

2003 Harley Davidson Softail Springer Anniversary Edition

The Harley-Davidson Source Book celebrates these iconic motorcycles in encyclopedia form. Rich with vivid photography, insightful commentary, and production specs and data, this is the #1 resource for die-hard Harley fans all around the world. When most people close their eyes and imagine a motorcycle, that motorcycle looks very much like a Harley-Davidson. That's because Harley builds the archetypal motorcycle, the mythic bike that exists beyond the input provided by our traditional senses. This is what the philosopher Kant called a priori knowledge, knowledge we can't learn but only intuit. That makes a Harley-Davidson the a priori motorcycle. The Harley-Davidson Motor Co. builds motorcycles that look the way the primordial biker inside each of us feels a motorcycle should be built. This is why Harley-Davidson defines the very word motorcycle for so many people. In The Harley-Davidson Source Book, acclaimed Harley-Davidson historian Mitchel Bergeron covers every motorcycle the company has built, from the very first prototype to the Silent Gray Fellow to the latest CVO Electra Glides and Softails. They're all here—the Knucklehead, the Panhead, the Pea Shooter, the KR, the Sportster, the XR750, the Shovelhead, the Evolution, the Twin Cam, the V-Rod, and all the rest. An authoritative text by noted Harley-Davidson historian and journalist Mitchel Bergeron complemented by modern and period photography and archival marketing materials make this Harley reference complete. The Harley-Davidson Source Book showcases the most storied, celebrated, and downright wild motorcycles ever produced by the Motor Company. This is the ultimate encyclopedia of the ultimate motorcycle.

Suspension is probably the most misunderstood aspect of motorcycle performance. This book, by America's premier suspension specialist, makes the art and science of suspension tuning accessible to professional and backyard motorcycle mechanics alike. Based on Paul Thede's wildly popular Race Tech Suspension Seminars, this step-by-step guide shows anyone how to make their bike, or their kid's, handle like a pro's. Thede gives a clear account of the three forces of suspension that you must understand to make accurate assessments of your suspension's condition. He outlines testing procedures that will help you gauge how well you're improving your suspension, along with your riding. And, if you're inclined to perfect your bike's handling, he even explains the black art of chassis geometry. Finally, step-by-step photos of suspension disassembly and assembly help you rebuild your forks and shocks for optimum performance. The book even provides detailed troubleshooting guides for dirt, street, and supermoto--promising a solution to virtually any handling problem.

Donny is the Winner of the 2012 International Book Awards. Donny Petersen has been educating motorcycle enthusiasts about Harley-Davidson bikes for years. Now, he has combined all his knowledge into a twelve-volume series masterpiece and this third book is one that every rider will treasure. Petersen, who has studied privately with Harley-Davidson engineers and has spent thirty-six years working on motorcycles, is sharing all of his secrets! As the founder of Toronto's Heavy Duty Cycles in 1974, North America's premier motorcycle shop, the dean of motorcycle technology teaches about the theory, design, and mechanical aspects of Harleys. In this third volume, discover: 1. How to identify the Evolution models. 2. Why the Evolution models are better. 3. Everything you need to know about engines. 4. Troubleshooting every facet of the Evolution. And so much more! The Harley-Davidson Evolution The Japanese had more than quality. Their arsenal included acceleration and speed combining with good braking and handling. They could design, tool-up and build a new motorcycle in a mere eighteen months. The flavor of the day could easily be accomplished with this organizational skill and dexterity. On top of this they had lower prices. The Gang of 13 took over a failing company or did they? By 1982, Harley-Davidson sales went into a tailspin with plunging production. The USA was in a deep recession. Adding to the perfect storm was the flood of Asian imports that many believe were being sold in the U.S. below their manufactured costs. Whether this was true or not, how did a small country a half-world away manufacture a quality product that was faster, handled better, and was less expensive? Furthermore, these import motorcycles were more functional. Well, of course they did because USA motorcycle manufacturing offered old clunker styling that was slower, did not handle well, and broke down all the time! And for all of this, Harley-Davidson's cost more. Insulting if one thinks about it. It is not that the Evolution was that good relative to their competitors because in my opinion it was not. However, the Evolution was stellar relative to what went before. I was a loyal Shovelhead rider, necessarily becoming a mechanic along the way. I like the rest of my ilk would never consider riding any other product. I did not care that a Honda might be functionally better, less expensive, and not require my newfound mechanical skills. Honda simply did not give what my psyche craved. Importantly, H-D dropped its lackadaisical attitude towards copyright infringement, particularly with knock-off products. Harley-Davidson became extremely aggressive against the counterfeiting of their trademarks. It licensed use of its logos with all manner merchandise that was embraced by mainstream America followed by the world including the Japanese. H-D then saw the birth of HOG, the most successful marketing and loyalty campaign in the annals of corporate sustenance. The world embraced this pasteurized version of the outlaw subculture. You might meet the nicest people on a Honda but Harley riders are all about cool. They adapt a pseudo-outlaw lifestyle that emulates freedom and individualism. They spend much of their time adopting one charity or another to prove they really aren't bad. Many charities benefitted greatly during the Harley boom. Can these riders be contesting the Honda mantra of niceness? The previous owners AMF deserve much credit for the success of Harley-Davidson. They gave the Gang of 13 a platform from, which to launch. These new guys were brighter than bright. They put a management team together that knew no bounds in success. I am sure that Marketing 101 in every business school teaches and will continue to teach their brilliant story. Harley-Davidson became the epitome of American manufacturing and marketing, the darling of capitalism at its finest. Think about it! How could a rusty old manufacturer whose time had drifted by reach such pinnacles of success? Well, H-D had a little help along the way with two main sociological factors: 1. The post World War II baby boom, the aging bulge in American demographics looking for adventure and whatever (safely) came their way. 2. A generation that worked hard; raised families and then looked back at what they had missed in their youth. Harley-Davidson embodied the freedom and adventure they lacked. Harley-Davidson was granted two decades, in which to plan a lasting and viable future. It sought to be the motorcycle of mainstream America. The world would follow. This venerable company almost pulled it off. The Motor Company updated technology both in their manufacturing venue and in the product itself. H-D balanced on a near-impossible fulcrum, maintaining tradition on one side and complying with environmental dictates on the other. The Evolution's successor, the air-cooled Twin Cam introduced in 1999 with great success. H-D continued to grow and prosper. I have always viewed the Twin Cam as a transitional model embracing the past but leading into a future of overhead cams and water jackets. The new H-D V-Rod's technological marvels are a wonderful attempt but as much as the Factory hoped, mainstream Harley riders did not take the bait en masse. After all they had their psychological needs. These attempts did not prevent dark clouds from appearing on the horizon: 1. Inexorably, the post World War II baby boom's bulge has

grown older, losing interest in reclaiming youth with interests shifting elsewhere. Who is to take over this downsizing market? Who will be left to support the Motor Company in the style it has become accustomed to? 2. In my humble opinion, the masters of marketing did not fill the coming void of consumers. I think H-D is good at pretty much everything except lowering prices for the incoming generations. Nor have they developed affordable and desirable product lines for the youth. Certainly, the Factory began to enjoy economies of scale in manufacturing. I for one do not think they have used their profits wisely for continued prosperity. Will I continue to ride a Harley at age 62? Sure I will but I was riding them before they became cool. I am not a dentist looking for a safe walk on the wild side or a movie star acquiring the in-bauble of the day. The Evolution motorcycle saved the Hog's bacon but a new savior is now required.

Go on a 60-year ride with Harley-Davidson's Sportster Things got a little weird in the American motorcycle industry after World War II. People hungered for new motorcycles, buying just about everything manufacturers could build. But on rare occasions a manufacturer produced a machine that nobody wanted. Such was the case with the Harley-Davidson Model K. The Model K had most of the features buyers wanted in a modern machine, like hand-operated clutches, foot-operated shifters, and cool-running aluminum heads, but it lacked perhaps the most important technological upgrade: a modern overhead-valve valve-train design. The Model K retained the antiquated side-valve design because of arcane AMA racing rules written when Harley-Davidson and Indian competed head-to-head on American racetracks, but by 1952 Indian was on its last legs. This should have made the Model K a massive sales success. What nobody counted on was the British bike invasion. Thanks to their modern overhead-valve engines, the lightweight British bikes humiliated the side-valve Harleys on the track and on the street. Upgrades to the Model K didn't help; Harley finally relented and introduced a new overhead-valve middleweight for the 1957 model year. Dubbed the Sportster, it was everything the Model K was not. More importantly, it was faster than the British competition. Thus began the Sportster's sixty-year reign. Harley-Davidson Sportster: Sixty Years tells the complete Sportster story. Noted Sportster expert Allen Girdler covers all the bikes--the XLCH, Caf_ Racer, XR1000, XLX, 883, Iron, Forty-Eight, Seventy-Two, and Nightster--that have made the Sportster one of the most iconic motorcycles on earth.

When anyone thinks of motorcycling, whether they are enthusiasts or only casually interested, the name Harley-Davidson immediately comes to mind. Harley-Davidson is among the oldest surviving motorcycle manufacturers; the company began in 1903 and continues to this day. As you can imagine, over the course of more than 100 years, the company has seen prosperous times as well as lean times, changes in focus and direction, evolution and revolution. All of that leads to a lot of company history and trivia. American Iron Magazine associate editor Tyler Greenblatt has compiled 1,001 Harley-Davidson facts into this single volume, with subjects ranging from the historic powertrains to pop culture to Harley-Davidson as a company and manufacturer. Facts begin with the early years, when a motorcycle was not much more than a bicycle with an engine attached, to the war efforts of World War I, when 15,000 were put into service. During the 1920s, Harley-Davidson grew into the largest manufacturer in the world, and that momentum helped carry it through the Great Depression and into World War II. Postwar development and AMF ownership are also covered in detail, as well as the restructuring and revival of the brand in recent years. Whether you're a casual rider, racer, or restorer, Harley-Davidson enthusiasts will be sure to find something in this book for that next conversation with fellow hobbyists. This book will keep Harley-Davidson enthusiasts entertained for hours, and is a great edition to any motorcycling library. p.p1 {margin: 0.0px 0.0px 0.0px 0.0px; font: 12.0px Arial}

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Harley-Davidson riders are a close-knit community that loves good food. The official motto of Harley riders may be "Live to Ride, Ride to Live," but the unofficial motto is "Eat to Ride, Ride to Eat." To help celebrate the 100th anniversary of Harley-Davidson in 2003, Bill Hufnagle, aka Biker Billy, collected 200 righteous recipes from HOG (Harley Owners Group) members and other Harley enthusiasts from sea to shining sea whose close-second passion is a fantastic, stick-to-your-ribs meal with no holds barred. There are plenty of Billy's own favorites included, too. Here and only here are recipes for Nana's Famous Horseradish Cheese Spread, Grandpa's Oil Can Stew, Penne with Crankcase Vodka Sauce, Black Leather Tostadas, and John's Prison Break Cake. This is torqued-up-tasty food from a bunch of adventure-loving riders that's certain to appeal to the more than five million Harley riders across the U.S.A.

Harley-Davidson SoftailMotorbooks

A handsome, informative overview of Harley Davidson's 100 plus years of style and innovation.

Harley Davidson motorcycles remain the most popular motorcycle in the world. Harley owners and enthusiasts will love this handy little guide to their best-known bikes, complete with color photos and full specifications. Featuring eye-popping color photos of more than 250 Harley-Davidson motorcycles, enthusiasts will see the evolution of the bikes from 1903 to today's most popular models. Each photo is accompanied by a detailed caption with information on options and equipment offered with the bike

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A special anniversary... The motorcycle that every easy rider craves... A book so popular it's in reprint even before it's released. This is sure to zoom out of stores! Happy 100th birthday, Harley Davidson! Celebrate a century of the most exciting motorcycles ever made in 448 exciting, thrill-inducing pages of color photographs. With images of every Harley ever produced and sold, and complete specs on each one, this beautiful, oversized volume will rev cycle lovers' motors on high. Beginning with the first model made in 1903 (which zipped along at a grand 25 miles per hour), there's information on the motorcycle's designation, engine, bore & stroke, displacement, torque, Bhp, and top speed. In sparkling images, see 1907's Silent Gray Fellow, with its bicycle-like frame; move on to the post-war Hydra Glide, aimed at a totally

new market; the Dyna Glide, born in 1947 and existing in all its shiny glory till 1996; the Evo Sportster, offered in two engine sizes; and right up to today's sleek, fast cycles. There are also brochure covers, countless close-ups of smaller details, and a wealth of other fascinating facts.

It's 1901 and a guy named Harley has an idea. Put an engine on a bicycle. What? Outside his door, carts are still pulled by horses and autos are a rare sight. It's 1908 and a Harley-Davidson motorcycle sets a record by getting 188 miles to a gallon of gas. It's 1909 and the company introduces something new to its line: a V-twin cylinder engine. Fast forward to the 21st century, and the technical innovation hasn't stopped. But there's a lot more than just choppers in the mix. Examples: The Harley-Davidson racing team adds a seventeen-year-old girl to the roster. 250,000 people help celebrate Harley's 100th anniversary in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. And a museum devoted to the company's products opens up. Clearly, this is a company unlike any other. How did Harley do it? How did it go from making motorcycles to creating a Harley experience that puts hundreds of thousands of people aged sixteen to one hundred on the road traveling to events each year where they can meet company officials and other Harley riders? That's what this book is all about. In addition, the author offers special features that include a look at the colorful people associated with Harley, interesting trivia, a Harley-Davidson time line, a focus on products, a look at how the company treats its workers, what its detractors have to say, and where the company is headed. Honda may match Harley-Davidson for quality and perhaps innovation, but no one has matched the company for its ability to create 'buzz marketing' and turn casual riders into unofficial sales people. Harley-Davidson, it turns out, isn't just in the motorcycle business. As its mission statement points out, it's in the business of fulfilling dreams. This book documents how Harley-Davidson is a rare company in other ways: Its loyal workforce, for one thing, is guided by principles like trust and respect for the individual. For another, the company has made a superb effort to keep jobs in the United States, when it would be far cheaper and easier to use offshore labor. Teetering on the brink of bankruptcy in the early 1980s, Harley has roared back to capture the hearts of riders the world over, including the million-plus members of the Harley Owners Group (members are known, naturally, as HOGs). Harley-Davidson—a company that changed, and is changing, the world.

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100 year anniversary celebration of the Harley Davidson motorcycle company.

Harley-Davidson's Softail line is one of Harley's best-selling series, and in fact is one of the most popular large-displacement motorcycle series in the world. No question, the Softail defines the cruiser genre, the best-selling segment in the U.S. motorcycle market. Combine the bikes' popularity, their beautiful design, and the relative few books on the subject, and Harley-Davidson Softail is the perfect choice for Harley enthusiasts. This Softail bible discusses the story behind the original Softail chassis, built and marketed by Bill Davis before being purchased by Harley, and continues by focusing on the various Softail models, such as the Heritage, Springer, Fat Boy, and the latest Softail series, which uses the innovative dual counterbalanced Twin Cam 88B engine.

This illustrated guide 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 story dates from 1903 when Bill Harley and the Davidson brothers, with no thought of fame or fortune, decided to build a motorcycle that really worked. So successful was it, that it led to the gradual formation of a company that has survived through good times and bad. Through good times and bad, losing and winning back police contracts, as well as weathering various other vicissitudes, the company has achieved lasting success. In the end, Harley-Davidson came to the ultimate decision of giving its customers what they really wanted, not by providing year-on-year innovations, but by remaining true to the Founders' original concept. The result, as everyone knows, are bikes of mythic status, imbued with a mysterious quality of their own and generating a passion in enthusiasts amounting almost to a love affair. The name has come to personify America and is up there alongside Coca-Cola, Ford and McDonald's. 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. Sweet Machines & Bike Night Scenes takes you on a motorcycle journey through history. It's a comical look at the bikers of today, the lifestyle, the rallies and the legends of yesteryear. We'll trace the roots of the biking phenomena and the emergence of this subculture of society, notoriously known as "bikers." We'll learn the lingo and join the fun at the most famous of motorcycle gathering spots like Sturgis, Daytona, Leesburg and Laconia. Some sweet machines, vintage classics and awesome custom rides will be presented along the way.

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