

Aaron Myers's Book review

I read the book *GUN CONTROL The Pros and Cons by Tom Streissguth*. The book was published by Enslow Publishers in 2001. This is a book that has a few chapters and talks about pros and cons of gun control.

First, the book introduces you to some gun violence. It mentions what types of guns were developed and what kind laws are needed to control those guns. Then the book compares our country's gun laws to other country's laws. It talks about the NRA and their influence in gun control. I really liked this grueling debate over gun laws and how they should or should not be strictly enforced in our country.

In chapter 1, they talk about shootings that happened in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, that should have never happened. They said the 2nd amendment gave them the right to bear arms. This lead into an intense discussion of whether our founding fathers meant it to be for civilians or for the militia which we needed at the time.

Chapter 2 talks about the history of guns. It talks about how we used to need guns for hunting or protection against the Native Americans. We also started using propaganda and convincing people you should own a gun. During the 18th amendment period, with prohibition, gangs started showing up along with famous gangsters such as Al Capone. With all this violence it just caused people to buy more guns. The gun control supporters and non-supporters both argue about what to believe is the cause whether it is the fact that people own guns or that people are bad enough to use them.

I really liked this book because I like guns and find them extremely interesting. With all this talk about whether guns are good or bad, the sides of the debate are interesting. If you look at what each side says about this, you can easily be swayed one way or the other. You can say Guns are killers and should belong to the military. Or you could say that they are means of self-defence and everyone should have them.

Tom's main point, who by the way has written more than 30 books on history and biography for young readers, is just to explain both sides of the argument. He wasn't biased in any of it. He was just stating the facts. I believe anyone who plans on owning a gun in their life or anyone around guns should read it so they understand the facts. I also think this book is appropriate for my age because it was a little challenging and made you really think about what the author said. All in all, I thought it was a great book and would not be against reading others by this author or in this series.