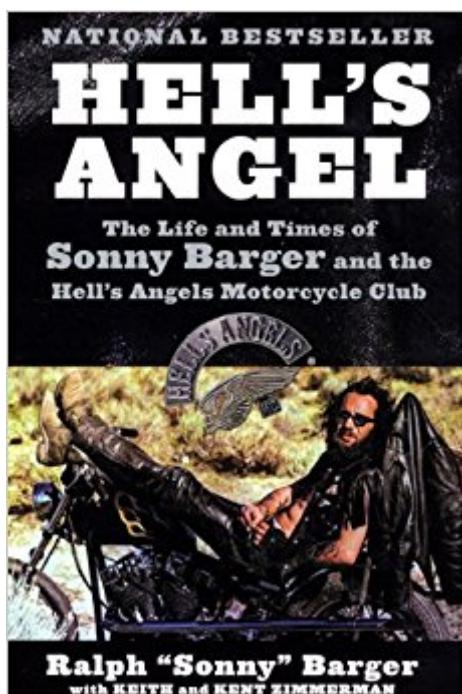


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# Hell's Angel: The Life And Times Of Sonny Barger And The Hell's Angels Motorcycle Club



## Synopsis

The only authorized, authentic book about the Hell's Angels Motorcycle Club by founding member, Sonny Barger—featuring a brand new introduction. Narrated by the visionary founding member, Hell's Angel provides a fascinating all-access pass to the secret world of the notorious Hell's Angels Motorcycle Club. Sonny Barger recounts the birth of the original Oakland Hell's Angels and the four turbulent decades that followed. Hell's Angel also chronicles the way the HAMC revolutionized the look of the Harley-Davidson motorcycle and built what has become a worldwide bike-riding fraternity, a beacon for freedom-seekers the world over. Dozens of photos, including many from private collections and from noted photographers, provide visual documentation to this extraordinary tale. Never simply a story about motorcycles, colorful characters, and high-speed thrills, Hell's Angel is the ultimate outlaw's tale of loyalty and betrayal, subcultures and brotherhood, and the real price of freedom.

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In this most intriguing and insightful look into the highly controversial, five-decade-old Hell's Angels Motorcycle Club (HAMC), Barger chronicles the formation, history, and colorful events that have led to the mystique and outlaw image of this free-thinking organization. In 1957, Barger (a technical consultant on several biker films, including Hell's Angels on Wheels and Hell's Angels '69) formed the Oakland chapter, which would become the foundation and serve as headquarters for the entire club. In his own words, Barger shares stories of pool hall fights, motorcycle runs, the importance of

loyalty and honor, and relentless battles against the government efforts to destroy the HAMC. He also tells his side of the infamous 1969 Rolling Stones concert at Altamont Raceway. The many photos provide additional glimpses into this wild and dangerous American subculture. A most interesting book that is recommended for popular culture collections. DTim Delaney, Canisius Coll., Buffalo, NY Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Digital edition.

Barger, king of the chopper pilots, road variety, is an American icon, and his life story is a history of the biker lifestyle. As president of the Oakland chapter of the Hell's Angels, he has seen and survived hassles with the police, peaceniks, and the Rolling Stones, with their "prissy clothes and makeup" --all of which he recounts. He notes fine points, such as the fact that it was Emmett Grogan, of the radical egalitarian Diggers, who suggested that the Angels work security at the Stones' ill-fated free show at Altamont, California. He nonchalantly admits to criminal acts, such as pulling a gun on Keith Richards onstage. While, however, he includes only somewhat more sex and violence in his life story than one encounters in most contemporary biographies. Certainly, specific expressions of Barger's biker attitudes may scandalize the squeamish; for instance, his explanation of why women engaged in group sex with bikers: "For a certain kind of chick, it was an honor to get fucked by a bunch of Hell's Angels." Even if such sentiments prove too straightforward and earthy for some, the book is a dandy cultural document. Barger paints an engrossing picture of a distinctive subculture that receives precious little literary attention. Yet bikers probably live in many a library's community. So read up on them, organize a booktalk on Hell's Angels, and some of them may well offer to bring the refreshments, not to mention some invaluable diversity. Mike TribbyCopyright Â© American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to the Digital edition.

Pretty good book about Sonny, his life, and his life with the Hell's Angels. The book doesn't go into much about the antics of the club, but I wouldn't expect it to. Talks about his love for motorcycles and some of the things that have happened to him while being in the club all of these years. It talks a lot about being in trouble with the law for things he may or may not have done. I liked the book and would recommend it for those who are interested in the man.

Just now getting into this true story. Learn about Sonny Barger so you can appreciate bike chapters around the nation. Awesome. FAST shipping was a bonus. Perfect condition. Thank you!

What an awesome look at the inside world of a legend. From humble tough beginning to becoming

the man most would want to be.

Excellent book. After reading, you will know all about the genesis of the Hells Angels.

good reading but nothing really hard core to note about these guys within the book

Had read Sonny's book before back in 2012 & decided to get it now.... loved it

A great read!! It at once makes the Hell's Angels understandable, admirable and despicable--like every other human being!! Before judging the HAMC, read this book so that you understand fully the lifestyle and their situation. It allows one to respect that which one might otherwise condemn without a complete understanding. And it makes one yearn for the courage (and freedom) to say "screw it" and live one's life by a code so unique that others are left speechless and confused on whether to admire or condemn!!

enjoying Sonny's history and the history that the Angel's had in regards to Harley designs

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