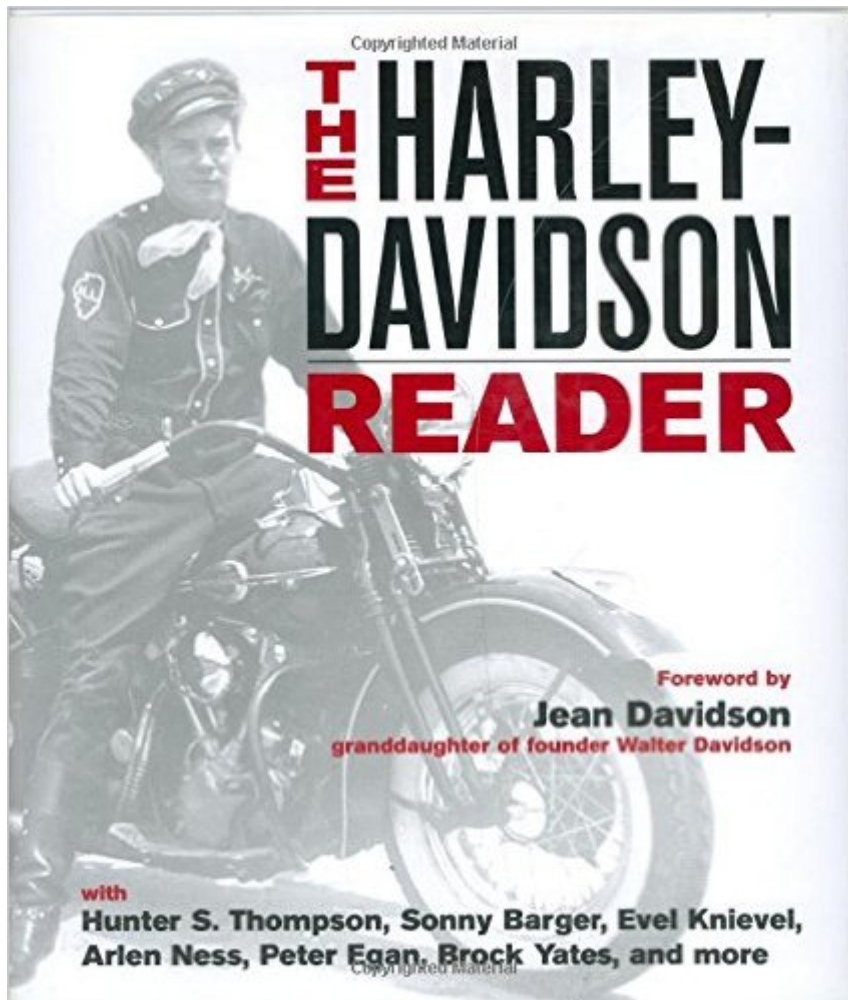


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# The Harley-Davidson Reader



## Synopsis

Harley-Davidson motorcycles are the grandest name in American motorcycling, and represent the freedom of the open road, a life of rebellion, and a heritage of craftsmanship for over 100 years. In this collection, the biggest and best writings, old and new, are assembled on Harley-Davidson and their unique mystique by writers and personalities that are part of the legend, from Hunter S. Thompson to Sonny Barger, Evel Knievel to Arlen Ness, and more. Punctuated with classic images-from vintage motorcycling photos to racing and walls of death posters to pictures from biker LPs and novels-these are the stories that have helped define the Harley-Davidson myth. The tales of the company's birth, the rise of the biker outlaw legend, and the modern-day revival of choppers, bobbers, and retro rides are all told by the best-loved sages of biker lore. With sidebars on biker movies, biker literature, and much more, this book chronicles the Motor Company's long ride into modern-day legend.

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This was an interesting collection of essays, illustrated, from those connected with motorcycling and especially Harleys over many years. I would have ranked it higher except for one essay that used extensive foul language, and would be the one reason why I would not personally display this on a coffee table -- the only thing that to me marred an otherwise very interesting book.

When our friend took a job with Harley-Davidson I couldn't resist purchasing this as a gift for him. I

did not read the book thoroughly myself, but saw that it was a nice collection of history, photographs and stories, and I know that he enjoyed receiving this as a gift.

If you like Harley Davidson motorcycles, you will like this book. It's very interesting and well written. It's a history of motorcycling that covers Harley Davidson and other brands as well. Money well spent.

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