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The Harley-Davidson Motor Co. Archive Collection



Synopsis

Who knew, one hundred years ago, that the freedom-loving, speed-hungry, cutting-edge motorcycle fanatics who founded Harley-Davidson were making history along with bikes? The Harley-Davidson Collection, showcasing a century of bikes that shaped motorcycle history, brings that history to gleaming life in page after page of motorcycles beyond compare. On the eve of the opening of the historic Harley-Davidson Museum, this book gives motorcycle enthusiasts an opportunity to pore over the bikes in the collection, and to linger over every detail that made Harley-Davidson such an icon of American open-road power and performance. With exquisite, detailed photographs and histories of the hundred motorcycles in Harley's collection, from serial number one built in 1903 to the latest low-slung Softail, high-revving VRSC, and touring models, the book captures the excitement of the best-known motorcycles in the world. All that's missing is the patented roar, which readers are invited to supply.

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Customer Reviews

Since its earliest days, the Harley-Davidson Motor Co. has saved examples of nearly every motorcycle it has ever built. The resulting Archive Collection is the most important motorcycle collection on earth. In over 600 studio portraits, Harley-Davidson and master photographer Randy Leffingwell present this historically significant collection of production models, racing bikes, and one-of-a-kind prototypes. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

An award-winning writer and photographer, Randy Leffingwell photographed many of the motorcycles that appeared in the *The Art of the Motorcycle*. He is MBI's best-selling author. His previous MBI titles include *Harley-Davidson Myth and Mystique* and contributions to *Harley-Davidson Century*. Randy lives in Santa Barbara, California. Darwin Holmstrom has written or co-written many books on motorcycling, including the best-selling *Billy Lane Chop Fiction: It's not a Motorcycle, Baby, It's a Chopper*, *BMW Motorcycles*, and *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Motorcycles*. He contributed essays to *The Harley-Davidson Reader* and *Harley-Davidson Century*.

I bought this book for a family member for Christmas and I was somewhat worried if it would be "enough" by comparison to some other books I looked at. I received it quickly, paid \$37.00 for it when it retails for \$60.00, and the book is HUGE!! It's loaded with great photography, details, and there is no wasted space. I'm not a Harley Davidson fan and I found myself flipping through it for an hour in amazement of how in depth it is. I'm certain that he'll enjoy the book and it's a great conversation piece for anyone wanting to know a bit about Harley Davidson. I highly recommend this book for any collection.

This book is incredible as it has so much information and so many pictures to show you the beauty and craftsmanship of Harley Davidson Motorbikes. I personally have not finished reading it but I do intend to because I am so interested in these motor bikes and intend to get myself a nice Fat Boy to ride as well.

Dad's a biker, so he got this for Father's Day 2013. He loved it and so did I. So lol

This is as others have stated a good book with history of the HD products. Not all are listed but good enough for a good background of changes to the products. Example, I was specifically interested in 1038 Knuckle and did not find the 38, I did find the 1936 and 1940, 41.

This is a must have book for any Harley Davidson fan with an interest in the history of the motorcycle he or she rides. The progression forward from 1903 unfolds with the turn of each page, as well as the storied history which Harley Davidson creates along the way. The images of the motorcycles in this book are beautiful. I always thought I new which "classic" Harley Davidson I would like to have, if I could have just one ...until I bought this book. There are so many amazing bikes in this book ...you'll love them all!

Excellent price and was shipped fast. I purchased this for a friend and he is a biker and one who really is into the older HD bikes so this was a great book for him as a reference and just to have.

This is a great book for any Harley lover. The photography is very well done and the pictures are large enough to see details. It could only be better if you were standing there in person. A large portion of our beloved machines history is represented in this book. It is a large format and rather heavy, but it is a book you will look at and study over and over. I think another edition or two would be in order to capture the rest of the archives. This was money well spent. My book arrived as scheduled and in great condition including the binding.

This book has outstanding photos and descriptions of many of the machines in the Harley museum. It is very enjoyable to read or just look at the pictures.

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