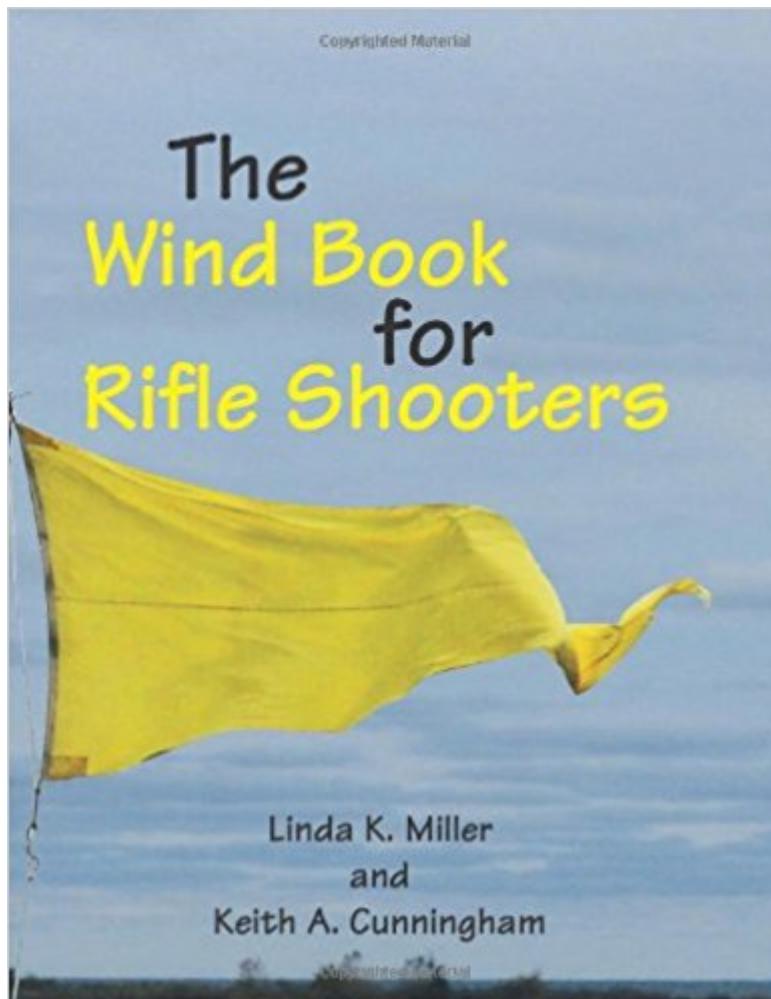


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# The Wind Book For Rifle Shooters



## **Synopsis**

All other factors being equal, it is your ability to read the wind that will make the most difference in your shooting accuracy. The better you understand the behavior of the wind, the better you will understand the behavior of your bullet. Now, champion shooters Linda K. Miller and Keith A. Cunningham reveal everything they wish they'd known about reading the wind before they started shooting -- instead of having to learn as they went along -- in concise, easy-to-read terms. The Wind Book for Rifle Shooters contains straightforward guidance on the simple thought process they use to read the wind, the techniques and tactics they use to win matches and the underlying skills that support both. Let these champions show you how to put together a simple wind-reading "toolbox" for calculating wind speed, direction, deflection and drift. Then learn how to use these tools to read flags and mirage, record and interpret your observations, and time your shots to compensate for wind. The essential wind-reading basics taught in this book will absolutely improve your shooting skills, whether you're a target shooter, a plinker, a hunter or a shooting professional.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Capt. Keith Cunningham (Retd.) has more than 25 years' experience with the Canadian Forces and the US Army. He has considerable practical experience, including a combat tour in Vietnam, peacekeeping and countersniper operations in Cyprus, and annual unit-and command-level military exercise in North America and Europe. He has taught marksmanship courses at the Canadian Forces Infantry School and at several police forces in Ontario. An internationally certified shooting

coach, he has successfully coached numerous teams to national and international excellence. Linda Miller has considerable experience in international small-bore target shooting as a member of Canada's Shooting Team. She won medals at the 1993 Mexico World Cup, the 1994 Commonwealth Games and the 1995 Cuba World Cup. In 1999, Linda became the first woman to win the Ontario Lieutenant Governor's Medal for full-bore shooting.

First, let me say that I have been shooting for a long time. Retired military and civilian competitive rifle shooter. But don't get me wrong, I am not saying that I know a better way. Because I don't...!! What I AM saying is that Linda Miller and Keith Cunningham got it right. I have just recently started shooting tactical precision. It is a new discipline for me and I realized that I needed some help ... especially with wind. I started researching and through a lot of reading and a lot of luck I found this book. Actually, I started with internet searches and found several articles and books that referenced this book. Because it appeared to be universally accepted, I decided to purchase it ... along with some others. I am sure happy that I did..!! This book is very well done. It is complete... at least as complete as is possible to be with a subject like WIND.! I have read most of the reviews on this book and will only say this..... No, this book is not about shooting "across the course". No, this book is not about "service rifle". No, this book is not about .22 rimfire. No, this book is not about air rifle at short distances. This book is about WIND... And the techniques that can be used to alleviate some of the mental strain or anguish associated with WIND when you are shooting a rifle in WIND. All of these techniques are useful for all shooters in all disciplines. After all, wind is wind. It affects projectiles as they move toward their intended target, and to a lesser degree (maybe..?) it also affects the shooter because of the action of the wind against the shooter's body. Now, granted, the material is presented (mostly..generally..??) from the stance of a "high-power" shooter at various distances. A lot of the anecdotal information is from "Palma" and "Bisley" style shooting where the authors have participated (as might be reasonably expected..). But the truth is .... all of this information can be useful, can be made to conform to your discipline with a little thought and extrapolation. I found the information to be comprehensive and very well thought through and presented. When speaking of wind flags, it is not so much about "use wind flags", but more about "HOW to use wind flags". And, WHY using two flags in two very distinct positions is so important. Not just any two flags, but two VERY SPECIFIC wind flags. When speaking of wind direction, it is not only about "wind value", but also about why a "fishtailing" wind that only varies twenty or thirty degrees can throw you WAY off your target. Normally twenty or thirty degrees of change will only cause a slight sight change (depending on wind strength..). But in two very distinct conditions that same fishtailing wind can

wreak havoc.!! Linda Miller and Keith Cunningham know this..... And they impart that knowledge to the reader. This book is filled with such pearls of wisdom. It is complete with charts and explanations and solutions. Each chapter is documented with End Notes that give the reader additional references to material within that chapter. I have now read through this book twice, and will undoubtedly read it again. It is that good. I will recommend this book as the best treatment on this particular subject that I have been able to locate. It is a bit technical in spots, but the science behind the material requires it to be that way. If you want a good, precise background on WIND, this is one of the best books available. OTOH, if you don't like to read or you want someone to just tell you what to do, then this book may not be for you. It will require you to read and understand. But really, that's all... The information is there. It is up to you what you do with it.....

The Wind Book for Rifle Shooters is an excellent resource. As far as I know this is the only book of its type. It's very well written in a way that's easy to understand for such a complex subject. The charts and graphs are extremely helpful. It's a bit on the short side at about 125 pages but still packed with knowledge. The information contained within this book are not just opinions but tried and true facts. Much of the same information in this text is taught in various sniper training courses that I have attended. This book can make life much simpler for snipers or long distance competition shooters. The wind can be your worst enemy if you don't understand its effect on a bullet in travel. You need this book.

Helpful. Make up 3x5 cards or memorize. Read it thru one time then go back and pick the meat off the bones. Ballistic tables help but you have to be a friend of the wind like Hall of Fame Benchrest Champion Tony Boyer. This book is good for beginners and advanced shooters. Good illustrations and simple to understand information about the wind and its effect on your bullet.

Great book! Never realized how much the wind can effect the bullet coming out of the barrel. Been trying to read all I can on long range shooting and I can't think there would be any other books as informative as this one. Any serious distance shooter should own this book! It

As a local competitive shooter some former Olympians and reading Boyer's book taught me about using 22LR in the wind. Having competed in 30 MPH (yes, 30 MPH) winds with 22LR at 100 yards it was demonstrated by the wind I'd better do some more learning. This book consolidated much of what I'd been taught, learned through practice, and taught me some new ways to look at wind such

as using mirage. There is a little redundancy in the book, such as mentioning the bullet slows continually after leaving the muzzle, that in my opinion could have been avoided however there is an argument, which the authors may have had, for reinforcing concepts the three or four or five times this is done.

The less positive reviews for this book complain that it is for beginners. I found it more comprehensive than that. Not only are the authors champions, but they also quote and excerpt works from many other champion shooters. Their "Words of Wisdom" chapter alone has comprehensive tips from 18 champions and hall of fame shooters. Before reading this book, I went from shooting 0.94 MOA ATC at 200 yards in a consistent breeze to 0.47 MOA ACT at 300 yards in a fishtailing wind.

I believe this is a must have book if you are a long range sport shooter. I compete in F Class Open and when I first purchased this book and read it from cover to cover, it helped me understand wind reading and making accurate scope corrections. I like helping shooters and this book is what I have recommended to many new and seasoned competitors to help them understand and gain knowledge that I struggled to learn for many years as a beginner in F Class shooting. Buy this book, read it, put into practice what it tells you, you will not be disappointed. Regards Paul Janzso

Doping wind is an art form. At one shoot at varying yardages. I found that the wind would come from a gap to the right and behind us. I started looking over my shoulder as I was coaching. My shooters when clean at all but 1 yardage. during the next round most of the coach's had caught on and realized the wind was very predictable IF you watched this gap. Sometimes its not a clear cut as you might think. This book will help you get started, but again, doping windage is an art form and takes lots of practice in lots of different conditions

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