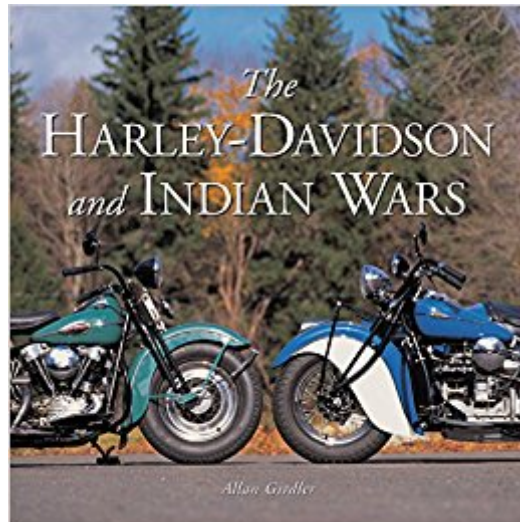




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# **The Harley-Davidson And Indian Wars**



## Synopsis

In *The Harley-Davidson and Indian Wars*, author Allan Girdler takes you on a colorful tour of the men and machines that competed to dominate the American motorcycle industry. This book chronicles the legendary machines such as the Knucklehead and the Four, as well as motorcycles like the Hummer and the Model CZ whose times came and went or, perhaps, never came at all. The racing history is also told with a flourish, from the days of total-loss oiling, wooden race tracks, and high mortality rates to the cataclysmic times of Class C racing, when roaring V-twin -powered beasts were manhandled on dirt tracks, asphalt, and through the nastiest terrain the country has to offer. *The Harley-Davidson and Indian Wars* tells the story of these two makers, from the days when Harley-Davidsons were built in the Davidson family's back yard to the tragic demise of the Indian Motorcycle company.

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Allan Girdler is a well-known columnist and writer whose work has appeared in *Big Twin*, *Cycle World*, and an assortment of books, including *Harley-Davidson Sportster*, *Harley-Davidson: The American Motorcycle*, *The Illustrated Harley-Davidson Buyer's Guide*, and several others.

Loved the book and wanted to read more. Ends the Indian story with the company effectively going out of business in 1953/1954. I ride a Gilroy era 2003 Indian Spirit bike and she makes me dream of the open road. Not like my 2010 Harley who has the Harley growl, but seems a bit like my older

sister-telling me what I should think! Anyway, I can hope the author would consider the next chapter in the Indian Motorcycle story for all us Gilroy era and Kings Mountain, North Carolina riders. the book makes me think the author is a really a deep down inside rider and the book intro says as much. For that I'm thankful for those eyes see beyond the content and into the character of the men, the engineers, owners, and racers/riders who pioneered these incredible machines. A good read especially when you can't be on the bike, but can enjoy the story of all those who have made this experience live through the pictures and words.

My husband who is a photographer was completely blown away by the excellent photography. He said you would expect to pay \$40 for a book of such quality. He liked how the photographer shot different angles of the bikes so that you could see them from another perspective. The author has written many other books on Harley-Davidson and his expertise makes him an appropriate authority on this subject matter. It is hard to choose sides in this war!

The pictures are worth the cost of the book!Excellent history in this one.

I bought the book as a gift for my brother. I took the time to read it and thumb through the photos. What an interesting piece of history. This book will make a great coffee table addition.

i bought this for a real hardcore harley davidson lover. he is obsessed with this book. not only does it have amazing pictures, but really tells you some "inside scoop" and so many facts about the wars between two huge motorcycle groups. this book is nice and "heavy" you can tell it is made of the best quality. the pictures are so clear and nice, i loved seeing his face light up!

I purchased this for a Harley friend and I think he will enjoy the history behind these two motorcycles. Beautiful coffee table book.

Was a great history on the two brands. Had a lot of great pics that I've never seen before, even though I've spent countless hours researching the history of the brands online prior to owning this book. I was a bit surprised and slightly disappointed it didn't mention Burt Munro, particularly since there was some talk and pics on the Salt Flats.

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