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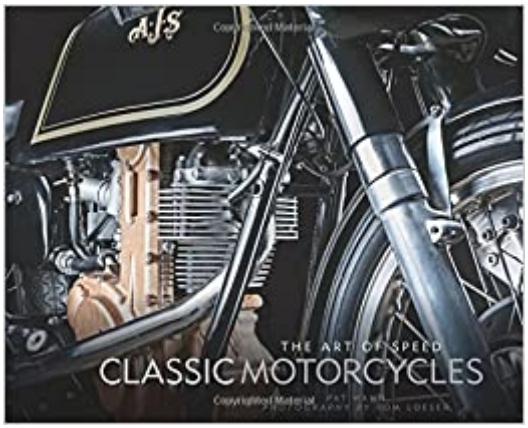

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Synopsis

Finally! The world’s most incredible motorcycles are given the artful representation they deserve.The motorcycle should have disappeared with the advent of the inexpensive automobile, since Henry Ford’s Model T usurped the motorcycle’s position as a primary form of utilitarian transportation, but a funny thing happened on the way to extinction - the motorcycle not only survived but thrived. Enough people were enamored of the thrill and beauty of the two-wheeled mechanical beast to ensure it would continue to exist indefinitely. And exist they have! Many of the motorcycles manufactured over the past century truly fit the description of "classic," and many consider these machines works of art.Written by noted motorcycle author Patrick Hahn, Classic Motorcycles presents the history of motorcycling as told through the most significant, iconic, classic motorcycles of all time, with both period photography and modern portrait photography. All the best domestic and international makes are represented here, from BMWs, Indians, and Triumphs to Vincents, Ducatis, and Harley-Davidsons - the most classic models. You’ll drool over the 1933 Matchless Silver Hawk, and you’ll want to tear out the page displaying the 1956 Triumph Thunderbird and frame it. Each motorcycle was shot in a studio setting using photographer Tom Loeser’s light-painting technique. Period ads and relevant historic photos and documents are spread throughout the book to supplement the portraits of the bikes, really evoking a sense of time and place. Prepare to be in awe of the undeniably classic motorcycles in this collection. It’s the only motorcycle history you’ll need.

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Customer Reviews

Ã¢â ¬Å“It is without question the most arresting and innovative presentation of classic motorcycles ever produced.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã Â - MotorcycleClassics.com, MotorcycleClassics.com

Pat Hahn loves solving motorcycling dilemmas, particularly those related to riding strategy and safety. His subtle humor and keen instinct help with topics like risk management, situational awareness, riding technique, and crash avoidance and put them into terms any rider can understand. Pat is the author of the four books, How to Ride a Motorcycle, Maximum Control, Motorcyclists' Legal Handbook, and Ride Hard, Ride Smart, and is communications and outreach manager for TEAM OREGON Motorcycle Safety Program. He lives in Corvallis, Oregon.Tom LoeserÃ Â has worked as a Firefighter for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (now known as CAL Fire), as a graphic designer and photographer, and as chief photographer for the Long Beach Grand Prix. Since 2012 he has worked full-time as a book photographer provided images for Motorbooks titlesÃ Â Art of the Corvette, Art of the Mustang,Ã Â Wide-Open Muscle, and Classic Motorcycles:Ã Â Art of the Speed. His next book,Ã Â The Art ofÃ Â Mopar: Chrysler, Dodge and Plymouth Muscle Cars, is in production.

This book is a very beautiful and slick photo version of a motorcycle museum in Solvang, CA. I found it very pleasing and a great addition to my library.

This book was given to me as a gift. Even though I am not a motorcycle owner/rider, I was was immediately drawn in by the sumptuous photography. The images of these classic motorcycles are works of art unto themselves, showing off the craftsmanship and design that embody these vintage exemplars of engineering and beauty. The accompanying text engagingly tells the story of each machine and the people who made them. I would have read the whole thing cover to cover except that a motorcycle enthusiast friend of mine saw the book on my coffee table and kidnapped it for about two months. He just returned it yesterday practically raving about it. I can't wait to get back to it!

Beautiful book and equally beautiful pictures and associated stories. If you are a motorcycle fan like me and want a high quality book sitting on your coffee table, then this is your book.

Stunning photography! This book is amazing and shows these classic bikes in a way they have

never been seen before. The photographers way of lighting the bikes presents so much detail and really highlights the beauty of these classic bikes.

GREAT SELECTION OF BEAUTIFUL BIKES BEAUTIFULLY PHOTOGRAPHED. THE BEST I'VE EVER SEEN. I'M A PHOTOGRAPHER AND AN OLD BIKER. TERRIFIC BOOK.

Awesome book with some amazing photos. A must have for any motorcycle enthusiast.

This is a wonderful book with terrific photographs of some of the old and rare beauties. Great addition to my collection!

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