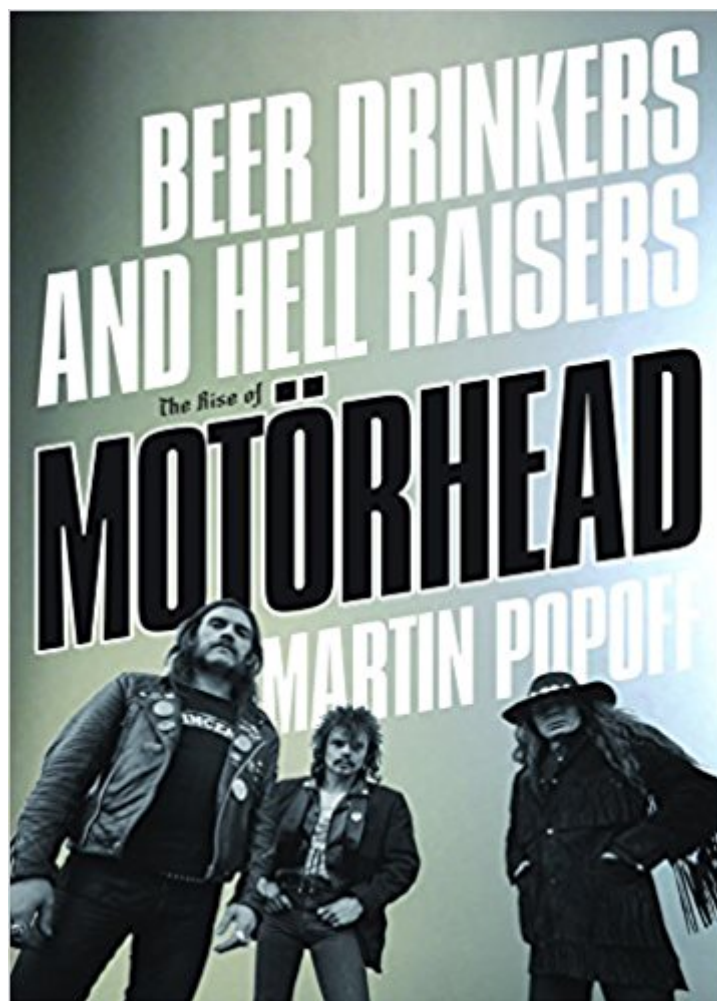


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Beer Drinkers And Hell Raisers: The Rise Of Motörhead



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band with these legendary idols. Even to this day, this book encompasses band-room banter that the inner circle of any gathering of musicians would truly appreciate and understand. • David Ellefson, Megadeth • Popoff's book was such an entertaining read . . . Martin Popoff and ECW Press have a must-read book for metal fans in Beer Drinkers and Hell Raisers, whether or not the reader is a Motörhead fan. • LanceWrites blog • As is usually the case when it comes to books by Popoff, the wealth of research, details, anecdotes, and stories are impressive and simply begging to be devoured by all you ferocious readers out there. . . Whether you are a hardcore fan of the band or more of a casual fan of those filthy fucks, Beer Drinkers and Hell Raisers is well-worth investing in and a great addition to the timeless Motörhead phenomenon. • Eternal Terror Webzine • The result is an entertaining and informative read that sheds no little light into the often-enigmatic Lemmy K. and his life's work, Motörhead, documenting the early years of one of rock music's most beloved and underrated outfits. The Rev highly recommends Beer Drinker and Hell Raisers for both hardcore Motörhead fans (duh) as well as anybody who lives and breathes rock 'n' roll. Grade: A+.

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• Decibel Magazine • There's as much here for the fan to gobble up as a musician to enjoy, even someone who isn't a Motörhead fan.

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I love heavy metal, and love reading about music, and Popoff is my favorite metal writer! I'm loving this book! I'm sure there is some huge biography on Lemmy out there, but what I like about this volume is that it focuses only on the years of the best line-up Motorhead ever had, with Filthy Phil and Fast Eddie. Popoff turns this into a story of a group of outcasts climbing their way to success, despite the fact that the world pretty much hated them. Popoff is a fantastic writer, so the prose is clear and funny and the story is compelling. Since much of the book comes from interviews of the band themselves, the PERSONALITIES involved really shine through, and that's what interests me the most. Popoff starts the book by describing how this line-up came together, then spends the rest of the book focusing on each release they put out, so you also get the kind of critical review of each album that Popoff is famous for. It's fun to listen to each album while reading the chapter about it. It's a quick, fun read with lots of great photos. Any fan of Motorhead or the history of heavy music should purchase this immediately!

Beer Drinkers and Hell Raisers, The Rise of Motorhead by Martin Popoff was received direct from the publisher. Motorhead, the iconic metal band a person can arguably say that most everyone in the civilized world has at least heard a riff from, rocked the world for many years. The band had members come and go, but this book focuses on the original band's rise, the formidable years of 1976-1982, when the band got larger than life. The lead singer and faceman of the band always claimed the band was a punk band, not a heavy metal band, the annals of history may disagree. If you want to read stories like you were there with the band as they rose to fame, and argued and drank beer and raised hell, this is definitely a book for you to grab. 4 stars

First off, if you are reading this and are not yet familiar with Martin Popoff, you should be. Martin writes on hard rock and heavy metal from a fan's perspective (albeit a very knowledgeable fan's perspective) and his love for the music and bands he writes about really shines throughout his work. This book deals with the "classic line-up" of Motorhead (the Kilmister, Taylor, Clarke era) and their groundbreaking albums that helped shape and influence what would later become speed metal. From the early days of a band whose career was almost cut short before it even began to the demise of both Phil and Lemmy 40 years later this book is filled with personal recollections from all

three members interviewed over several years by the author. It also contains Popoff's usual high standard of band ephemera reproduction as well as many wonderful photos that were new to me (including some credited to the author himself). Bottom Line: This book is a must-read for fans of Motorhead and highly recommended to all fans of true rock 'n' roll. And after you pick up Beer Drinkers And Hell Raisers check out the rest of Martin Popoff's treasure trove of material. You will not be disappointed. P.S. I prefer to order my books directly from author's website rather than support the wonderful corporate giant upon whose site I am currently posting this review. But you do what you like. Cheers.

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