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AK-47

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Angela Clemons asked what my favorite gun is. That's a fun question. Hands down the AK-47 is my go to gun. I didn't have to think about that for long.

I love the AR-15 because it's light, balanced, and very ergonomic. Also, its 30 round mag of 5.56 is light and compact. But the AR is just too delicate and finicky to really get me to fully trust it. It's like a really pretty woman who has dumped you before; you'll just never quite look at her the same. AR-15s freeze up, get dirty, and they tie themselves in a knot when they jam because you can't separate the upper and lower receiver with the bolt-carrier stuck back even a tiny bit. It's built like a musical instrument, not a weapon.

But with the AK-47 on the other hand, about the only thing I don't like about it is that it has no good place for an eoTech sight. You have to install a rail that sticks back over the bolt cover for that. But if you put a \$650 eoTech hologram sight on a \$150 AK-47, you've got an amazing feat of precision technology woven together with rugged simplicity.

The AK-47 is in a league all its own. It never malfunctions, it's light, it has no small parts to lose, it can be totally taken apart with no tools, and it works when it's wet or frozen or full of sand. It's built like a pair of Chanel-Locks. It's just brute perfection. It's a gun that likes itself. And I think that is because it was designed and built by one single guy, not some committee of engineers.

A lot of life is like that, committees ruin things. What if you had a committee compose music? You'd get a national anthem. Have you ever heard a national anthem that didn't suck? I sure haven't. And I've watch the Olympics a lot of times. Has a national anthem ever been a number one hit single. NO! A good song only comes out of one heart. And I think Alexander Kalashnikov sang his heart out like Bruce Springsteen when he dreamed up and built the AK-47.

So that's what I think about my favorite gun. But unless I beat all my felonies, it's no guns for me for if I'm in America. Pretty sad. I'd feel like a slave eunuch. So let's beat all these phony charges, or better yet, make America free again. Either one of those are within reach if we want it bad enough.

—Schaeffer Cox