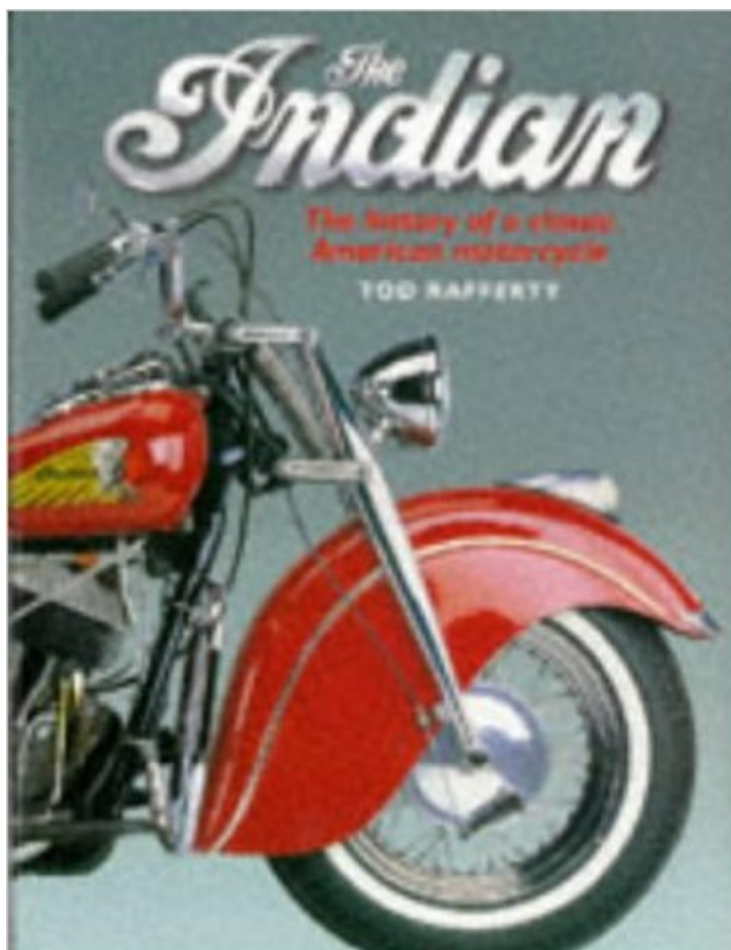


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# The Indian: The History Of A Classic American Motorcycle



## Synopsis

This definitive chronicle of America's first motorcycle is an essential for any cycle aficionado. It features concise hardware histories of every model produced by Indian from 1901 to the mid-1950s, when the company ceased production. Author Tod Rafferty also covers the millennial rebirth of the marque, including details and photographs of the new 2000 Indian Chief and the new Scout. This comprehensive volume contains more than 250 specially commissioned photographs, plus authoritative text and full specifications for all key machines. Tod Rafferty is the author of *The Complete Illustrated Encyclopedia of American Motorcycles and Harley-Davidson: The Ultimate Machine*. His work has appeared in *Cycle World*, *Bike*, *Big Bike*, and *American Roadracing*. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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I was fortunate to find a copy of this book in the close-out bin at a local bookstore. This was such a good book that I'm now looking at the author's other books. One thing I like is that the book is profusely illustrated, and that all the background clutter has been cut away from the photos, so that all you see is the bike against a plain white background. Combined with the clear photography and printing, it really allows you to see machine details that would normally get lost. Another nice characteristic of this book is that the emphasis is upon the bikes, with background information on the state of the company that helps to explain why the bikes evolved the way they did. This historical orientation was aided by the chronological orientation of the book. Related to this is that

the book was about bikes, not lifestyles. I hope that when I get a copy of his book on Harleys that this will be true there as well (notice that most books on Harleys have more photos of "trailer trash" than they do of motorcycles, and that you rarely get a chance to see what the older bikes looked like from the factory? -- OK, rant mode off). If you are fortunate to run across this book, buy it. Now, if we could get books like this for all the major European and English manufacturers (hint, hint).

Bought this as a gift for a die hard Indian Motorcycle fan. He thoroughly enjoyed it and uses it as a reference for the restomod of his own Indian. It is full of pictures and extremely useful information.

Record City had awesome service getting the book to me. Thank you! The book arrived in perfect condition. I will certainly use them again. The book is a gift for a friend. I know he will be very excited with the history and information in this great book.

This is a great book. It arrived in perfect condition, well protected, by USPS mail. There are a tremendous number of outstanding photographs. I purchased another history book on the same subject ("The Iron Redskin" - Also purchased at ) which goes much deeper in the history of the company, but it is much longer and basically prose oriented. This book really shows off the different models pictorially. - Outstanding. Paul du Pont

product arrived in good condition and as advertised. The book is great. Very happy with book. Lovely hard cover book with jacket intact.

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