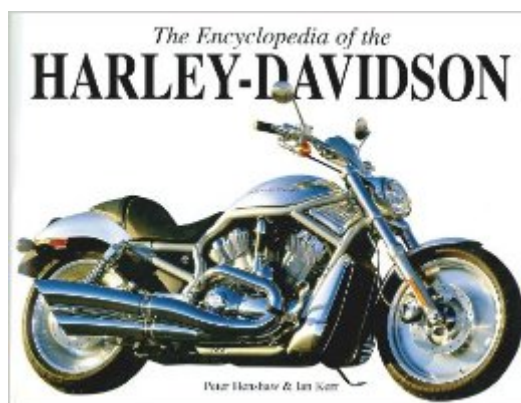


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# The Encyclopedia Of The Harley Davidson



## Synopsis

This illustrated encyclopedia is packed with interesting facts and follows the history of the famous Harley Davidson company and the development of its famous bikes, which have earned a special place in the hearts of enthusiasts everywhere. The bikes are described in detail, not only in mechanical terms, but also with glorious photographs, and will be of interest to everyone who loves motorbikes: even aficionados of Japanese and European bikes, who have never even ridden a Harley Davidson, will be able to recognize the unique marriage of style and nostalgia and the fact that there are no other bikes quite like them. With chapters that are biographical, like "The Buell Story," and "The Harley-Davidson Story," readers will get the inside story on this epic brand of motorcycle. Other chapters, like "A-Z of Harley-Davidson," "Year on Year," and "Guide to Model Names," enthusiasts will get a fully-functional, comprehensive encyclopedia of everything they ever wanted to know about Harleys.

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## Customer Reviews

The photos are nice. Lots of pics and a good history of HD. However the binding and print quality are awful. The book feels like it will fall apart at the seams. Then I read that it was printed in China and all was explained. I am sorry, but a book about such a huge part of American history being printed in China is a disgrace. Also there is a lot of inaccurate info. For example, the author assumes every police bike is an Electra Glide. There are photos of police Road Kings that are referred to as Electra Glides, etc. No knowledgeable person should ever confuse the two, it's a very obvious

difference. There are other mistakes as well throughout the book.

While the Harley-Davidson is a high quality American icon, this book is anything but quality. The book text is blurry in places and some of the information, particularly photo captions, are inaccurate. It's a shame since it does a good job at covering the over 100-year history of the motorcycle. Since its humble beginnings in 1903, the book tells the story of why Harley-Davidson has had staying power for so many years, "Only when their prototype worked consistently did they consider selling a replica. In fact, this cautious, conservative attitude was to typify how they did business over the next four decades." If you are looking for accurate information on Harley-Davidson, there are many other books out there to consider. I would highly recommend anything you can find by Allan Girdler, particularly now that they back in print. The images in Harley Davidson Sportster are great and I love all the detail in Harley-Davidson Racing, 1934-1986.

Recently a friend of my daughter's came into possession of a Harley Sportster model year 1973.. I have been a Harley fan forever..and I'm 79 years of age..I hadn't been on a Harley in over 8 years..the last one being an Electra Glide and I rode behind my son in Ore. Unexpectedly one day I got to ride on the Sportster..and it really was a good ride...I found the Harley book on line with and bought it for the owner of the 73..He was very surprised and pleased..and I hated to give it up , but at my age..that was probably my last ride..I'll still listen for the Harley engine..and will probably order the book for myself one of these days..well worth the money.M.L.Canfield

The inaccuracies are a joke. On the first page following the table of contents there is a late 90's Star that is captioned as a restored Harley. Of course the professional source is cited as some random Flickr user... In addition, page 311 notes that Erik Buell was inspired by a Victory cruiser. Victory started up in '98, Buell in '83... you make the call. In short there are a lot of great pictures but you need to research your own facts to go with them. Perhaps earlier versions of the book didn't have the same problems, I get the feeling that the publisher paid some interns to do the 2010 update and only gave them a Google based research budget.

Got as a 2012 Christmas gift from someone who knows I have a Harley, and I hoped for a good read. Fairly extensive, but I was turned off by the full page photo on page 6 (right after the Contents page) that is captioned as "Beautifully restored vintage Harley-Davidson in Geneva" that is clearly a photo of a 1998 or 1999 Yamaha Star Motorcycle Royal Star 1300. Note Star gas tank emblem,

modern Yamaha controls, radiator and visible driveshaft to name a few clues to the real make of the bike. Not sure if this was just a "put-on" by the authors to see if anyone caught the joke, or if they honestly felt it was really a H-D. Makes much of the content and photos in the book suspect. However, many of the facts presented and the photos given are correct.

Nice looking book...but that is where it stops. The binding broke as soon as I opened the cover. Very cheaply made. I gambled that my experience would not be similar to other reviews I had read...wrong. I would not recommend this book at all.

Given to my husband as a gift. First thing you notice is the nicely restored HD on page 6 is a late 90's Yamaha Star 1300CC bike. Radiator cooled, shaft drive, none of which are on HD cruisers. Some places the pics are mislabeled The pictures are great the breakdown of models over the years are good. Just too bad that no one picked up on the Yamaha so prominently displayed. Makes all the editing suspect.

The book was in perfect shape.....i was disappointed that the book said that it covered bikes through 2010. It really stops in 2000, the rest just comments on the other years. I was looking for information on 2004 to 2009 model. I don't blame the dealer.....just not quite true advertising.

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