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**Grey House Publishing Announces the Tenth Title in the *Opinions Throughout History* Series: *Guns in America***

*Guns in America* is the tenth volume in the new series, *Opinions Throughout History*. Each volume in the series is designed to follow the evolution of public opinion on a current and controversial topic that has changed throughout history. Each volume discusses both primary and secondary documents such as newspaper and magazine articles, speeches, court decisions and other legislation. Accompanied by expert commentary and analysis, these documents showcase the changing attitudes on these important issues of public interest over time.

This new edition starts with a detailed Introduction that discusses the complexity of the modern gun debate, starting at the founding of the country. A comprehensive Timeline of significant events comes next, beginning with the discovery of gun powder in China in the 9th century and ending with the gun-control positions of leading presidential candidates in 2020.

Following the Timeline are 28 chapters that give a detailed picture of one of the most divisive issues in the court of current public opinion. Calls for stricter laws follow every mass and school shooting, only to be opposed by those who view gun ownership as a right or by those with a financial stake in the gun industry. While gun ownership at the start of the nation was required of all males in order to form defensive militias, guns were also heavily regulated by state and local governments.

The modern gun debate is deeply polarized. Gun-control supporters point to profits—by gun manufacturers and the National Rifle Association—as the primary reason for opposition to gun-control legislation. Gun-rights advocates cite misunderstanding and hostility toward guns on the part of gun-control adherents. As Never Again MSD—the political action committee founded by survivors of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas school shooting—breaks down the profit earned by the NRA for each victim, gun-rights supporters contend that proposed legislation will not stop mass shootings and may ultimately result in taking all guns out of the hands of private citizens.

The chapters are as follows:

1. Foundations of Control
2. Lost Meaning
3. Courting the States
4. Armed Rebellion
5. Shooting Straight
6. Sobering Realities
7. Dealing With the Problem
8. Who Should Own Guns?
9. Precedent All Around
10. Fear of a Black Country
11. Assassination Nation
12. The Problem of Enforcement
13. A Rifle Revolution
14. Rolling Back with Reagan
15. The Right to Hide
16. Child Welfare
17. The Far Right to Bear Arms
18. Gun Control Takes a Step Forward
19. Assault Rifles and Civilian Use
20. Studies under the Gun
21. Innocence Lost
22. The Civil Rights Debate
23. Regional Rights
24. Hate Crimes
25. Peripheral Issues
26. In the Hands of the Youth
27. Politics, Race, and Hate
28. Tons of Gun

The text of the chapter relates the source documents to their historical context, and details contemporary public opinion. Most source documents are reprinted in their entirety and are clearly distinguished by a shaded title bar. Photos and other images enhance the text, and sidebars provide an often lighter perspective on the time period being discussed. Pull quotes and other visual elements increase accessibility. Each chapter ends with a brief Conclusion, thoughtful Discussion Questions, and a list of Works Used.

This exciting new series offers a wide range of insights into long-standing issues that Americans are most concerned about, and those that have encouraged vigorous debate among politicians and citizens at large. Using carefully-chosen original documents that cover a wide time span, *Opinions Throughout History* weaves a thoughtful and easy-to-understand analysis of how public opinion is formed and evolves, starting the discussion at an historical, seminal moment, and ending with where we stand today.

This comprehensive, timely volume is a must for large public libraries, university libraries and social science departments, along with high school libraries.

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