

**Riding, 'Renching and Reading**  
**A Book Review for Those Times When**  
**You're Not On Two Wheels In The Wind.**

By Marc Teatum

"**Santa Clause is comin' to town...**" As the strains of Springsteen's rendering of that old classic come zooming through my mind at this time of year, I thought it would be a good idea to offer up some gifting suggestions for all the Riders and Bikers on your holiday list.

**Brooklyn Kings**

By Martin Dixon  
 PowerHouse Books

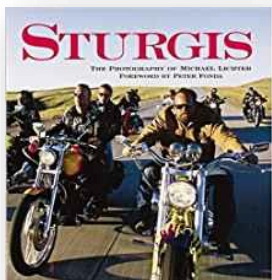
An avid biker for years, photographer Dixon gained rare access to the mainly African-American clubs in Brooklyn. Documenting the huge subculture of urban road warriors these black "biker gangs" are really high-octane social clubs, whose members ride flashy sport bikes. Gaining unprecedented insider perspective, it's interesting to learn that the customs and trappings of traditional biker culture; the rituals and pastimes, the block parades, the barbeque parties, the bikini bike wash, the bike runs, the drag races, the raunchy fundraising parties, and, of course, the "biker chicks", really transcend color and motor preference. His stark B&W photography is fantastic!



**Sturgis: The Photography of Michael Lichter**

Publisher: Motorbooks;

Sturgis, South Dakota, is Mecca for nearly all Bikers at some point in time. Thousands and thousands make the trek each August. Sturgis is a place unlike any other, a



place that for one week every summer becomes the center of the universe for motorcycle enthusiasts. And while it has changed so much over the years, this collection of fabulous color photography by Michael Lichter has

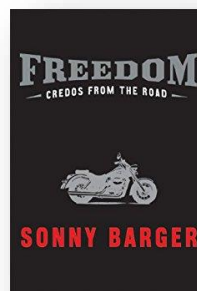
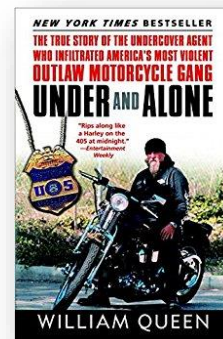
captured the annual motorcycle rally and the culture it inspires since the 1970s. His name is synonymous with Biker photography. The magnificent aura and personality of this multi-

faceted event is best seen through the eyes of someone who has been there through the years, and this book paints the perfect picture of everything that has been, and still is The Sturgis Rally.

**Under and Alone**

By William Queen  
 Random House Publishers

In 1998, William Queen was a veteran law enforcement agent with a love of motorcycles and a lack of patience with paperwork. When a confidential informant, offered to take an agent inside the San Fernando chapter of the Mongols, Queen kicking-started the most extensive undercover operation inside an outlaw motorcycle gang in the history of American law enforcement. Queen would become a fully "patched-in" member, rising through their ranks to the office of treasurer. After twenty-eight months undercover, truth of his identity became blurry, even to himself. A riveting read from start to finish!



**Freedom: Credos from the Road**

By Sonny Barger  
 Publisher: HarperCollins

We all know Sonny Barger from his colorful past as a kingpin of the Oakland, California, and then national, Hells Angels. He is a legend, and to some the face of the Hells Angels. You may recognize

him more from the caricature of himself he plays as an aging Biker gang leader on *Sons of Anarchy*. Presented in the form of fifty credos, this book gives Barger's perspective on how to live a life that he feels embodies the most fundamental of American virtues: freedom, fairness, toughness, and independence. While many of Barger's precepts are standard self-help fare, they are nonetheless lessons in confidence, courage, honesty and individuality. It's the kind of book that can ride along in your saddlebag and pulled out from time to time when you think you need direction.

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