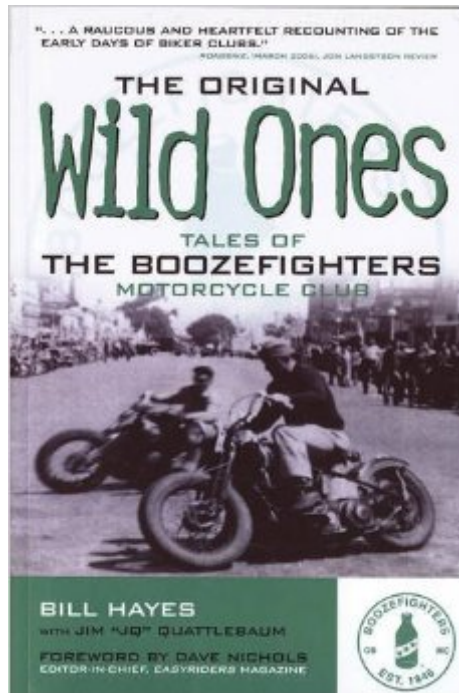


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The Original Wild Ones: Tales Of The Boozefighters Motorcycle Club



Synopsis

Get an inside look at the real beginning of outlaw biker culture with this raucous and heartfelt recounting of the early days of biker clubs • (Roadbike). The story starts one weekend in 1947, at a motorcycle race in Hollister, California. A few members of one club, the no-holds-barred Boozefighters, got a little juiced up and took their racing to the street. Word of the fracas spread, and soon enough Life magazine was on hand to tell the world, with sensational (albeit posed) pictures of the outlaws. And then the Hollister riot made its way into the movies, immortalized in Marlon Brando's The Wild One. What was the reality behind the myth? Through interviews with the surviving members of the Boozefighters, current member Bill Hayes and club historian Jim Quattlebaum take readers right into the fray for a firsthand account of what happened in Hollister, and the formation of the Boozefighters, where the outlaw biker culture truly began. The book, with its great stories and entertaining real-life characters • (MotorcycleUSA.com), is mandatory reading for anyone interested in American motorcycling history • (Minnesota Motorcycle Monthly).

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Customer Reviews

I was a member of the Boozefighters from 1988-1990, & still hold charter 13 issued to me by Wino Willie. I'm mentioned twice on pg. 282 of the book "The Original Wild Ones" (without my initial knowledge), and because of this, though I enjoyed the tales of the early years (and fondly recall Wino keeping me laughing while telling his stories), I wish that Hayes had spent just a little more time and effort on the very brief mention of the open letter written by Wino to the club. There was

much more going on behind the scenes at the time. I know it was a dark chapter in the club's history, and Hayes told me himself in an email (after the book was published) that he didn't want to dwell on that period, I think the reader should've had more context about the growing pains the club went through when it went nationwide. I know none of the 1988 charter holders were still members when the book was written, but some of us weren't that hard to locate (well, I wasn't anyways). Anyhow, despite this failing, I'd highly recommend the book for the look at the way the biker lifestyle was like, before the politics etc."Terry The Tramp of Bellingham" Charter Holder #13
BFMC 1988

Reading The Original Wild Ones by Bill Hayes is like sitting at a family reunion where all of the fun oldtimers are telling stories about a time and place that are long gone - You know that you are not getting a textbook history, but a personal and genuine recounting of something you cannot see except through the eyes of these great men. This book has all the feel of hanging out, with beer in hand, with the original wild ones. I liked the cool conversational style and the way the author makes you feel included in the outlaw tradition. I say write a companion history piece for those of us who are not as well schooled in biker history. GREAT BOOK!

I've had a fascination with bikers since a History channel special on the Hell's Angels I saw about five or six years ago. During that time I've encountered quite a few books on bikers and their culture. This one is TOTALLY different. While books about 'one-percenters' follow a typical theme (club starts for fun and moves into crime, with most of the books being about the key players time in prison), this one starts fun and stays there. All the key players are there: Wino Willie Forkner, Red Dog Dahlgren, Jim Cameron, and the rest of the Boozefighters. However, we aren't subjected to their tales of drugged out violence or prison terms. Instead we're introduced to each and led through their memories, most of which are pretty funny. I recommend it as a breath of fresh air from the typical tales of biker trash committing unspeakable acts. Instead, you'll enjoy speaking about these acts.

Excellent read! This book gave detailed accounts of the beginnings of the biker culture in America. These guys set the precedent! They rode hard, drank hard, and lived for their bikes. A lot could be learned from these guys by the current "biker culture." Mainly get out there and ride, ride from the heart. Pick it up, you won't be able to put it down.

The antics of the original wild ones are somewhat interesting, but the book is a little repetitive and goes back to Hollister too much. The incident where the guy rides into the bar is repeated over and over again.

I really liked getting to hear some of the stories of the original boozefighters and what happened in Hollister. The guys that formed the group were an interesting bunch and it was interesting to see how much things have changed in respect to the "Outlaw" label. After awhile though, it started to drag a bit i was having a hard time staying interested. There were some stories that were just not very entertaining or interesting to me. Overall, it is worth the purchase and Bill Hayes is a good writer. (Check out "American Biker") enjoy.

my husband read this and while he was reading kept quoting little things out of it! we were told is the closest version to what really happened and my husband just loved it! i loved hearing some of the funny stories in it! we went camping with the boozefighters after my hubby read this book, and they are such a nice bunch of folks!!!

I've been a motorcycle enthusiast for over ten years and this book is the story of the oldest surviving MC in America! If you want a rich history and a good story all rolled into one, get this book! I read the whole thing within a few days of getting it

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