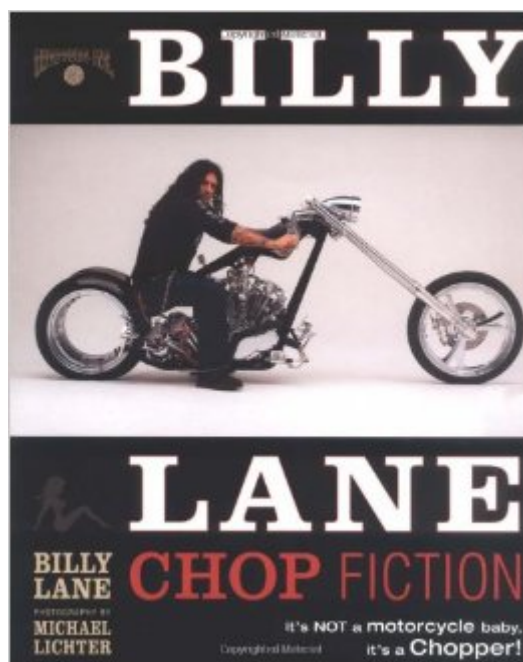


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# Billy Lane



## Synopsis

Billy Lane, owner of Choppers Inc., lives, eats, and breathes choppers. Since securing a secret cache of Easyriders magazines as a young boy, Billy has equated choppers with freedom. By the time he earned an engineering degree from Florida State University in Tallahassee, he had already established himself as a promising young chopper builder. An appearance on the very first episode of Discovery Channel's Monster Garage led to a starring role in Biker Build-Off and growing fame as a chopper builder with both artistic vision and technological innovation. In this autobiography, Billy shares his life story, from running with gangsters in Miami as a younger man to becoming a celebrity chopper builder who is mobbed by fans everywhere he goes. Inside stories on his most famed bikes are included, as well as Billy's thoughts on those who inspired and helped him on the road to becoming a famed chopper artist and television star. The book is full-color, giving ample room for the reader to view Billy's incredible creations, featured in stunning photography by Michael Lichter. Billy's bikes are works of art on multiple levels, combining the fine art of sculpture with the pop art of incorporating found objects into the work. But they are also technological tours de force, featuring engineering that is nothing short of astounding. But there's more to life than just choppers, according to Billy. There are women, too. There's no doubt about it - the sexy lines of an old school chopper, its curvy hips, narrow waist, and voluptuous torso, are the same lines found on a beautiful woman. In addition to stories of his great bikes, the self-professed "Ladies' Man" of chopper builders shares behind-the-scenes stories and photos of his other true love, whether they were long-time girlfriends, strippers, other colorful characters in his life, or the fans who demand his autograph on their body parts at biker shows throughout the U.S. Billy Lane is the ultimate insider's look at the lifest

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## Customer Reviews

I bought this book mostly for the great photography, never expecting such an interesting story. I thought it would be another celebrity talking about how great he is. Instead I find one of the most candid, honest self reflections I've ever read. Billy lays it all right out there for the entire world to see. He doesn't hold anything back, the good, the bad, or the ugly. Reading this book, I felt like I really understood what a television celebrity goes through. Great job, Billy!

Billy Lane is an ICON in the world of Choppers. His bikes have been featured in Motorcycle publications around the world. This book gives us an inside look at the man behind those custom built Choppers; his friends, his family, his work ethic, and his party till you drop attitude. You'll like the photo's, and His idea of the perfect ride is one I agree with; 500 lbs of good Milwaukee steel, me, and a hundred pounder on the back. Good job Billy

I have been a biker and raised by bikers since I was knee high to a coke bottle, I can say that out of the whole crowd of puffed up halfwit wannabe bandwagon ridin talentless hacks, billy, and indian larry were some of the only real people. People you can party with, people that respect our code. I like billy as a person and his book is damn good to. If you want to know about joe everyman biker who made it big this is the book for you. Two big thumbs up.-jdh

I do not read many autobiographies. Those I have read seemed way too polished to be true and accurate. Chop Fiction, thankfully, comes across as a sincere and honest account. I truly enjoyed reading it and looking at the photos and parking tickets. I would recommend it to anyone just starting out or at a crossroad in life.

Cool book to flip through for great photos of bikes, Billy, his wild times, his shop, etc...but also a great story. He talks about his childhood, his business, his love of riding and building, his respect for other builders and their influence, etc. Interesting life and an interesting book. Stylin' design too.

This was a great book if your a fan of Billy Lane and the custom chopper scene of the early decade. Billy was pretty candid about this lifestyle and attitudes, and was suprizingly entertaining. The

pictures were great although many were re-collected from old magazine shoots and/or the discovery channel.

It was pretty much what I expected. Enjoyed reading more about Billy. Would have liked it to be a longer read as it quick and simple..I am sure he has more to tell, hopefully one day.

Kinda disapointed with this book. His views, a few short stories and alot of pics. Nothing really deep.

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