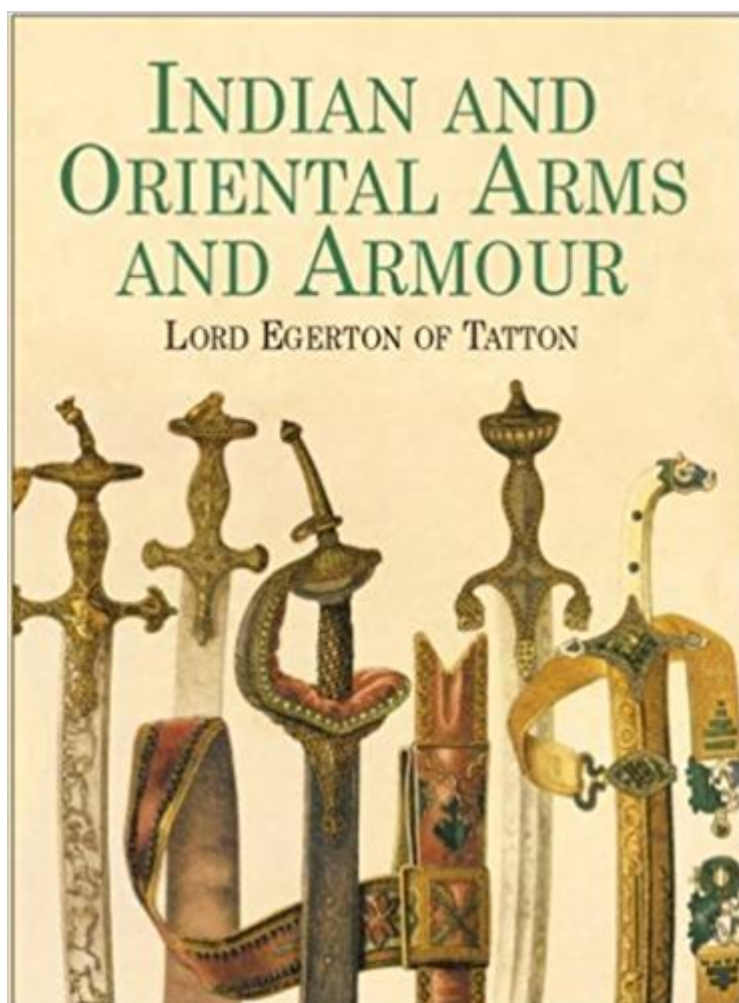


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Excellent though naturally 'dated' but with real information if you dig into the text.

A good reference on Indian weapons, well done with good information and pictures

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