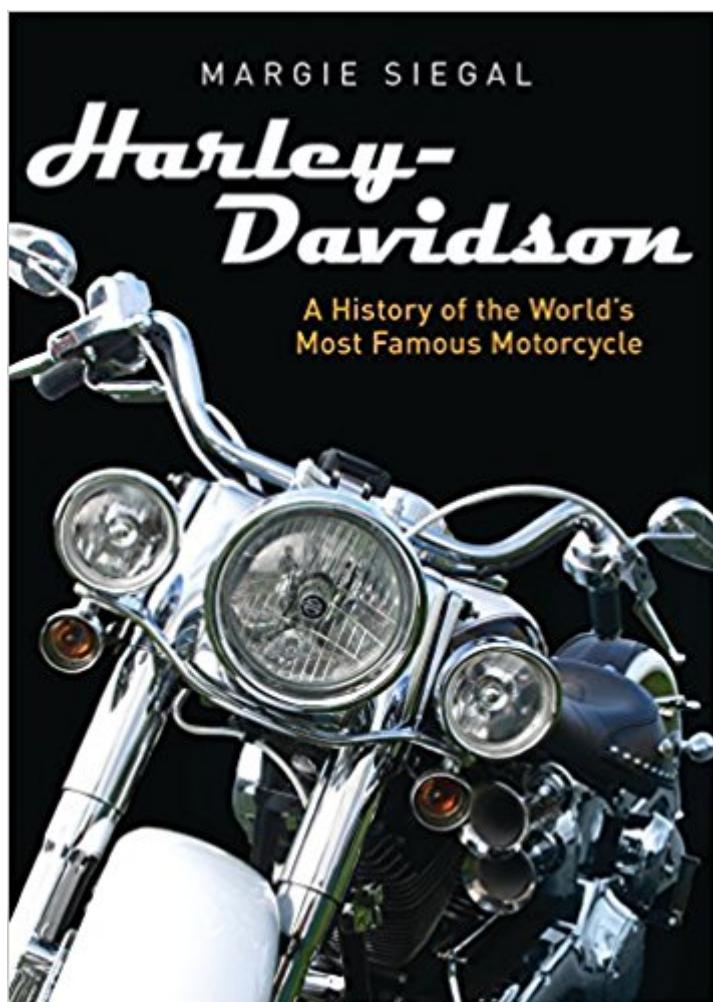


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# Harley-Davidson: A History Of The World's Most Famous Motorcycle (Shire Library USA)



## Synopsis

Harley-Davidson: words that evoke the open American road and the “Made in America” tradition like no others. The sweeping chopper handlebars, the distinctive throaty low speed rumble of the engine and the unmistakable logo are all recognized the world over. This book expertly ties together the mechanical evolution of Harley's engines from the earliest motorized pedal bicycles to the iconic heavyweight twin cylinder V-engines we know and love today and the social history of the brand's phenomenal rise in the twentieth century, as innovative survivor of the Great Depression, supplier of the military during both World Wars and enduring symbol of freedom and rebellion. It is fully illustrated with pictures of the bikes and those who have ridden them as well as examples of Harley-Davidson's distinctive design aesthetic in advertising and collectibles.

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“Oaklander Margie Siegal takes a historic, quirky, and technical look at America's favorite motorcycle, the Harley-Davidson, in this fond remembrance of the chopper and its iconic rise. The pictures alone are worth a gander: Harley parades, vintage ads, lots of chrome. Siegal can discuss the technicalities without being boring and puts innovations in context.”  
Margie Siegal expertly ties together the mechanical evolution of the Harley engines with the social history of the iconic brand. Fully illustrated with historic images and pictures

of the bikes, this book is a wonderful catalog of everything Harley-Davidson. "Women Riders Now" Lushly illustrated with images by photographer Dana Shirey and archival photos from the Dudley Perkins archive, there's plenty of eye candy offsetting the well-researched text. Technical enough for the gearhead without intimidating the newbie, every reader is sure to learn something from this book's straightforward and thoughtful perspective.

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If it's American, has two wheels, and was built prior to 1950, Siegal has either researched, rode or written about it. "Walking Text Book" Margie has been Vintage Editor on IronWorks Motorcycle Magazine since day one, with her regular feature, Seasoned Citizens. Siegal is also a frequent contributor to Motorcycle Classics magazine. Originally from Queens, NY, Siegal now resides in sunny California. Her specialty is searching for (and finding) the details on American bikes that were built when your grandfather was in high school. Count on Margie for technical accuracy and a unique sensitivity when it comes to the people and machines that established motorcycling in America.

Awesome book with great collection of HD pictures. Great read also.

An easy to follow account of how harley davison came to fruition. How they stayed afloat when faced with recession and hard times and what models were produced in relation to dates. Allso explanations of technical changes why they didnt work and how they rectified them

very happy with this book everything is great thank you

This book is small and does not contain many pages. I was disappointed to say the least. It looks big and substantive in the listing.

It's a short and concise book that gives a very good idea about how motorcycles (not just Harleys) culture has evolved in the States.

Good book about the evolution of the bike would've liked to know a little more about the men that started it

Being a Harley rider and fan, I always love reading about the Motor Company and how they've survived all of these years. If you're into HD, this book is a great read.

Gift for my motor cycle loving brother. He loves it!!

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