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From its earliest single-cylinder “motorcycles” of 1901 through the bitter end of production in 1953, Indian inspired a fierce loyalty in its riders. And with good reason. Indians were handsome, dependable, good handling and, in the right hands, plenty fast.

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recounts the fascinating history of the marque from the bicycle-racer beginnings of founders George Hendee and Oscar Hedstrom through the company’s unfortunate demise in 1953, wrapping up with a review of post-1953 Indian activity. Along the way, author and noted Indian historian Jerry Hatfield discusses all the great models, including the Scout, Chief, and Four, as well as the men that designed, engineered, raced, and rode the Iron Redskin.

More than 125 specially commissioned color photographs by Hans Halberstadt and 25 black and white historical photos accompany this fun and fascinating look at one of America’s best-loved motorcycles.

About the Author

Jerry Hatfield is a long-time Indian enthusiast and the author of numerous motorcycle histories including *Illustrated Indian Motorcycle Buyer’s Guide*, *Indian Scout*, and *Indian Motorcycle Restoration Guide*.

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