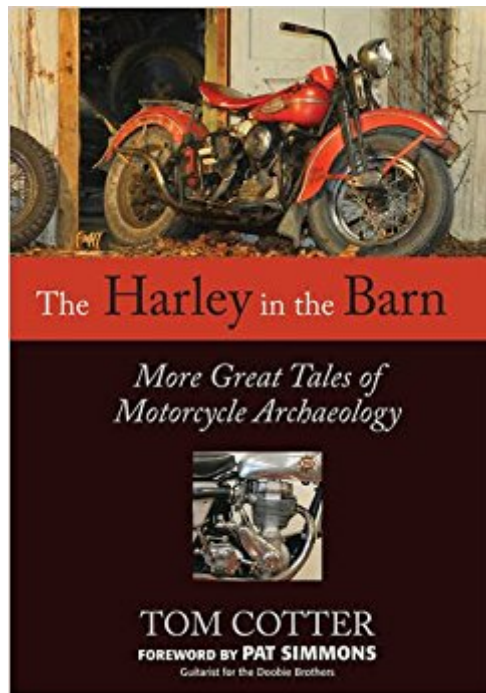


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The Harley In The Barn: More Great Tales Of Motorcycles Archaeology



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Driving down a country road, a flash of chrome catches your eye as you pass an old farmstead. Next time you roll by, you slow down and focus on a shed behind the house. Could that be? Good lord, it is! Hard on the brakes, quick reverse, and pull in the drive. Yep, it's a vintage Triumph Bonneville peering forlornly from beneath a tattered cover. You've just begun the journey that fuels the dreams of every motorcycle collector: the long-forgotten machine, re-discovered. The Harley in the Barn offers 40-plus tales of lost Nortons, hidden Hondas, dormant Indians, and busted BSAs, all squirreled away from prying eyes but found by lucky collectors just like you. Author Tom Cotter is not only a barn-find master, he's also master of discovering the collectors with the best stories and the most outlandish finds. If you can't pass a padlocked garage without wondering if there's a great old bike stashed inside, this is your book. Hell, this is your life.

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Tom Cotter (Davidson, NC) writes regularly for Road & Track and other magazines and has a deep-seated love for motorcycle and automotive rescue. He has written four books on the lure of collector vehicle archaeology, the award-winning *The Cobra in the Barn*, *The Hemi in the Barn*, *The Corvette in the Barn*, and *The Vincent in the Barn*. Cotter most recently authored the biography of drag racing legend Tommy Ivo.

I have all of Tom’s previous books, both cars and motorcycles. It has me constantly looking for that next barn find, but I have to admit that some people are just more lucky than others. I have been looking for years, so this I guess is a way to live vicariously through the stories of others. This book gave me insight that I ended up checking out *Wheels Through Time* in Maggie Valley, NC another place where the stories come to life, the museum is dedicated to the old and crusty as Tom describes in this book. Hopefully he keeps them coming, I still hope that one day I will come across a bike hidden in a barn, but until then I can read about what is still out there.

Cotter has really tapped into a new movement with hisin the Barn series, and the motorcycle area seems to have taken on a life of its own. While I did enjoy *The Vincent in the Barn* a bit more, this book still has a series of stories that are gripping, adrenaline pumping and interesting. It’s the kind of book that you can pick up, read for an hour, put down and read it for a couple of hours again when the mood strikes. Every car enthusiast and motorcycle buff should own this book.

The book is a compilation of numerous cycle-search adventures. It seemed like I was ready the

same story over again about every third story. It doesn't take too long before you can classify a search-and-secure as a 'ten year wait', a family dispute prolongs acquisition, or some other scenario. The first half pretty much provides the content. After that, its a redundant theme with a new title.

If you like the other books in this series or enjoy fiddling around with old motorbikes as I do this is a very decent read. A nice light book for the holidays - the format makes it simple to enjoy 1 or 2 stories at a time or you could sit down and digest in a couple of sittings. Enjoy.

Excellent Product.

Some authors just have a way of making you feel like you're a long-time friend. Their words are like slipping on a favorite pair of old shoes or your oldest worn out jeans. Tom Cotter has that way. The 'Harley in the Barn' is another tale of excavation, exploration, and of ancient two-wheeled relics, as loved by a man who shares that love with his words. Bravo, Mr. Cotter!

Another nice book by Tom Cotter. Not nearly as good as some of his others, but that's not surprising. Now it seems like he's just trying to get more books published. It's still a good read.

I have all of Tom Cotters' "In the Barn" books, plus his biography of Holman and Moody. I truly have enjoyed each and every one of them and have purchased several extra copies to give away as gifts to my sons and other friends that are car guys. I look forward to any other books that Mr. Cotter may come out with.

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