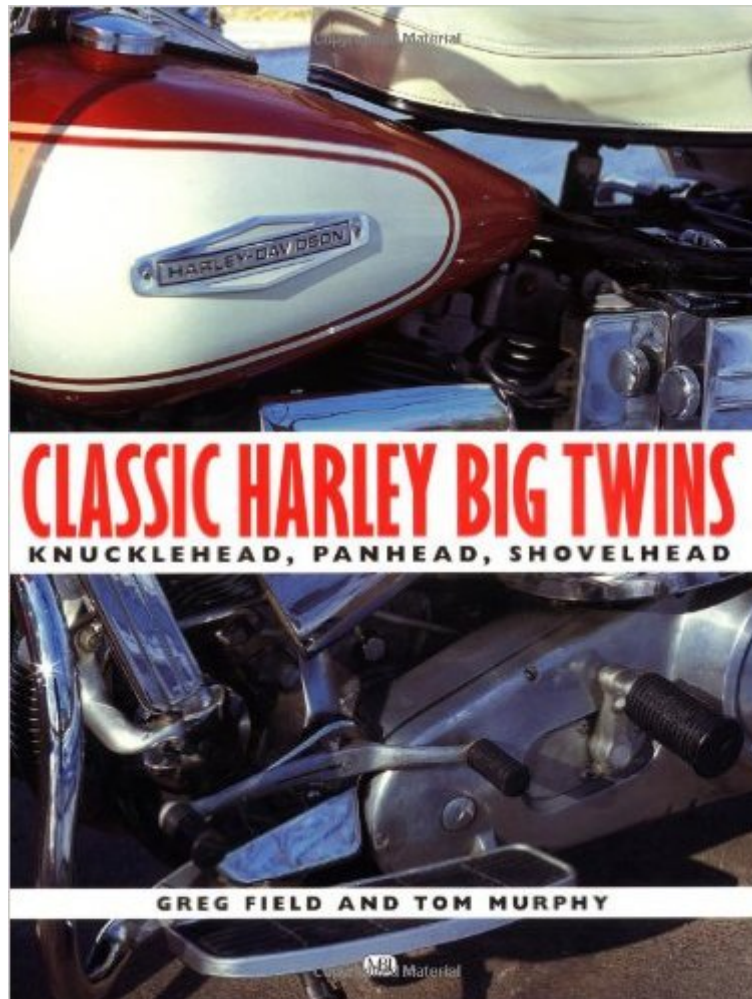


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# Classic Harley Big Twins: Knucklehead, Panhead, Shovelhead



## Synopsis

Three previous motorcycle color histories -- Harley-Davidson Knuckleheads, Harley-Davidson Panheads and Harley-Davidson Shovelheads -- are combined into one volume to provide a giant, colorful retrospective of Harley-Davidson's classic "cylinderhead" models. Marvelous modern color photography and a huge gallery of archival images depict examples of each model and variant, while an authoritative text reveals all the engineering and design breakthroughs, performance specifications, boardroom battles, marketing strategies, and competition histories.

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## Customer Reviews

When I ordered this book, I already was in possession of the book "Knuckleheads" by Greg Field, but wanted more info on the Panhead and Shovelhead blocks. This book is actually three books into one. The first part about the Knucklehead is exactly a copy of the forementioned book by Greg Field, the other two parts discuss the Panhead (Greg Field) and Shovelhead (Tom Murphy) which are basically built on the same basis as the Knucklehead, but of course improved over the years until finally the EVO engine was born. Since no separate books about the Panhead or Shovelhead are available at this time, this is the only source of information about these engines. The book is thick (over 500 pages) and describes every possible detail about this engine block which served as a basis for Knuckle-, Pan-, and Shovelhead. Also nice stories are told about backgrounds of the birth of these engines, so that it's not only a technical story you're reading but sometimes also like a novel. Greg Field needs no further introduction: He's in my point of view the best author around

when it comes to HD! Tom Murpy describes in a similar way the Shovel-Era. In short: A very nice book with even details like model year specific changes, so even someone who rebuilds one of these engines can find exactly the info about the engine he/she needs. Only thing I regret about the book is that it is not available in hardcover. The price would be a bit higher, but this is such a reference in your collection of books, that a hardcover would do more justice to the contents. A Perfect book, for a very acceptable price! Absolutely should not be absent in your collection!

I already had the Panheads book and wanted the shovelhead info. I found a few mistakes, like the first electric starter (servi-car) being in 1946 (pg 272) when it was 1964, obviously a typo. But others were just wrong, (pg 289) caption says after pans the fuel petcock was moved to the left underside, and the picture is a 1966, the only year with it on the right!

very good thank you

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