

Have you ever wondered about the biker you see riding through town, the one suited up with black leather, or the one with the colorful patches on his vest? What drives these men to love life on two wheels? Why is riding a motorcycle so vital to their happiness and what lies beneath the smiles of contentment as they savor the warm wind in their hair?

**Come along for a ride and discover what sets these men apart from each other, and what binds them together in the fascinating world of the American Biker Culture.**



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"In her new book, *The Gloves Come Off*, Lisa Petrocelli takes readers behind the secretive curtain of the biker lifestyle to discover that the American biker is much more than the bad boy image portrayed in films, on TV and in books and newspaper articles. The book offers fifteen road-worthy biographies showing a true cross-section of the motorcycle riding population, from the hardcore Leatherneck, the original Boozefighter, and the one-percenter patch holder, to the biker as caring father, loving husband, and true brother. As one lifelong biker tells us, "It's not just what I do, it's who I am." Many books have tried to give readers an idea of what it is like to live, eat and breathe motorcycles, but *The Gloves Come Off* really delivers. These bikerographies come straight from the heart and that heart beats to the thunderous rhythm of a Harley-Davidson."

**—Dave Nichols, Editor *Easyriders* & *V-Twin Magazine*,  
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