writers, Elmer Keith began his writing career in 1926, when his first piece appeared in *American Rifleman*, and continued until 1981, when he suffered a disabling stroke. During this 50-plus year period, Keith wrote hundreds of articles for a wide variety of publications, including *American Rifleman*, *Guns & Ammo* and *Outdoor Life*. From these articles and his books (*Sixguns*, *Big Game Rifles and Cartridges*), Keith developed a loyal following with whom he corresponded regularly. At one point it is estimated that he averaged 300-500 letters each month to readers, answering questions about hunting, matching appropriate cartridges and firearms to specific targets, handloading ammo and related topics. Timothy J Mullin, a noted gun writer, corresponded with Keith and kept all the letters he received. Discovering that other recipients had also saved their letters, Mullin decided to collect as many as he could and compile them into a book. He ran advertisements in *Shotgun News* and placed a large sign at the Elmer Keith Museum in Salmon, Idaho, seeking letters from Keith. Soon, he started receiving copies from all over the country. Some letters dealt with hunting issues, others strictly guns and ammo (including the Magnum revolver cartridges Keith developed and for which he is best known: the .357, .41 and .44), but most were a mixed bag of practical advice, unfiltered commentary and insightful tales of life on the American frontier. Rounding out the compilation are never-before published photos of Elmer Keith, with his trademark cigar, 10-gallon hat and sixguns

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Customer Reviews

Timothy J. Mullin is a former infantry officer in the U.S. Army and deputy U.S. marshall. He is a life-long gun lover and fervent defender of the Second Amendment. His well-regarded series on combat weapons also includes volumes on handguns and rifles.

Old Elmer unbridled in these caustic observations of Jack O'Connor and well, EVERY writer of his time! I laughed, I whooped! Much like "Hell, I Was There", Old Elmer takes credit for designing everything from the Model 70 Winchester to damn near every cartridge of his era! The letters were reproduced exactly as he wrote them and believe me: THERE ARE LOTS OF TYPOS - so much you can barely get through some of them. Keith is at his best when he writes of hunting rather than being so bombastic about bullet performance and his "inventions". As far as Old Elmer is concerned no man should venture forth for any game - here or Africa with less than a .333 caliber and a 250 grain bullet! No matter 70% of all shooters couldn't take the recoil or blast, but you can't argue with success! Old Elmer especially hated the .270 and its "father" - actually going so far to elaborate on the time they were on a hunt at NILO Farm and supposedly Old Jack drew down on him with a 12 ga. autoloader and tried to kill him! He goes on and on letter after letter about that one! Despite the crude presentation, I enjoyed the letters. A Hemingway he ain't!

Grew up reading Mr. Keith, and love this collection

Wait til you find out what a limp wristed sidewinder Jack O' Connor was and what a creep P. O. Ackley was in trying to harm America's real top gun Elmer Keith.

To start, if I hadn't read "Hell, I was there" I would maybe have had a different view of this work. That being said, Elmer Keith is "The Real Deal". No hype, no made up bull. What you see is what you get. I think that is why the other gun writers and gun rag editors of his time despised him. They had little REAL experience as he did. This book is a compilation of actual letters that Keith wrote back to individuals who wrote to him with questions. There are some very revealing events that show the real character of some of the people of the time. I look forward to my next read by Elmer Keith. A look into the past with one of the real true writers of his time.

Years ago being the Firearms editor of a top line Firearms Magazine meant that he was required to answer the questions that readers mailed in. Timothy Mullen took up the challenge of finding copies of Elmer Keith's letters that had been saved by those that had received them from 1924 and 1981.

Elmer did his own typing and was not a neither a great typist or speller. Some were even hand written, These letters give a good understanding of Elmer Keith one of the most respected Gun Writers of all time.

Good.

The book is a compilation of letters sent by Elmer Keith to people requesting information on problems on recommendation on problem with their firearms. It is very informative and will be passed on. It is full of information and facts . Well received . I expect many to find knowledge it it that they will also pass on I recommend this book to any one in the shooting fraternity..

Husband is a true blue Elmer Keith admirer and this was an excellent choice for his collection. (I even enjoyed it!) A must for the avid gun collector... Amazing price! Superfast shipping ~ Secure packaging! Thanks so much!!

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