

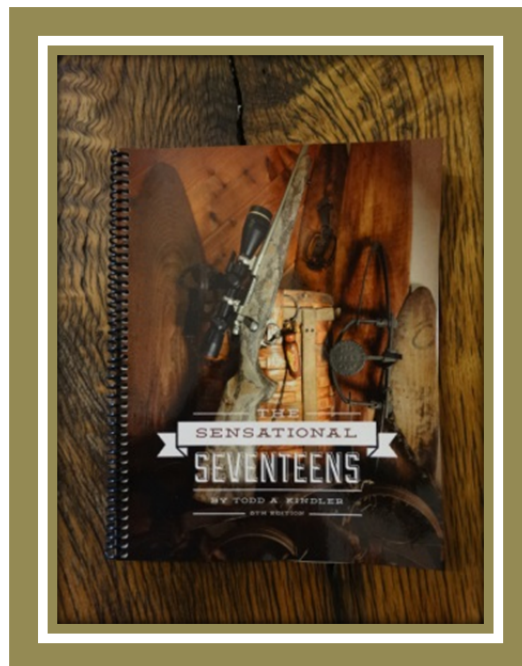


Introducing the 6th Edition of “*The Sensational Seventeens!*”

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It was 19 years ago when I introduced the very first edition of “*The Sensational Seventeens!*” I had spent a number of years testing various seventeens and at that time hunting crows, prairie dogs and woodchucks exclusively with my seventeens. I worked with various seventeen rifles and applying my benchrest knowledge to the rifles, reamer designs and loads to bring them to their ultimate potential. I even purchased very expensive carbide bullet making dies and equipment to help take my seventeen rifles to another level for precision, long-range predator and varmint hunting. With the help of the late and legendary precision bullet die maker, Bob Simonson, who also loved the seventeens, together we set the standard for very high B.C. 17 bullets that still are at the top today!

At that time, good and solid information on the seventeens was far and few between and unfortunately most of it was so negatively slanted that the real potential of the sensational seventeens was not represented accurately. With precision barrels and bullets, we were finding the true long-range potential and outstanding effectiveness of the seventeens. So I decided to compile all my experiences and work on a small notebook at that time called the “*The Sensational Seventeens!*” It was well received by the small number of 17 shooters back then. However, it wasn’t long and word started to spread about this informative manual.



My early goal with the manual was to help people truly understand the seventeens. With quality barrels and bullets, they would really perform well like any other caliber and would last as long or longer too! This is all accomplished with much less recoil and noise and safer in settled areas. This was a very difficult road though because in the 17's early years (50's and 60's) there was few quality seventeen barrels and bullets and they quickly gained a poor reputation to say the least. Then include all the writers who really didn't have any use for the 17 caliber. The problem was many of these same writers continued their biased 17 bashing long after the good barrels and bullets finally arrived. I used to chase them down and when cornered, I would ask them about their 17 rifle and finally the truth came out that they were actually talking about their uncles or brother-in-law's rifle. They didn't even own one! I challenged them to build a quality rifle and tell their readers the truth. However, I knew that wasn't going to happen. So I decided to do it for them!

My goal was not only to get the real truth out on the outstanding seventeens, but to start standardizing some of the reamer and cartridge dimensions. It was all over the place including on the back of old napkins. I wanted to help shooters by providing information on the best and safest powder choices and provide information on how to load to a benchrest standard. We have come a long way with each edition, but as I say, my work is never done.

In this new **6th edition of *The Sensational Seventeens***, we have added two relatively new factory cartridges - the 17 Hornady Hornet and the 17 Remington Fireball. However, Mr. P. O. Ackley and Vern O'Brian had these two figured out over five decades ago with the 17 Ackley Hornet and the 17 Mach IV! Better late than never as they say....

BTW: Kevin Harrington was nice enough to write the load data for his new 17 Mink cartridge just for this edition!

This new manual is packed with the best loads, reamer prints and stories about the sensational seventeens. If you have never owned or shot a 17- caliber rifle - man what are you waiting for? If you already have 17-caliber rifles, the manual may surprise you with all the great information. Call and order your numbered and signed copy today. It's the only 17 manual on the planet!

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