

Proficient Motorcycling Ultimate Guide To Riding Well

Why would anyone want to do something as dangerous as motorcycling? For those who love to ride, no explanation is necessary. For everyone else, there's *Why We Ride*. Designed as both an explanation for outsiders and an anthem for those within the fold, this new book presents the insights of Mark Barnes, PhD, a motorcycling clinical psychologist. As a popular columnist at *Motorcycle Consumer News* for more than 20 years, Dr. Barnes articulates the elusive physical, emotional, and interpersonal elements that make the world of the motorcyclist such a rich and exciting place. His wide-ranging text covers both sports psychology and the psychoanalysis of common riding experiences, including the results of Dr. Barnes' own empirical research. Heartfelt and thought provoking, here is a straightforward account of what makes real motorcyclists tick. Inside *Why We Ride*: What makes all the hazards and hardships of riding a motorcycle worthwhile to perfectly sane, intelligent, and responsible individuals Insights from clinical psychologist and moto-journalist Dr. Mark Barnes Examination of the complex gratifications, relentlessly compelling passions, and deeply personal experiences that motivate motorcyclists Sports psychology, psychoanalysis of common riding experiences, and reflections on the author's personal journey as a rider Results of the author's own empirical research on the motives of motorcyclists Thought-provoking exploration of the human dimension of motorcycling Special section on how riders achieve the quasi-mystical state of "Flow," a concept currently at the center of modern sports psychology

An unforgettable collection of feature articles and columns from *Cycle World* magazine by master writer Peter Egan, whose simple adventures of life remind us all why we love to ride.

It took a great deal of determination on the part of women to sweep aside male resistance from the inner circles of the motoring world. A veritable saga with a wealth of illustrations spanning almost a century of motor racing. Over forty unique portraits of daring, brave women who took part in speed records events, rallies and Grand Prix races.

Long awaited reprint of this "How to ride a bike" guide. It is meant for anyone who has never ridden a motorcycle, for enthusiasts who would like to know more on the function and behaviour of the main parts of the motorcycle, but also for hands and centaurs with years of experience and for well-informed technical experts who have plenty of know-how in the sector. Moreover, the reader will find a complete illustration of the main components of the motorcycle and their basic functioning, with lots of drawings and figures supported by technical concepts that have never been so thoroughly explained. In a word, this is a book for any two-wheeler enthusiast.

Intelligent readers who want to build their own embedded computer systems-- installed in everything from cell phones to cars to handheld organizers to refrigerators-- will find this book to be the most in-depth, practical, and up-to-date guide on the market. *Designing Embedded Hardware* carefully steers between the practical and philosophical aspects, so developers can both create their own devices and gadgets and customize and extend off-the-shelf systems. There are hundreds of books to choose from if you need to learn programming, but only a few are available if you want to learn to create hardware. *Designing Embedded Hardware* provides software and hardware engineers with no prior experience in embedded systems with the necessary conceptual and design building blocks to understand the architectures of embedded systems. Written to provide the depth of coverage and real-world examples developers need, *Designing Embedded Hardware* also provides a road-map to the pitfalls and traps to avoid in designing embedded systems.

Designing Embedded Hardware covers such essential topics as: The principles of developing computer hardware Core hardware designs Assembly language concepts Parallel I/O Analog-digital conversion Timers (internal and external) UART Serial Peripheral Interface Inter-Integrated Circuit Bus Controller Area Network (CAN) Data Converter Interface (DCI) Low-power operation This invaluable and eminently useful book gives you the practical tools and skills to develop, build, and program your own application-specific computers.

Canada is blessed with thousands of kilometers of empty roads which seem to wind on forever through forested hills and between still blue lakes. What better way to explore them than by riding 40 year old Italian motorbikes, famous for their dodgy electrics and sparse dealer network. Ancient bikes, aged rider, thousands of kilometers of virtually unserved empty roads in the middle of bear, wolf and blackfly infested wilderness - what could possibly go wrong?

Today's super high-performance bikes are the most potent vehicles ever sold to the public and they demand advanced riding skills. This is the perfect book for riders who want to take their street riding skills to a higher level. *Total Control* explains the ins and outs of high-performance street riding. Lee Parks, one of the most accomplished riders, racers, authors and instructors in the world, helps riders master the awe-inspiring performance potential of modern motorcycles. This book gives riders everything they need to develop the techniques and survival skills necessary to become a proficient, accomplished, and safer street rider. High quality photos, detailed instructions, and professional diagrams highlight the intricacies and proper techniques of street riding. Readers will come away with a better understanding of everything from braking and cornering to proper throttle control, resulting in a more exciting yet safer ride.

This best-selling book is also "#1 book in motorcycle safety" (Nielsen BookScan) and essential reading for all motorcyclists regardless of their years of experience. Author David L. Hough, a revered motorcycle author, columnist, and riding-safety consultant, lays out a clear course for all riders who want to sharpen their handling skills and improve their rides. This second edition, expanded and now in full color, offers new riders and road warriors the exact kind of advice they need to be prepared for anything when on the road, how to avoid accidents, and how to handle the unexpected. Hough, who began motorcycling in the 1960s, tackles every imaginable topic—from the mechanics of the bike, selection of the right-sized bike, and basic riding skills to night riding, group outings, and advanced survival tactics. In the chapter called "Motorcycle Dynamics," Hough spells out the equipment needed and basic skills required to control a bike, and specifically keeping the rider's safety and ability to avoid potentially injurious or fatal crashes. The author is

outspoken and direct when it comes to safety, and he emphasizes the importance of the rider's braking abilities and spells out how to improve them. The chapter offers six tried-and-true techniques for quick-stop tactics, critical for every rider to understand and master. He also addresses other vital skills that riders need to evaluate and improve, such as turning, maintaining balance and stability, and steering. He defines, compares, and analyzes the ins and outs of steering and control: direct steering, countersteering, push steering, out-tracking, coning, u-turns, and directional control. The chapter called "Cornering Habits" is a virtual master class in acceleration, deceleration, use of weight, throttle, leaning, and handling challenging terrain. Hough's skill as a photographer and illustrator adds a graphic element to his books that leads to immediate understanding of the concepts he explains. The detail offered in each section of the book can only come from decades on the road, and the author is the consummate instructor, assigning homework to the readers in the form of exercises to practice and improve specific techniques that he outlines and illustrates in the text. Any rider who would venture out on the road without David Hough's voice in his head takes an unnecessary risk with his own life. Proficient Motorcycling takes riders from long, snaking country roads right into the traffic of the big city, and Hough offers the best advice for riders dealing with the most challenging conditions, whether it's road construction, snap-jawed intersections, skateboarders, or suddenly slippery road surfaces. A critical section of the book offers riders advice on how to deal with automobiles, including aggressive car drivers, oblivious SUV drivers, or "blind" truck drivers. The book offers the kind of first-hand experience that can literally save riders' lives, as illustrated in the chapters "Booby Traps" and "Special Situations," which offer evasive tactics and advice to avoid and handle everything from slick surfaces, curbs, and construction plates to ferocious dogs, hazardous wildlife, and difficult weather conditions. The final chapter of the book, "Sharing the Ride," is geared toward experienced riders who travel together in groups or who travel with a second passenger on the bike. Topics covered are formation, packing for trips, communication between riders, sidecars, trikes, and more. The book concludes with a resources section of organizations, training schools, educational tools, and websites; a glossary of 80+ terms; and a complete index.

Street Strategies is a unique collection of street riding savvy gleaned from years of real-life motorcycling. Each page serves as a reminder about a specific hazard and a short lesson designed to help readers avoid an accident. Perfect for the novice and expert alike.

This is the first how-to guide for riding a big bike, with clear information on differences in equipment and handling, steering, positioning, powering up, braking and carrying a passenger.

Expert motorcyclist and author Ken Condon knows there is a right way to hit the road and track when you're behind the handlebars. In this new book *Motorcycling the Right Way*, Condon lays out a basic riding course for motorcyclists who are smart enough to acknowledge that "you don't know what you don't know." In setting forth the keys to riding safely and well, Condon's method capitalizes on reducing risks and potential crashes and increasing the rider's ever-improving skills and situational awareness. Filled with readable, useful advice and anecdotes from the road, *Motorcycling the Right Way* will be welcomed by beginners and returning riders, as well as experienced riders who are interested in learning more on the journey. -Adding new tools to the rider's bag: multitasking, sensory intelligence, self and situational awareness, risk smarts, visibility, and attitude adjustment-Improving the rider's ability to perceive danger, size up risks, and mentally prepare for the road-Expert advice on handling the bike, cornering, traction, braking, and turning-A sobering look at crashing and handling the aftermath of an accident-Special sections on dirt riding, group rides, highway riding, nighttime riding, passengers-The right way to avoid hazards and deal with perilous obstacles and road conditions

Straight facts about riding! *A Twist of the Wrist*, the acknowledged number one book on rider improvement for ten years straight, brought riders worldwide to a new understanding of vital riding skills. Uncovers and traces, action by action, the direct links between man and machine.

A completely revised version of one of the best-selling motorcycle riding skills books of all time. Today's super high-performance bikes are the most potent vehicles ever sold to the public and they demand advanced riding skills. Get it right, and a modern motorcycle will provide you with the thrill of a lifetime; get it wrong and you'll be carted off in a meat wagon. The line between ecstasy and agony is so thin that there is absolutely no margin for error. *Total Control* provides you with the information you need to stay on the healthy side of that line, providing a training course developed and perfected through decades of professional training in Lee Parks' *Total Control Advanced Riding Clinic*. This is the perfect book for riders who want to take their street riding skills to a higher level. *Total Control* explains the ins and outs of high-performance street riding. Lee Parks, one of the most accomplished riders, racers, authors and instructors in the world, helps riders master the awe-inspiring performance potential of modern motorcycles. This book gives riders everything they need to develop the techniques and survival skills necessary to become a proficient, accomplished, and safer street rider. High quality photos, detailed instructions, and professional diagrams highlight the intricacies and proper techniques of street riding and the knowledge gained will apply to all brands of bikes from Harley-Davidson and Suzuki to Ducati and Kawaski to Honda and BMW and more! Readers will come away with a better understanding of everything from braking and cornering to proper throttle control, resulting in a more exhilarating yet safer ride. Here's everything you need to successfully improve your riding, novice or veteran, cruiser to sportbike rider. This book contains the very foundation skills for any rider looking for more confidence when cornering a motorcycle. Notes and comments by Eddie Lawson. Foreword by Wayne Rainey.

Contains the text, drawings, diagrams, illustrations and photographs from Keith Code's book *A twist of the wrist*, plus 97 video clips and 75 new audio comments by Keith.

Cornering Confidence provides motorcycle riders with a simple progression of skills to elevate their riding within a short period of time. The ultimate goal of the book is mastering the often misunderstood trail braking technique. These advanced skills can take years to discover separately, but have been condensed here into a nice little package. Learn the secrets to 100% cornering confidence.

Acclaimed as one of the most exciting books in the history of American letters, this modern epic became an instant bestseller upon publication in 1974, transforming a generation and continuing to inspire millions. This 25th Anniversary Quill Edition features a new introduction by the author; important typographical changes; and a Reader's Guide that includes discussion topics, an interview with the

author, and letters and documents detailing how this extraordinary book came to be. A narration of a summer motorcycle trip undertaken by a father and his son, the book becomes a personal and philosophical odyssey into fundamental questions of how to live. The narrator's relationship with his son leads to a powerful self-reckoning; the craft of motorcycle maintenance leads to an austere beautiful process for reconciling science, religion, and humanism. Resonant with the confusions of existence, *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance* is a touching and transcendent book of life.

Shows you techniques on how to develop real world skills for speed, safety and confidence on the street and track.

In 1982, at the age of just twenty-three and halfway through her architecture studies, Elspeth Beard left her family and friends in London and set off on a 35,000-mile solo adventure around the world on her 1974 BMW R60/6. Reeling from a recent breakup and with only limited savings from her pub job, a tent, a few clothes and some tools, all packed on the back of her bike, she was determined to prove herself. She had ridden bikes since her teens and was well travelled. But nothing could prepare her for what lay ahead. When she returned to London nearly two and a half years later she was stones lighter and decades wiser. She'd ridden through unforgiving landscapes and countries ravaged by war, witnessed civil uprisings that forced her to fake documents, and fended off sexual attacks, biker gangs and corrupt police convinced she was trafficking drugs. She'd survived life-threatening illnesses, personal loss and brutal accidents that had left permanent scars and a black hole in her memory. And she'd fallen in love with two very different men. In an age before email, the internet, mobile phones, satnavs and, in some parts of the world, readily available and reliable maps, Elspeth achieved something that would still seem remarkable today. Told with honesty and wit, this is the extraordinary and moving story of a unique and life-changing adventure.

This is the book for the motorcyclist who wants to do it right! The Motorcycle Safety Foundation's Guide to Motorcycling Excellence is the most complete and authoritative guide to motorcycle safe-riding techniques and strategies. More than one million students have completed courses developed by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, and this book is the culmination of what this leading rider-training organization has learned about teaching students of all ages and experience levels. It is the perfect refresher for anyone who has taken an MSF class and it will be an eye-opener for those who have not yet taken a formal training course. In a clear, engaging style with detailed diagrams and extensive full-color photographs and illustrations, the book covers rider attitude, proper gear, basic and advanced street skills, and performance, as well as skill maintenance and troubleshooting. Topics include how to stop quickly when necessary; avoiding traffic hazards; applying evasive maneuvers; countersteering for better control; traveling safely and skillfully in a group; identifying and fixing mechanical problems; riding smoothly at high and low speeds; maintaining momentum in off-highway riding; and much, much more. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation's Guide to Motorcycling Excellence is a remarkable source of riding wisdom and the definitive reference for the sport.

Allow Mark Lindemann, Cycle World Magazine's resident expert, share the tips and tricks he has gained from riding over 750 different bikes during the past 30 years. This is the perfect guide for beginners or those looking to get back on two wheels after a hiatus. Evolve from rookie to seasoned rider with this comprehensive beginners guide to motorcycles, riding and gear. Whether you are starting as a new daily commuter, track fiend or budding off-roader, Mark Lindemann of Cycle World will teach you how to tackle test rides, avoid lemons, maintain and tune your ride and master fundamental bike skills.

The second edition of this official Moto GP guide, aimed at racing and track day enthusiasts at all levels, has been expanded to include extra information and many new photos and quotes from today's Moto GP stars.

Popular motorcycle journalist and author Mark Zimmerman brings a comfortable, conversational tone to his easy-to-understand explanations of how motorcycles work and how to maintain them and fix them when they don't. This practical tutorial covers all brands and styles of bikes, making it a perfect companion to the owner's service manual whether you need to use the step-by-step instructions for basic maintenance techniques to wrench on your bike yourself or just want to learn enough to become an informed customer at your local motorcycle service department. This book includes more than 500 color photos and a thorough index to make it an especially user-friendly reference for home motorcycle mechanics of all skill levels.

Provides checklists and advice on planning a wedding, discussing such topics as reserving facilities, selecting vendors, and arranging the wedding ceremony.

Bernt Spiegel's *The Upper Half of the Motorcycle* was a best-selling motorcycling book in its original German with multiple editions and printings to its credit. Now translated into English, its provocative message is available to a wider audience. Spiegel's metaphor considers the rider and the motorcycle as a single unit, the rider being the upper half. Taking a multidisciplinary approach, the author draws on anthropology, psychology, biology, physics, and other disciplines to analyze the theory and function of the man-machine unit. Motorcycle riding is seen as a junction where people have created machines for personal transport and then become so adept at using them that the machine becomes like an extension of the rider themselves. The ultimate goal for riders is the integration of the man-machine interface and subsequent skill development to the point of virtuosity. Spiegel considers the various aspects of motorcycle riding that must be understood, practiced, and mastered before virtuosity can be attained. Many anecdotes, supplementary material, and in-depth treatment of specialized topics is contained in sidebars and footnotes. Numerous diagrams and photographs illustrate the book's principles allowing the reader to consider and develop their riding skill set.

Written as a stand-alone or follow-up to David L. Hough's wildly successful duo, "Proficient Motorcycling" and "Street Strategies," this book contains invaluable lessons for avoiding nasty accidents. Presenting new tips and topics geared toward protecting riders from road dangers with a special focus on mental and physical preparedness. Diagrams, examples, plain talk, and Hough's practical attitude make this one of the most accessible guides available.

There are millions of new motorcyclists hitting the blacktop every year. But being part of the American motorcycle culture takes more than just wanting to be cool. It takes a passion for the open road, freedom, and a lifestyle that even the best financing cant buy. This book, by someone who knows motorcycles as few do, provides a road map to biker culture for anyone new to the experience. Jay Barbieri explains everything a new rider needs to know to become a real biker. He begins with a brief history of motorcycles, and draws on his twenty-five years of riding experience for examples of what works and doesn't in this heady world. Most of all, he aims to spare new bikers the bad decisions neophytes typically make. With hundreds of motorcycle trips under his belt, there is not a mistake Barbieri hasn't made or a situation he hasn't encountered. By sharing the sometimes comical outcomes, he gives the new biker a head start to become more comfortable, credible, and knowledgeable about joining a community that is as much a part of American culture as baseball, hotdogs and apple pie.

A down-to-earth guide about the message of the stars. For astrology to be useful there's no need to have a crystal ball, incense, meditation, or faith. Learn the practical language of astrology in this clear, easy-to-understand exploration that goes way beyond daily horoscopes and zodiac. With it, the reader will be able to calculate and read their own and others' birth charts; tell signs and planets from houses; create daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly planners- even make predictions for the future. With a glossary and further resources, this guide explores: ? Why horoscopes and descriptions of "sun signs" are usually wrong. ? Why many astrologers use the "wrong" zodiac. ? The several different houses system. ? All the planetary aspects that go beyond the sun and moon. ? The many cycles that determine an astrological forecast. Renowned for the beauty and simplicity of his teachings, Ajahn Chah was Thailand's best-known meditation teacher. His charisma and wisdom influenced many American and European seekers, and helped shape the American Vipassana community. This collection brings together for the first time Ajahn Chah's most powerful teachings, including those on meditation, liberation from suffering, calming the mind,

enlightenment and the 'living dhamma'. Most of these talks have previously only been available in limited, private editions and the publication of Food for the Heart therefore represents a momentous occasion: the hugely increased accessibility of his words and wisdom. Western teachers such as Ram Dass and Jack Kornfield have extolled Chah's teachings for years and now readers can experience them directly in this book.

Best-selling author David Hough is the anti-bad ass of motorcyclists, a serious down-to-earth master of two- (and three-) wheeled street rods who is interested in the safety and road smarts of his fellow motorcyclists. Mastering the Ride is his follow-up book to one that put him on the map, Proficient Motorcycling, and it goes one better. For motorcyclists ready to take their rides to the next level, Mastering the Ride is an exhilarating course in skills, safety, and common sense. Hough's writing style is straightforward and conversational, never professorial, preachy, or boring. With instructional color photographs and drawings, the book covers improving the rider's skills of speed and passing on superslabs, mountain roads, and city streets; anticipating and handling street and road hazards, from treacherous tar snakes to lane-weaving drivers; and learning the limits of sight distances, executing quick stops at sudden hazards as well as curves. The book devotes two full chapters to the skills involved in mastering cornering, with specific advice about rolling on and off the throttle, shifting, braking, countersteering, body steering and positioning, and cornering lines. In the chapter "Mastering the Art of Conspicuity," Hough recommends riders understand and employ conspicuity, that is understanding how motorcyclists and car drivers see their surroundings and getting others to see you on the road by use of hi-viz clothing, LED lights, and other gear. The key to safety rests in increased situational awareness; the topic of the next chapter; the ability to predict how road events will unfold by thinking through the possibilities way before a potential hazard presents itself. Thanks to Hough's direct and specific instructions to riders for what they need to know, to improve, to avoid, and to do every time they get on their bikes, this chapter and the skills it describes are nothing short of life-saving. In short, Mastering the Ride is a crash course in how not to crash; that is, after all is read and done, what every motorcyclist must avoid for his own life and the lives of others on the road. As Eric Trow, a motorcycle safety journalist and instructor states on the back cover, "Mastering the Ride should be required reading for every road-going motorcyclist and become the companion of any rider serious about advancing his or her road craft." Voni Graves, the record-setting million-mile BMW rider, is a long-time Hough fan who relied on Hough's "wisdom" back in the 1970s when the author was a columnist. "The latest from David brings together his years of experience and his unique analysis to make the case for mastery in a conversational way that makes [Mastering the Ride] impossible to put down. The breadth and depth of the information; is astounding." A section on the aging rider, including ways to compensate for older riders' slower reaction times and readapting their skills, is included in the appendix, as is a travelogue of Hough's road trips to some of his favorite locations. A glossary, resources section, and index complete the book.

Every motorcycle adventure presents new challenges – terrain, weather, geography, mechanical issues, survival and navigation. Adventure Riding Techniques is designed to act as the essential and definitive guide to all the specialist skills one would need for off road adventure riding. It is designed to fill the reader with the confidence needed to undertake a long distance adventure ride, whatever the conditions. The book delivers a practical approach to adventure bike basics, riding techniques, crossing different types of terrain (everything from rivers and mud to rocks and deep sand), riding positions and strategies for survival. A long distance motorcycle journey is a significant undertaking and giving the reader insight into vital techniques and skills is this book's unique difference. Specialists in the field will be used to demonstrate techniques and provide insightful information for aspiring adventure riders.

Every motorcyclist, from the weekend joyrider to the everyday commuter to the aspiring racetrack pro needs this book. In 291 insider hits, experts from Cycle World magazine cover: Gear: Including how to buy the best bike possible, evaluate a used ride, suit up for style and safety, and adapt your gear to a wide range of riding conditions. Riding: Make the most of any situation, from navigating dangerous city streets and enjoying desert off-roading to holding your own on competitive tracks around the world (amps and pro-racer tips included!). Have fun, ride like a pro, and keep the rubber side down. Repair & Maintenance : Tips for how to become your own repair shop—and how to avoid getting ripped off when you do need a mechanic. Also includes on-the-fly repairs, emergency fixes, and pro tips for maintenance routines to keep your bike running for years to come.

Former AMA racing champion Reg Pridmore, known worldwide for his popular CLASS Motorcycle Schools, brings his decades of experience on the track, street and classroom, to the readers of this new riding skills book. After reviewing the basics, Pridmore shows advance students how to focus on control in cornering, braking, and acceleration. A long-time proponent of the value of body-steering, Pridmore's insightful text explains how this controversial technique helped him win championships and how it can help everyday riders and budding racers become smoother, better riders. Sections on street strategies and riding gear make this a comprehensive how-to riding skills book for anyone looking to improve their skills.

ADP 6-22 describes enduring concepts of leadership through the core competencies and attributes required of leaders of all cohorts and all organizations, regardless of mission or setting. These principles reflect decades of experience and validated scientific knowledge. An ideal Army leader serves as a role model through strong intellect, physical presence, professional competence, and moral character. An Army leader is able and willing to act decisively, within superior leaders' intent and purpose, and in the organization's best interests. Army leaders recognize that organizations, built on mutual trust and confidence, accomplish missions. Every member of the Army, military or civilian, is part of a team and functions in the role of leader and subordinate. Being a good subordinate is part of being an effective leader. Leaders do not just lead subordinates—they also lead other leaders. Leaders are not limited to just those designated by position, rank, or authority.

Off-road riding is one of motorcycling's most popular pursuits and also one of its best training grounds for improving street-riding skills. Off-road riding takes many forms, from motocross and enduro racing, to dual-sport day trips, to trail riding, to adventure tours. No matter the specific pursuit, all dirt riding (and much street riding) shares the same basic skill set. How to Ride Off-Road Motorcycles schools the reader in all the skills necessary to ride safely and quickly off-road. Chapters cover the basics, such as body position, turning, braking, and throttle control, then proceed to advanced techniques, such as sliding, jumps, wheelies, hill-climbing, and more. If you've ever wanted to try dirt riding or if you're an experienced rider looking to sharpen your skill set, How to Ride Off-Road Motorcycles is a perfect riding coach.

'Discovering the Motorcycle' is an extraordinary history of motorcycling from 1867 to the present. Each of the 12 chapters of this remarkable 510 page book is devoted to a major aspect of motorcycling; ranging from historical discussions of the machines that lead the way to today's modern sportsbikes, to vintage classics, choppers and bobbers, off-road machines, cafe racers, touring bikes, customs, a history of motorcycle racing, electric motorcycles, the motorcycle's impact on society, and great motorcycle museums. The book honors motorcycling's great makes, with over 1,000 photographs and illustrations. A special chapter is devoted to the four-hundred-year history of the engine. This book is an ideal addition to any motorsport enthusiast's library, and makes a perfect gift for the motorcycle enthusiast.

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"This book, a polished, winding meditation on the theory and fractiousness of motorcycles, celebrates both their eccentric history and the wary pleasures of touring."—The New Yorker In a book that is "a must for anyone who has loved a motorcycle" (Oliver

Sacks), Melissa Pierson captures in vivid, writerly prose the mysterious attractions of motorcycling. She sifts through myth and hyperbole: misrepresentations about danger, about the type of people who ride and why they do so. The Perfect Vehicle is not a mere recitation of facts, nor is it a polemic or apologia. Its vivid historical accounts—the beginnings of the machine, the often hidden tradition of women who ride, the tale of the defiant ones who taunt death on the racetrack—are intertwined with Pierson's own story, which, in itself, shows that although you may think you know what kind of person rides a motorcycle, you probably don't.

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