GUNS TO GRAB
GENERAL INFORMATION FOR LAYMAN AND EXPERT

12 gauge pump shotgun
(Remington 870, 1100, Mossberg 500)
http://www.remington.com/

The sound of the pump action alone (when loading a shell into the chamber) has deterred many serious crimes before they could even occur.

If you are on a budget or your wife has told you only "1" gun, this would be the choice of many professionals. And 12 gauge shells can be found most anywhere in the world, from Africa to America. 12 gauge shells come in many different styles. 00-Buck should be your first choice for a true man stopper in self-defense situations. Fletch rounds are 12 gauge shells loaded with 30+ mini arrows and can defeat most body armor at close range of 25 yards or less. This would be an excellent shell against rioting, murderous gangs that often wear body armor to evade police.

Dragon breath 12 gauge shells spit a flame out the barrel that is most impressive, to say nothing of scarring the life out of a would-be perpetrator, and it they don't harm the barrel. 12 gauge shells came in a host of specialties and depending on the application can handle most any defense job that you ask of it. The Remington and Mossberg models have been chosen because of their reliability and simplicity, and choice of add-on special items that can be installed by non-gunsmiths.

2. 30.06 rifle (Remington 7400, 742, 740)
http://www.remington.com/

To choose "1" rifle is a difficult decision. The rifle has many different applications and tasks required of it, so in this respect we will only dwell on the defensive issues of the rifle.

Many would ask, "...why not the Colt AR-15 type rifle with its famous .223 caliber"? First and foremost the .223 rifle just does not have enough punch to get through most objects. Ask the saviors of Waco; most of the rounds fired into Mt. Carmel were .223 and 9mm rounds.

All reports of the after shot read that the .223 shattered on impact hitting most wooden objects, and then hit the subject with little or no injury to them. Most .223 FMJ (Full Metal Jacket) rounds are lead filled under that metal jacket and have no retention after encountering any solid object of any kind. Only the military gets the good stuff, and my father is not a U.S. Army General, and neither is my mother.

Second, the AR-15 type rifle is a very complicated rifle if one does not have firearm experience to operate and maintain it (cleaning, field stripping, etc.). Special Operation Groups laugh about the M16/AR15 craze that hit the public a few years ago, offering remarks such as: "...let them buy them all, we don't want them"...

Most SOGs carry M14s and H/Ks into the field when their life depends on their rifle. Their heavy field gun consists of an M60 in .308 caliber. Now, most can not afford a true M14 and no civilian can have an M60. So ... what is left? Plenty!

Most every hunter in America has a 30.06 in his or her firearm safe, either in semi-auto or bolt action, and some boxes of 30.06 rounds in their ammo collection. This caliber can punch through most houses and autos and will still carry enough blunt trauma to stop an adult in their tracks. Ask any WW2 veteran or Vietnam veteran and they will testify to the power of the 30.06 in combat situations. The Browning BAR 1918A1 in 30.06 was the most sought after weapon a platoon would ask for.

Now my reason for the Remington semi-auto models in 30.06. This rifle can be turned into a " baby Browning 1918A1 " in semi-auto mode, by simply adding an extended magazine offered by several companies (10 rd). The 30.06 ammunition can be found in a wide variety of styles and even in Amour Piercing (AP). Always check local regulations for the legality of any ammunition round and its proper use. Just because you bought it from source (a) doesn't necessarily mean that it is legal in location (b).
3. .22 cal rifle (Ruger 10/22)
http://www.ruger-firearms.com/

Hands down, this is the best survival rifle anyone could have in virtually any situation that might arise. The after-market add-ons can all be done by a non-gunsmith and the performance is unbeatable. In a survival situation a .22LR (long rifle) caliber wound can be as fatal as HIV (AIDS). Not everyone can treat gunshot wounds, and a Ruger 10/22 will keep a head down, as readily as a 30.06 in a firefight. A 10/22 can be fired by almost anyone and it has virtually no recoil to scare the shooter into closing their eyes and shooting wild. The .22LR caliber is the cheapest and most readily found ammo.

One .22 round costs about 2 cents compared to a 9mm round at 23 cents. A big difference when stocking a couple thousand rounds. One man can carry 2000 rounds on him; no other round can make that claim. Rugers 10/22s can shoot all day without having to be cleaned, and will feed any .22 caliber round in the marketplace (except the .22 WMR magnum). Ruger 10/22s can produce ½ in match groups at 100 yards -- and that is hard to beat. The price of a 10/22 is under $200, and for a few dollars more the 10/22 can be a top match rifle.

http://www.winchester-guns.com

Classic Sporter LT The new Winchester Sporter LT has noticeable improvements over its legendary namesake. "LT" could stand for lean and trim. The stock has been redesigned by David Miller to be thinner with a more open grip and trimmer fore-end for superb balance and function. Cut checkering. Classic action with claw extractor and fixed position ejector.

4. 9mm (Glock 17)
http://www.glock.com

First and foremost the Glock is the easiest to operate in non-experienced hands. Another plus, the design of the Glock is made to accommodate both left and right handed shooters. The lack of an external safety and hammer make this a foolproof pistol in any person's hands. Reliability? In the National Tactical World Match, the Glock 17 was buried in sand 150 times and shot flawlessly by all 150 shooters in the match.

Even under extreme conditions this handgun is built to last a lifetime, and it will feed all 9mm ammo in the marketplace. Why the 9mm, instead of the .45 caliber? First and foremost is ammo availability. The
9mm is the most common round found in the world. This round can be found in most any civilian home, or police station, or military base, and even gang hide outs. It is the choice of most law enforcement divisions and can be found in sporting goods stores or mom-and-pop general stores.

Second, the 9mm can be handled by most shooters, male or female, without too much felt recoil. Very important for that follow up shot. A .45 cal pistol is extremely hard on a shooter’s hand and only a seasoned shooter can handle the recoil that is generated by a .45 caliber cartridge. There is no doubt that a .45 is more lethal than a 9mm. Still, more good pistol shooters have been scared off a range because someone handed them a .45 semi-auto. It either jumped out of their hand or the noise scared the hell out of them, compelling them to close their eyes while applying trigger pressure. The cost factor on .45 caliber ammo makes it a no-go candidate when compared to the cost of an equal amount of 9mm.

Finally, I have yet to see a .45 caliber style pistol that has not had its problems; and most have to go to a reliable gunsmith to be field ready. Most any Colt .45 out of the box needs this work, save the special custom jobs by companies like Wilson.

5. Colt 1911-A

http://www.colt.com

A Glock will come out of the box ready for a match shoot, and when every dollar counts no one wants to send their new .45 to a gunsmith just to make it shoot a wadcutter type bullet.

My personal choice for a functioning 9mm is the famous design by John M. Browning, the P-35, Hi-Power. It is a single action semi auto-loading pistol. However, this design is not for the beginner.

More Browning Hi-Power designs are in military holsters than any other design in the world. Why? Because it works and even feeds ammo that 3rd world nations put on the arms market. Their are numerous aftermarket features that one can buy to upgrade their Hi-Power to a 1st class match grade pistol.

I used two Browning Hi-Powers (1967 models) at two World National Tactical Shoots at Gunsite, Arizona, and outscored all but 23 shooters in 1997. The top shooter used a Glock M17 in 9mm, and most of the good old boys that shot 45s either had feeding problems or their follow up shot was so far off that the range judges ruled them dead. At a Tactical Match you are only allowed 3 seconds of exposure, and if the target is not down by then, you are ruled dead.

I aced 9 out of 10 stages with my 1967 Browning Hi-Powers and the one stage that I blew was my fault, not the pistol's. I hope this helps somewhat in your search for the perfect firearm, in an emergency defensive situation.

Conclusion:

There are numerous firearms available today for the average citizen for hunting and personal defensive situations. This list of Guns to Grab is intended for the average American that has little if any firearm experience, and has made the decision that they will not be a victim but a victor in a true break down of toady's society. It is my hope and prayer that our "America" will always shine as a light for the righteous and god fearing.

"GOD BLESS AMERICA"

Sincerely,

Gary D. Winstead, Sr.