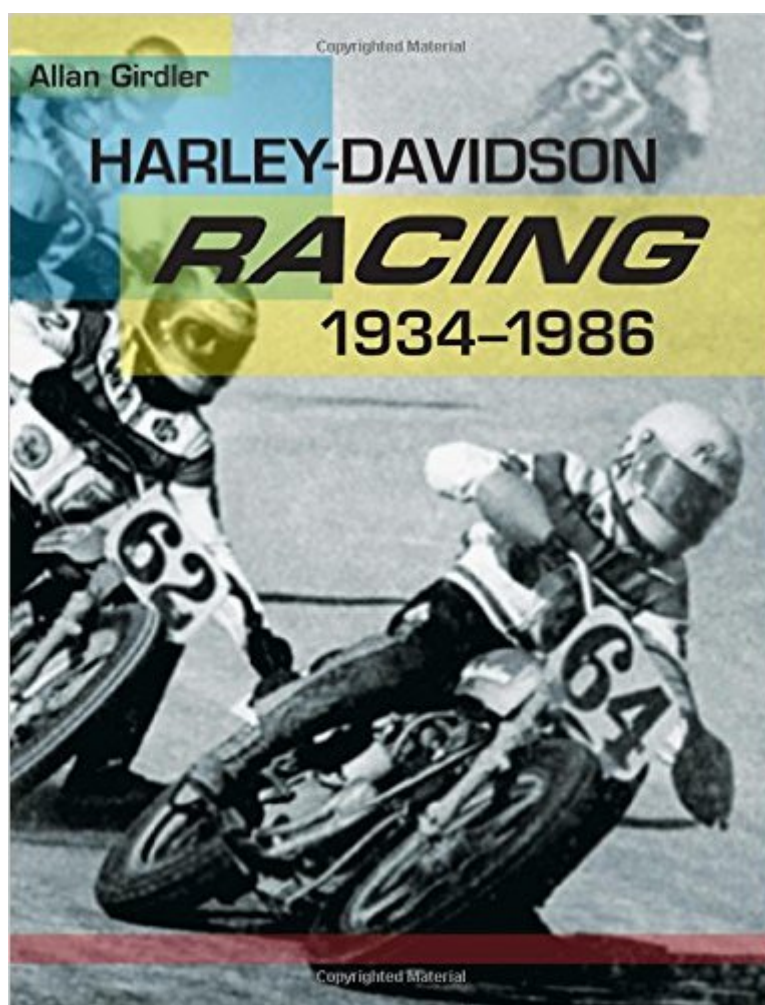


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# Harley-Davidson Racing, 1934-1986



## Synopsis

For the past fifty years and more, Harley-Davidson has been ruling some racing roosts. Its competition iron has always been significant, often supremely victorious and never without passion. To borrow a term from another scene, this is a book about "hog power." What were H-D's competition bikes? How did they fare? And who were the heroes who rode them? Allan Girdler, noted wordsmith, historian and straight-talking H-D enthusiast, digs deep to bring fresh perspective, technical analysis, and rider anecdote to this substantial and fascinating story of America's most successful racing motorcycles. His "review" starts in the early 1930s, after the board tracks, after the overpowering success of the Wrecking Crew and its eight-valve twins, after the ear-splitting Pea Shooters, at the beginning of a new era of American racing organized by a reorganized AMA. A time ripe for a new style of Harley racer based loosely on production designs. Read of the XLR, CR, CRS, CRTT, KRTT, XR-750, XR1000, and many more. Learn about Len Andres, Bill Huber, Bart Markel, Jay Springsteen, Chris Carr, Scott Parker, Dick O'Brien, and other racing stars. This is an engaging, passionate story by acclaimed motorcycle and automobile writer, Allan Girdler. Allan is a former editor for Car Life, Cycle World, and Road & Track magazine. He has authored numerous books including Harley-Davidson Sportster and Harley-Davidson XR-750.

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I never forgot this book after I lost my original copy in a move. It wasn't until this new paperback edition came out that I could justify buying another copy. The cover is new, but the material inside

remains the same. The images and text are of very good quality. Allan Girdler is a great storyteller! I highly recommend this book.

Allen Girdler covers it all in this book. It has a lot of technical information as well as the history and background of flattrack racing. Lots of black and white photos. This is a must have if you are a fan of Harley Davidson racing and flattrack racing in general.

A good historical overview of Harley Davidson in competition. If you want more technical detail, you would be advised to read Girdler's book dedicated to the XR 750. The black and white images are poor quality - but the book is priced accordingly. In all, an informative book.QED

This book is a nice coffee table book about H-D racing from 1934 to 1986. The author gives a great objective look at H-D's racing successes and failures and pulls no punches when discusses the advantages and disadvantages (and the reasons why) H-D had over the competitors. A great history book of flat track and road racing, not just for Harley lovers, with tons of great old pictures.

Alan Girdler has started from the beginning and lead me through the WRs, KRs, XLRs and into the XRs in a way that makes clear sense. I wouldn't have minded knowing how many of the given models were built, but given the way Girdler describes Harley record keeping, perhaps even they don't know! Anyway, if you are a dirttrack fan, you'll like this book.

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