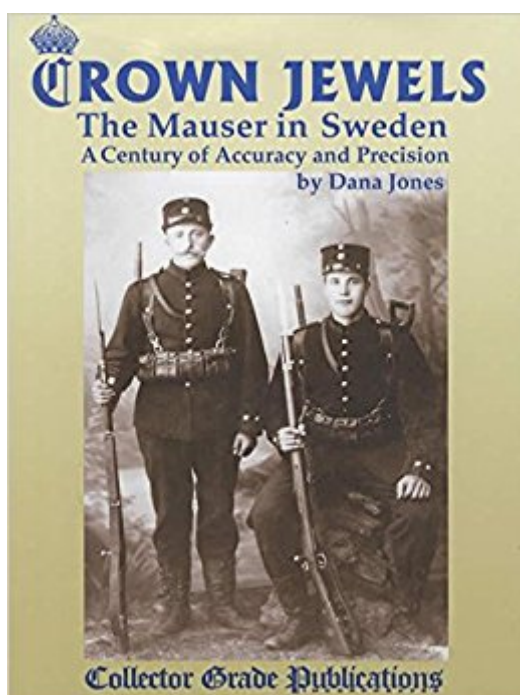


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Crown Jewels is an enjoyable read if you're interested in Swedish Mausers. Decent length, lots of pictures, although some color pics would be nice, but that's a minor quibble. It provides a brief history, a review of the variations, sights, ammo, and accessories. The author clearly has a passion for his subject. If you like the guns, get the book.

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