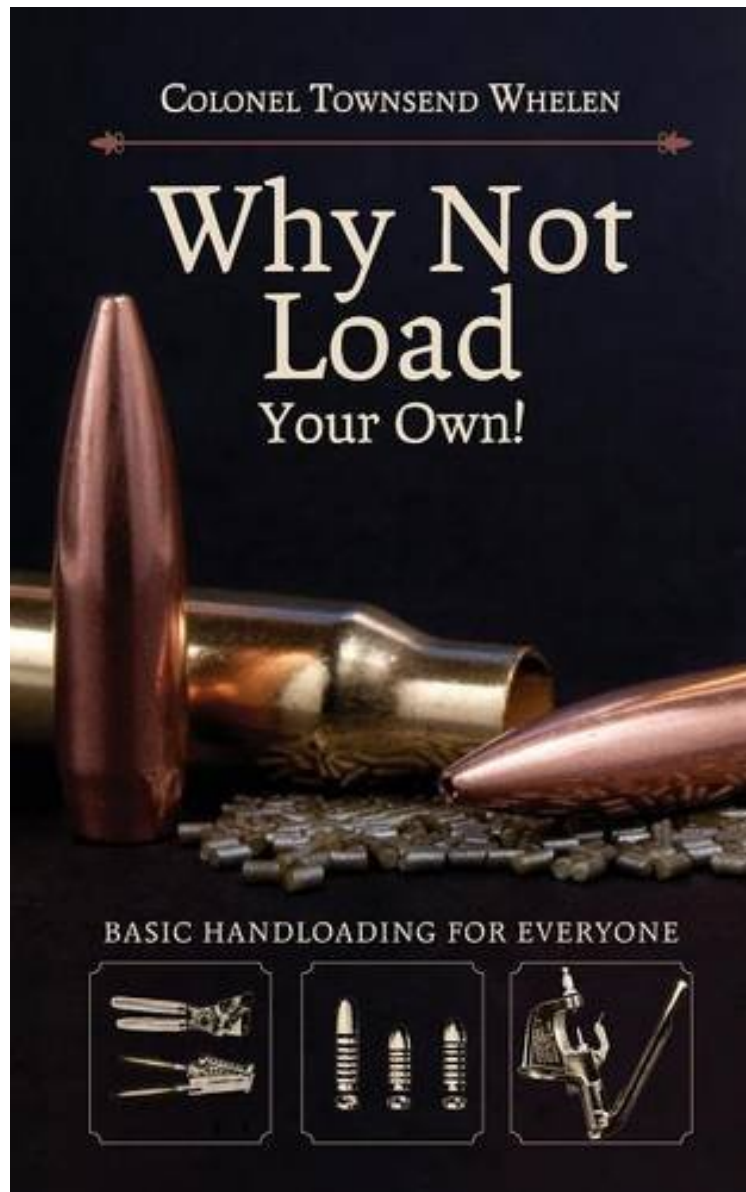


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**About the Author**The author is the oldest and most experienced handloader in America. Since 1899 he has handloaded thousands of rounds each year, all of which he has fired himself in experiment, target shooting, and game shooting. For some years he was Commanding Officer of Frankford Arsenal, which makes all Government small-arms ammunition. He is retired Colonel of the Regular Army. A Distinguished Rifleman, he won the U. S. Army Competitions in 1903, and for many years shot on the Army's Infantry Rifle Team. He has won many rifle matches, and is still shooting in competitions. He is also an enthusiastic hunter, and has bagged over 115 head of big game, including almost all species.