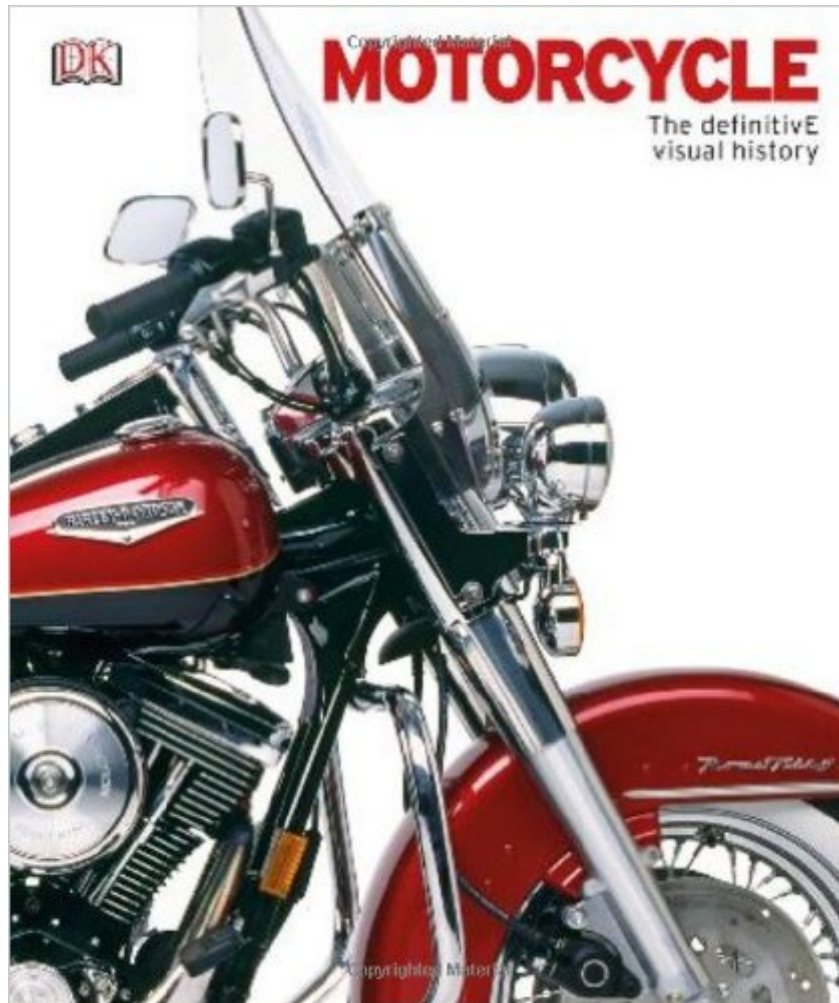


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# Motorcycle: The Definitive Visual History



## Synopsis

Tracing the history of two-wheeled grit and glory, from the first prototypes to the superbikes of today, *Motorcycle: The Definitive Visual History* covers more than 1,000 of the world's greatest machines, from the earliest prototypes from the mid-nineteenth century, to the dynamic speedsters of today. Comprehensive catalogs highlight the most important motorcycles of each period, along with their specifications and distinctive features. Histories of the men and machines like Honda and Harley-Davidson reveal the origins of these now-household names. Iconic motorcycles of each era, such as the 1970s Kawasaki KZ1000, are showcased with specially commissioned photography, and include "virtual tours" that reveal the anatomy of these legendary motorcycles in mesmerizing close-up. Whether an object of curiosity, affordable means of transport, symbol of rebellion, or first choice for full-throttle thrills on road or race track, *Motorcycle: The Definitive Visual History* chronicles each decade of motorcycle history in stunning visual detail.

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This is a big coffee table book that also includes two frameable prints. The ones included in my book were the Indian 101 Scout 1928 and the Harley Davidson Electra Glide 1965. The book itself is divided into; before 1920, the 1920's, 30's, 40', 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's, from 2000 and the engine. There is a glossary and an index. There are many large close- up pictures all in colour and pages with smaller pictures of examples of the motorcycles, each giving the country of origin, engine, top speed and a brief description. Within the chapters are articles covering almost all

aspects of motorcycles' history. Examples are; the Enfield story, Indian Scout, reliable transportation, scooters, roadburners, off the highway, information on motorcycles used in the wars. The chapter on the engine has many close-ups and diagrams explaining how everything works. Whether you are a motorcycle aficionado or just enjoy learning about the diversity of the motorcycle and its history this is a book that would assist you in learning much about it.

I got this book for my girlfriend's father for Christmas. He's got a collection of several dozen bikes, goes to auctions all around the country, takes Harley road trips...He LOVED this book. This is a book for a guy who knows his \*\*\*\*. For someone who can seamlessly talk about early Indians and current Ducatis. Plus, it's loaded with pictures and there are a couple of cool inserts in the back of the book. All in all...very happy with it.

I bought this book as a gift for my dad, who is the biggest motorcycle enthusiast to ever walk the planet. He can't stop talking about this book! Absolutely loves it. He's read a lot of books on the history of motorcycles, and he said this is by far the best he's ever come across. The detail and amount of information is stunning -- overwhelming, to someone like myself -- but a dream come true to someone who can't get enough information on this topic, such as my dad. Based on the fact he just can't put this massive book down since I got it for him (back in January), I'd say it's a winner for any motorcycle enthusiast out there!

Bought this as a Christmas gift for my partner. He loved it! Spent most of Christmas trying to show me many of the bikes. Some of the cover and pages were yellowed, but other than that, for used condition, it was great. Beautiful photos. Beautiful bikes.

Lots of photos and informative detail about mechanical things on motorcycles that guys like. I got this last year as a Christmas gift for my brother. Not sure, if this year, I can find a gift to even equal this book - as this book was an out-of-the park home run! I'm hoping there is another book by the same authors about a similar topic.

Because I love DK books and have several...and because I love motorcycles and ride..I had to have this book. It's GREAT. High quality, beautiful photos and so many bikes I never saw before. On top of that...the book had pictures of two of my old bikes that I forgot all about!!! That was a big hit. My wife is not as thrilled as I am...but she's a girl. Geeze..... If you can find this book and if you love

bikes....just buy it. The Vendor was fantastic too.

I just can't say enough about how fun this book is. I'm giving this book as Christmas gifts this holiday season. The detail and the pictures are second to none and any body who owns, or who wishes to own, a motorcycle will find this a must read. The price of this book for what you get makes it an amazing value too.

Its a Meh book. Almost like a catalog of motorcycles. I do not liked the cover... has some reliefs making it kind of childish look. That is one thing nice ..the book comes with two prints to portraits. I gave them to a friend of mine .. he love it.

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