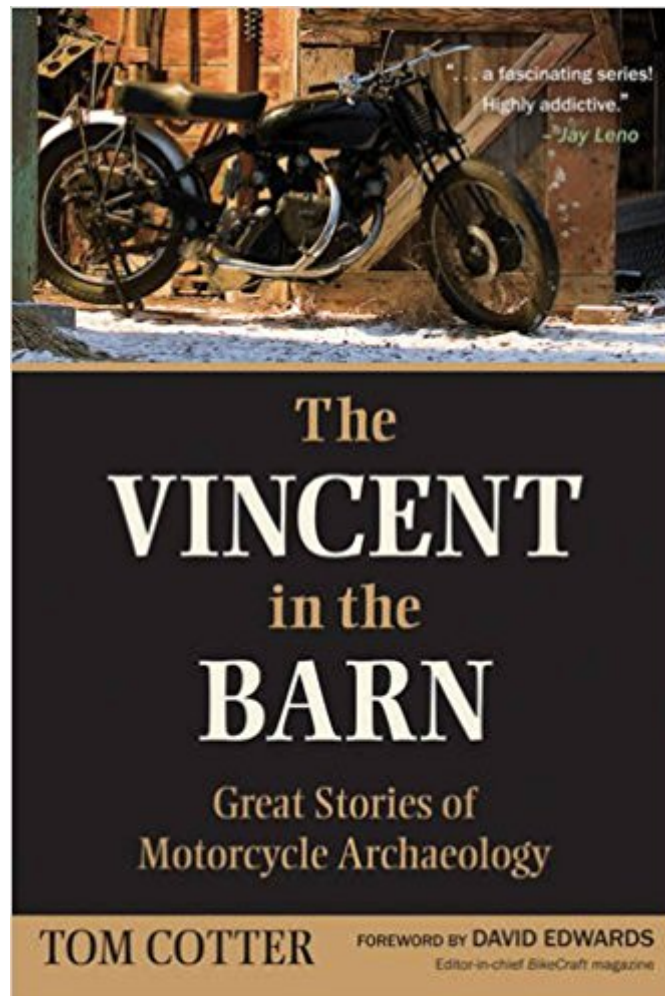




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The Vincent In The Barn: Great Stories Of Motorcycle Archaeology



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"The Vincent in the Barn is a worthwhile and enjoyable read for anyone who has an interest in the old, the rare, the odd, or even just motorcycle history in general. The stand-alone nature of its stories--some of which are laugh out loud funny--make it an easy book to pick up and put down at random, even if one should really give these tales some undivided attention." --Friction Zone "Here's a rough piece of fiction from a Bikernet reader. Although his prose are scrambled his story comes across. It's a classic, and if you

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Had a good time with this book. My unfounded expectations were the only thing working against this title as I was hoping for a few more stories of regular joes who happened upon great finds whereas most were tales of the serious collector or museum making acquisitions. Still, extremely enjoyable and really gave some good insight into how these "holy grails" of motorcycle archeology actually take place! Ultimately I'd recommend the book to anyone interested in acquiring their own antique motorcycle.

I'm not entirely sure what exactly I was expecting with this book, but it didn't seem to fully deliver in any case. Yes, that sounds flaky, but I just wasn't as impressed as I had expected. The occasional typos and less than pro writing level didn't help (I'm a member of the language police). Still, it's a motorbike book, so there's some interesting stuff along the way for us bike nuts. The examples lean heavily on the Harley/Indian/Vincent finds which knowledgeable antique collector types will find rewarding, but I would have enjoyed a few more stories of "everyguy" finds, but those tend not to make for book-level material, I suppose. I'm glad I read it, but it won't stay on my shelf.

If you love motorcycles and remember "back in the day" this is a must read. These short stories collectively sew a wonderfully rich and colorful tapestry of those great stories guys tell other guys, who know and love bikes, that when shared cannot help but bring smiles and remembrance of a time past and another story not yet shared. All of Tom's books are great but I personally, particularly, enjoyed this one the most, for it's wide and diverse spectrum of experiences. A great page turner that you will be sorely tempted to speed through but pace yourself as each story is a gem to enjoy on its own. R.K.Ryan, Harrisburg, NC

If you're an old bike nut, and even if you're not, you will enjoy this book. It is a collection of short stories about the hunt for that proverbial "barn find" in which motorcycle enthusiasts either hunt for leads, are pointed to, or, stumble upon some old bikes that need new homes. This easy reading book is a mix of adventure, history and personal experiences from different parts of the country,

and, the world.

Was going to download it on my Kindle but when I saw the reduced price for a used book I couldn't resist it. Was an old library book lightly used and if you are a fan of the addiction of acquiring Barn finds this is for you. Mine was a parking lot find and the author suggest if you have a story to submit it to him. Maybe I will.

Bought the Kindle edition, this is a coffee table book. It was a good read, but the pictures are not done justice on my old school kindle (pre paper white)

Lots of fun to read about the old bikes, and remember back to when we would see them on the road. Well-written and an enjoyable read.

The third book in Cotter's series of ____ In the Barn books, this collection of stories is a nice twist on the original concept delivered by The Cobra in the Barn. These are rich stories that will keep you coming back again and again to relive the thrill of discovery that come with finding these ancient motorcycles entombed somewhere. This book lives proudly on my automotive bookshelf.

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