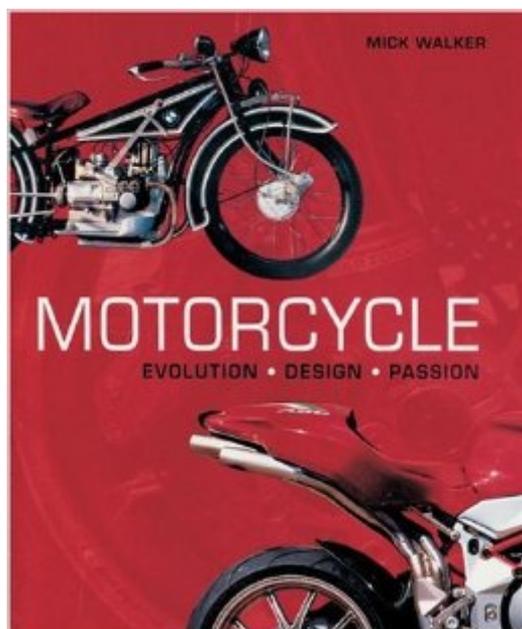


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# Motorcycle: Evolution, Design, Passion



## Synopsis

This is the definitive, comprehensive guide to motorcycle design. Tapping a deep well of knowledge and a lifetime of experience, motorcycle racer and historian Mick Walker sheds light on the evolution of one of the world's ultimate status symbols and style icons—a development owing as much to history, politics, and technology as it does to image, lifestyle, and design. In a survey that ranges from the late nineteenth-century pioneers like Gottlieb Daimler and Hildebrand & Wolfmüller to present-day manufacturers—Harley Davidson, Ducati, Honda, BMW, Aprilia, and Triumph—Walker sets each model within its historical context and outlines the main technological and stylistic innovations that make each bike unique.

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## Customer Reviews

We bought this for my father for Christmas. He's a motorcycle enthusiast and just loves the beauty of the machines themselves. He loved this book. The pictures are vibrant and just beautiful. The book is also laden with interesting facts and history. "Motorcycle: Evolution, Design, Passion" is a great addition to any motorcycle fan's library.

I have five of Mick Walker's books including three in his series on racing motorcycles from various countries and all are vastly better than this volume. The treatment of each subject covered in this book is superficial, the pictures are predictable and there are not enough to make it a real "coffee table book". As a shallow survey of motorcycle design, history, and personalities it is OK, but for any

real enthusiast it is seriously lacking in substantial content . I hope Walker did not write the picture captions as they are full of errors, often obvious just from looking at the picture. All told, this book was a big disappointment and a sad coda to Walker's exceptional career as a motorcycle writer.

If you're either a motorcycle enthusiast or a librarian catering to such, make it a point to consider **MOTORCYCLE: EVOLUTION, DESIGN, PASSION**. It's an oversized, definitive guide to motorbike design and goes beyond the usual showcase of bikes to tap into the wellspring of knowledge and life experience of motorcycle racer and historian Mike Walker. Motorcycle history and evolution are covered in a particularly notable set of vintage photos and historical review, making for a unique and valuable collection addition.

I got this book as a Christmas gift for my dad who is a motorcycle enthusiast. It's very nice. It has lots of historical data about all types of motorcycles. The best part by far is the pictures. Very, very nice pictures from all eras of the motorcycle spanning many different styles. The pictures are high quality and all of the color pictures are quite pleasing to the eyes. A great book for any motorcycle fan.

Why are some folks passionate about motorcycles? Hell, I don't know. Maybe because they're exciting, sleek, powerful, open air, sexy, unique, not for the everyman, thrilling, sweat producing, demanding, resonant, and just so attractive. We need more books like this so others may be tempted to be 'just looking, honey'

Many nice examples of motorcycling inventions. Fine selection of pictures, covering examples of major breakthroughs in designing motorcycles. In my opinion the book lacks a little more depth in the individual sections. Overall an ok buy for the price for the one who loves motorcycling.

My son was very pleased with this gift. He is an ardent reader of classic and older model bikes. He practically read it from cover to cover in one day! Shipped quickly and well packaged.

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