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Out In Bad Standings: Inside The Bandidos Motorcycle Club (PART ONE) - The Making Of A Worldwide Dynasty



Synopsis

This eBook (Part One) is the first half of the hardcover book, and contains approximately 99,000 words and 80 color photos. Part One is completely different than Part Two, which is the second half of the book. "OUT IN BAD STANDINGS" is a slang term for banishment which is used by all 1%er outlaw motorcycle clubs when a member leaves the club of his own volition or is expelled, and the remaining members are not happy with the actual reason that the member left the club. In the Bandidos Motorcycle Club, the term "OUT IN BAD STANDINGS" is their version of being banished to motorcycle club member hell, for an ex-member that has been deemed "OUT IN BAD STANDINGS" is no longer allowed to associate with any member of the Bandidos nor attend any Bandido function. In this expose of his life as a member of the Bandidos Motorcycle Club, Edward "Connecticut Ed" Winterhalder allows the reader a rare look into how major decisions were made by Bandido leaders all over the world, how the Bandidos expanded into the worldwide dynasty they are today, and how the Bandido machine operates on a day-to-day basis. While a member of the largest 1%er motorcycle club in the world, Connecticut Ed was privy to much information about the inside workings of the club and what the future held for it. Regularly assigned projects by the club's international leader, he was responsible for defusing the war between the Hells Angels and Rock Machine in Canada, establishing new Bandido and support club chapters worldwide, organizing the club into a well-oiled machine, and mediating internal power struggles between club members. As founder, President and Secretary of the Bandidos' Oklahoma chapter, for the first time in history, Connecticut Ed is your personal guide as you learn what it takes to establish a new Bandidos chapter and keep it running for the first few years of its life. In his thirty years of riding and/or associating with various 1%er outlaw motorcycle clubs, he gives the reader a unique inside look into the world of today's 1%er motorcycle clubs. In his last few years with the Bandidos, Connecticut Ed realized that the club's ideology was changing due to the fact that methamphetamine use was now becoming an accepted part of everyday club life. After failing to alter the destructive course the club was on, he left the Bandidos Oklahoma chapter in September 2003 "OUT IN GOOD STANDINGS". But because of the wealth of information he possessed about the inner workings of the club, Connecticut Ed's "out" status was changed to "OUT IN BAD STANDINGS" by the world President of the Bandidos just before Thanksgiving 2003. Was he that much of a threat to the worldwide leadership of the Bandidos? Find out for yourself by reading this book...

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Customer Reviews

I did not think it was possible to write a boring book about 1% ers. This however is the most boring book ever written. Winterhalder writes like he is speaking to a group of fourth graders. The misleading title promises a tale about the BMC. Instead the author rambles on endlessly about the most inane lameass BS in the world. The point seems to be that meth is bad.... No kidding? Do not waste your time on this drivel.

The Good: This book provides insight into the Bandidos MC and the political infighting in their national chapter. It is also informative on support clubs and chapter creation and life in an outlaw mc. The Bad: It goes on and on and on over tedious and insignificant events in the author's life. By the last third of the book I was speed reading paragraphs because I just wanted the book to end. The Ugly: According to the author, everything he does is the best: he is the best motorcycle thief, he is the best builder, he is the best paralegal, etc. And, hardly anything that went wrong in the Bandido national chapter politics was his fault (according to him). I get the feeling from reading the book that there is a whole another story out there about the author's Bandido politics that tell an exact opposite story. Summary: I enjoyed the book but it does not move fast like Junior Ereckson's book about his life in the Mongols MC or David Spurgeon's book about his life in the Outlaws MC.

Maybe a bit too much about his personal life outside of Banditos

I really liked this book. It dispels stereotypes about bikers. Mr Winterhalder is intelligent, hardworking, and motivated. He realizes that the widespread methamphetamine use among some biker groups leads to prison or death, and should be banned. Through him you are exposed to many of the inner political workings in this culture. I read book two also. Presently Mr Winterhalder is no longer a member of the Bandidos. They need to contact him and ask him back as a leader who could do great things for the Bandidos organization.

The book really goes into depth of the guys life. It was slow at first but I am looking forward to to part 2

Pretty interesting story. The author doesn't share much of his inner thinking, mostly just recounts factual events. I would have liked to hear more of why he did what he did and followed the life he followed, but so far he hasn't gotten too deep into baring his soul. (I am about a third of the way through the book.) I look forward to finishing it but without the personal side of the author sharing his feelings its just not too riveting.

I read everything on outlaw bikers I can get my hands on. This is well written, professionally edited, and had good flow. There is not very much detail about the fights, and you don't get to see very deep inside the outlaw biker world, but the author has led quite an interesting life, so I would still recommend it to anyone who enjoys the genre.

I liked the story the book had to offer; however the way it was written was incredibly hard to follow. He starts out in the "now" time, then bounces back to how he started, only to end in the same time period, but because there are so many random details (at least a 1/4 not pertinent to the story) in between you don't even remember the details from the beginning that he expects. Like I said though, good story with a good point, just incredibly difficult to follow.

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