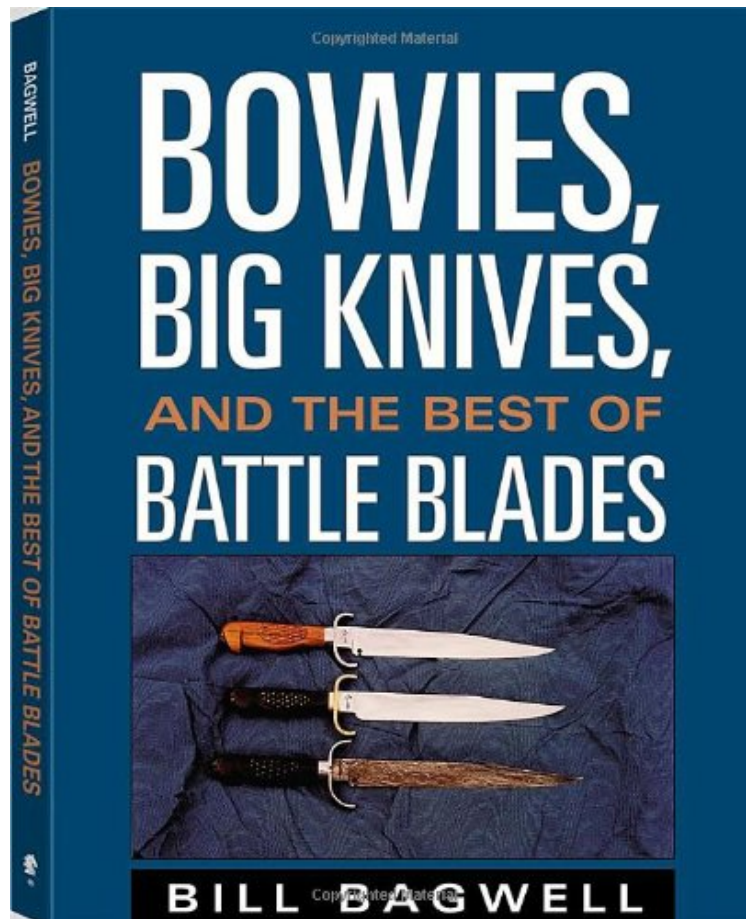


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knife users, there is some good information here that is worth the price of the book. has done a great job of making it available in Kindle format.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Boo-E is more usefull than a pig stickerBy Augusto MoralesStraight handles are required for multiple grips. Bowies are not shortswords or shanks. These American Single Edged Knives were first made in England for the first American Frontiersmen. Fixed Blades for processing food, bear repellent, and the dirty mouthed drunkards. Not for piercing armor, but for every day carry. As time passed James Bowie became an American Martial Artist with a good grip. As the kit grew with the advancement in firearms, the Bowies became the sidearm. So effective that in certain states, Bowies have been banned where they played an important part in American History. If 16th Century sword fighters were given Bowies ,they would love them. Just Remember that a Small Bowie has a Blade Length of 9 inches, anything shorter than that is a pig sticker.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great book!By Tony J.Great book from start to finish except it be forewarned, you will want a custom Bagwell Bowie after reading this book. In a way the book is kind of a commercial as to why he makes the best Bowie knife around and pretty much everything else sucks. His knives likely are the best but for \$4000 or more and a 4 year wait time it's not realistic for most.

This book binds the timeless observations and invaluable advice of master bladesmith and blade combat expert Bill Bagwell under one cover for the first time. As the outspoken author of Soldier of Fortune's "Battle Blades" column from 1984 to 1988, Bagwell was considered both outrageous and revolutionary in his advocacy of carrying fighting knives as long as 10 inches and his firm belief that the Bowie knife was the most effective and efficient fighting knife ever developed. His assignment as a contributing editor to SOF was to test and evaluate contemporary knives from all over the world, and he soon earned a reputation for cutting to the chase. Candid and frank almost to a fault, he told it like it was – and he could always back it up. Sixteen years after his first column made its debut, Bagwell's convictions on knife design and blade technique have gained validity in the industry, and he has earned the respect of even some of his most vocal critics. This book provides an unprecedented opportunity to study the design and use of Bowies and other big knives and learn which blade designs and combat techniques stand up to both the rigors of battle and the test of time.

About the AuthorBill Bagwell is a master bladesmith and blade combat expert who, in addition to designing and manufacturing his own large knives, conducts military and law enforcement training workshops on combat knife techniques.