

# Small Categories Series

## *Weapons*

For better or worse, in a very real sense the history of mankind is the history of weapons. From the first rock and stick picked up by Early Man to the most sophisticated ICBM, Man has been engaged in an arms race with his neighbors right from the start, and whoever came up with new innovations first usually had the upper hand. In the Battle of Kadesh, for example (1274 BC), the earliest recorded major battle, and probably the largest chariot battle ever fought, involving perhaps 5,000–6,000 chariots, the Hittites had iron weapons whereas the Egyptians were still using bronze, but the Egyptian chariots were lighter and faster than those used by the Hittites. Most historians have concluded that the battle was a draw.

Throughout history, each side has always striven to come up with the biggest club. In modern times, World War II was brought to a conclusion with the atomic bomb; the Soviet Union crumbled in the face of America's Star Wars (SDI) system; etc.

Thus, a collection of Weapons covers chronicles this age old struggle that still continues today. It would be quite a challenge to try to put together a collection of as many different weapons as possible. The covers are plentiful and are spread out across the panorama of matchcover categories, whether Restaurants, Store Sets, or whatever. Military covers would obviously be a great source for modern weaponry.

Curiously, no one has ever reported any numbers on a Weapons category, so you'd probably be venturing into fairly unknown collecting territory here. But, they're there...waiting!

