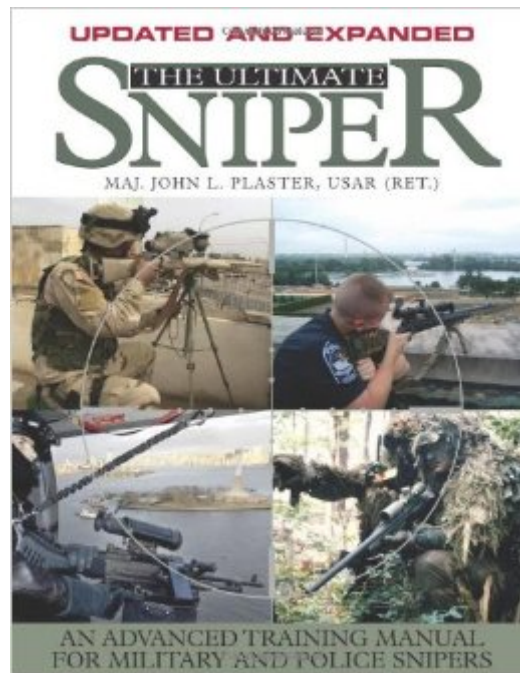


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# The Ultimate Sniper: An Advanced Training Manual For Military And Police Snipers



## Synopsis

When John Plaster's *The Ultimate Sniper* was released in 1993, it was hailed as an instant classic in the sniping community, influencing an entire generation of military and police marksmen around the world. Now, this revolutionary book has been completely updated and expanded for the 21st century. Through revised text, new photos, specialised illustrations, updated charts and additional information sidebars, *The Ultimate Sniper* once again thoroughly details the three great skill areas of sniping; marksmanship, fieldcraft and tactics. This new edition includes the latest tactics and techniques from the frontlines of the War on Terror, including the mountains, deserts and urban areas of the Middle East and Central Asia; analysis of evolving techniques including lasers, night vision, FLIR and ballistics programmes; an all-new chapter on countersniping 'lessons learned' in Iraq and Afghanistan; and detailed ballistics and trajectory data for sniper ammunition. About the Author Major John L. Plaster served three tours in the top-secret unconventional warfare group, Studies and Observations Group, in Vietnam. As a long-range reconnaissance leader, he led tiny intelligence-gathering teams behind enemy lines in Laos and Cambodia before leaving SOG in late 1971. He was decorated for heroism four times and retired from the U.S. Army as a major.

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## Customer Reviews

We'll here's a book title that may get some folks shorts in a bunch. Of course if you wanted to learn about long range shooting, what other title would you look under? As a work dedicated to sniper training, it is probably representative of more basic or summary treatment of topics, but I'd leave this critique to someone more qualified. The book is promoted or defined as an Advanced Training

Manual for Military and Police Snipers, but the detail in description and selection of any long range shooting equipment is the most comprehensive I've seen in public print. The book offers quite an education to almost any shooter. The rifle selection coverage is expansive. You'll find everything from types of actions to special preparation and specific model rifle features to look for. The section on scopes is a definitive work on shooting optics, including full description and application of every reticle I can think of, fitting and setting up a scope including mount and ring shimming and offsetting techniques. I know I have a better understanding of how MIL dot set up is suppose to work. This section concludes with a chapter on utilizing scopes, as well as related problems and solutions. There is great detail on shooting positions, using a sling, breathing techniques, etc. There is an excellent chapter on ballistics, including the basics of bullet and case construction, and on to premium cartridge selection and cartridge options, pros and cons. This section then rolls into a chapter that ties the preceding together into long-range marksmanship coverage. All of the preceding is all capped off with a good deal of information on field equipment ranging from range finders and binoculars to field posting and camouflage. Some of the material needs conversion to a hunting situation, while the concept remains the same; as an example, there is a lot of information on tracking and covering a given terrain or situation. To tell you the truth, I thought this content was closer to what "Art of the Rifle" would provide. If you are interested in long distance shooting with centerfire cartridges, this is an excellent addition to a home library.

I am an AGR/SSG, Organizer of the Headquarters Special Reaction Team, and RVN Vet: 11B/71L/92Y. I aquired this book in early 1997, read it from cover to cover twice and referred back to seperate chapters more often than I can calculate. Currently I can recommend no other manual with such a wide variety of accurate information on most aspects of precission shooting and tactics. I can make only a few minor criticisms. (1) I found only one error in the text- i.e.: "...do not..." vs "...do...". The error however should be obvious to even a neophite shooter so I have ignored it - but it does rattel me a bit every time I run across it. (2) Some of the Photos seem a bit pretentious - like they came out of an old issue of SOF. (3) Point of contention: MAJ Plaster opens the door to calibers such as 223, and 243, and provides fine tables for their accurate engagement. He may have been rushed to reach a publishing date, but I was hoping to find complete tables on all current match grade (high accuracy/long range)factory munitions. Especially windage tables. I hope the author will produce a supplement later. I reciently entered my first paper target state level competition which reinstilled my confidence in my abilities. With the help of his fine machinery, this manual provided my SRT team member and I valuable information leading to our ability to quickly

and consistently place comfortable hits in the X ring and engage moving targets at 600yds with a 5-7mph wind. I have given up my allegiance to "The Accurate Rifle" for "The Ultimate Sniper". Other than philosophical or theological treatises this is my favorite reading. I only need to convince my commanders of the importance of QRT and SRT programs.

This book is a valuable resource for the novice to intermediate level rifleman or sniper. I found a credible amount of useful information within it. The ballistics tables are real-world--unlike the dry, theoretical tables found in reloading manuals. Major Plaster sticks to the heart of the subject matter; he doesn't go off on those lame, sorry "soldier of 'fiction'" tangents that many authors do. He even authorizes the reader to photocopy range cards, practice targets, etc..., as long as the credit line is not removed. You can't get much fairer than that. If I mentioned every good thing about this book, I would exceed the 1,000 word maximum that has limited me to. Robert, 11B/EIB, U.S. Army, 1981-1984

Everything, and I mean every single aspect of snipers, marksmanship, ballistics, weapons, tactics, military and civilian organization, is covered. Things you want to know, things you didn't know you wanted to know, everything is here. This is the Sniper and Marksman Bible.

I found that a bunch of the fieldcraft taught in this book has helped my hunting a LOT. Let's face it, I'm never going to be a sniper, but I am interested in 2 things 1) Accurate rifle and their use 2) How to hunt better A lot of the tricks taught here will make you a better hunter - in fact, it's probably better than most of the hunting books out there

This extended/updated version is a very handy and an impressive feedback from Maj. PLASTER. The first opus was a great book, very accurate and useful, but this one come further and give us all the newest techniques and experiences from the combat zone. It's like this book was Army/USMC approved, and we can pick a lot of tips and tricks from real sniper at bay. However, you'll find a lot of "already seen" informations and sometimes, you'll have to find what's really new down there. But I really appreciated all the informations concerning new ballistics, especially the M118 LR tests and ballistics cards Finally, this book is a new "have to buy" from Plaster...

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