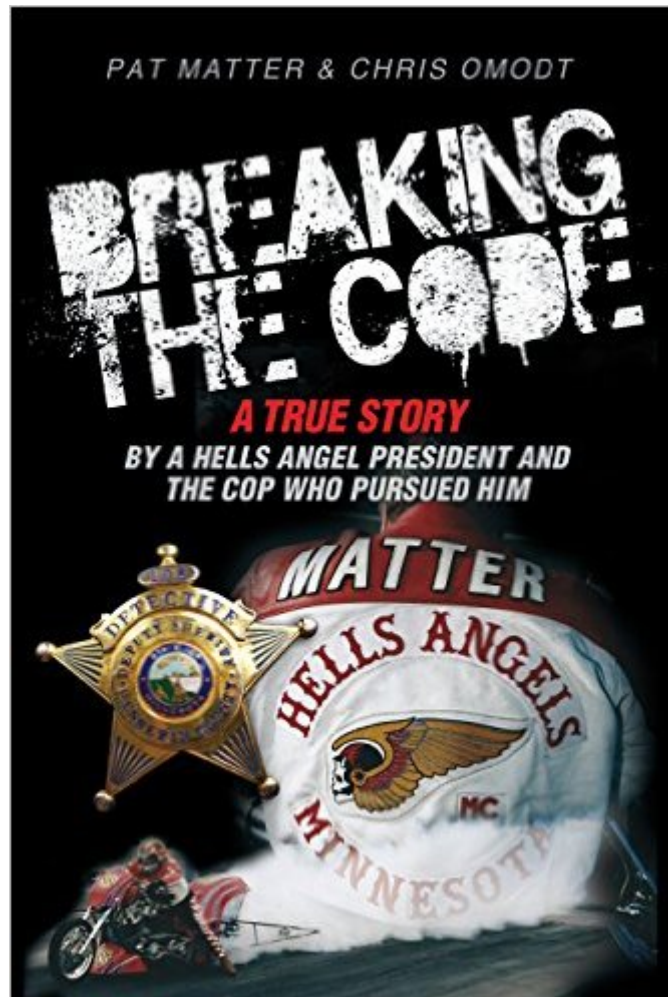


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Breaking The Code: A True Story By A Hells Angel President And The Cop Who Pursued Him



Synopsis

A highly respected Hells Angel president. An honest, hard-working cop. Both of their lives on totally different paths until their worlds collide... "With no holds barred, Omodt and Matter rip back the curtain of seedy reality and toss you headlong into the complex relationships of biker gangs and the cops whose job it is to pursue them. The writing is graphic, truthful, revealing and explores both sides of the law-the right side, and the wrong side-with equal detail. For lovers of true crime writing this is a must-read." - Mark Reys, author, Sheriff Zeb Hanks crime series "The story of an adversarial relationship that turned into one of the most unlikely, remarkable friendships I've ever been exposed to. And, as written by the two protagonists, BREAKING THE CODE is told in the most authentic voice you'll ever read. Beyond the true crime audience, this is a story filled with so much humanity it must be experienced by all readers." - Ali Selim, writer and director of the award-winning film, Sweet Land "Up until BREAKING THE CODE I knew Pat Matter to be a formidable but fair motorcycle drag racer and a competent professional as leader of Minneapolis Custom Cycle. This book fills in the blanks about the other 'dark' side of his life as a Hells Angel-a must-read to get the whole story." - George B. Smith, Executive Chairman and CEO of S&S Motor Company, Viola, WI "BREAKING THE CODE takes you on a real-life crime adventure ... a fascinating behind-the-scenes look at Hells Angels, and what it took to take down one of their most prominent leaders." - Tom Chorske, retired NHL player and commentator for FSN Sports

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Customer Reviews

I have ridden Harley's for over 50 years in Minnesota. I have been around bike clubs the whole time. I have to say this is the best tell it all book I have ever read. I know both bikers and straight people who have read the book and they all enjoyed it as much as I did. If you want to know what its really like to be an outlaw biker this is a must read for everyone. I was in Pat's shop the day after the bomb went off and saw the wreckage that it brought. Its no wonder Pat is such good friends with George Smith (S&S) his bikes were some of the Fastest and Best Built in the Nation. Congratulations Pat for such an outstanding book the first time around. I truly hope you will write a second book.

I met Pat Matter & Chris Omodt recently at the 2015 Kansas Gang Investigators Association conference. I bought their book and spoke to them briefly about Pat's involvement in the HA, his incarceration and his life afterwards and Chris' pursuit of justice. I enjoyed the content of this book immensely as it reads very well. It provides good insight into the career of an OMG chapter president and his rise in the rankings from a support club member to a 21-year president of the HA in Minneapolis, MN ... the HA being one of the big 4 when it comes to OMGs. On the other side, it gives you an opportunity to also feel the chase as a criminal conspiracy case is built over time ... sometimes years ... in pursuit of criminal entities and organizations. The book gives both Pat & Chris an opportunity to tell their side of the story along with the process and intricacies that come with the Federal Court system eventually leading to placement in the Bureau of Prisons (BOP). As a Federal probation officer, I've had an opportunity to work with a few OMG members in the past while they have been on supervision. I found Pat's story to be fairly accurate and genuine, especially when trying to seek a reduction in his Federal sentence. Sometimes living life on the edge ends badly, but other times difficult choices can be made to give someone an opportunity to move forward in another direction for the better. The book is a good read and provides some historical aspects into the HA (especially the Minneapolis chapter) and gives the reader some insight into other support clubs and enemy OMGs out there tied to the HA.

This book gave insight as to the allure of gang membership and the same time gives insight in to a police officer who treated criminals with respect as human beings. I couldn't put this down! It's the best book I've read on this subject matter. It's an uplifting story to see someone totally turn their life around after returning to society following incarceration. It's uplifting to read about a law enforcement officer who cared enough to "care". I wish both authors the best in the future and thanks for sharing your life stories.

It's okay but neither the cop nor the biker story is particularly compelling. I've read every biker book out there and I ride and have met Sonny and all of that stuff. I like the brotherhood aspect. But I felt all the way through that it was a quest for the buck (which is okay because we all need them) that was sort of awkward. These adversaries are not BFFs. They just independently need to make a living and this somewhat unique idea came about. Hopefully it worked out for them. A big part of this: the whole idea of pointing to Yves Lavinge as a biker expert is such a joke that you have to almost dismiss Omodt's contribution immediately. We all know better. And Matter, despite building a somewhat legitimate business eventually, makes so many unbelievable assertions that range from his legitimacy in business to his awesome "taking care of business violent acts", that you know you are being taken for a ride.. The truth lies in between, which is okay if you aren't concerned about learning anything. I was, and I certainly did not, so I was nice enough to give this rating cuz the guys need money.

This book was co-written by a cop and the Hells Angel he spent years trying to take down. As an 81 Supporter I take great offense to Pat Matter's decision to not only turn on his brothers but to also team up with a cop in order to cash in on his story. A portion of the proceeds should go to the Big House Crew. But I digress. Each chapter was either written by Matter or by Omodt. So each chapter of the book alternates between Matter's story and Omodt's story. It's a very interesting approach and actually made for a pretty good read. I mainly read it because I will read anything that will bring me into the culture of the Hells Angels, which this book certainly did. It seems that Pat was a good club prez, bike racer, a fantastic business man. His Minneapolis Custom Cycle Shop was obviously a lucrative business that churned out some pretty great bikes. I feel like at a certain point he was on top of the world, bridging being a legitimate business man and being the president of one of the world's greatest MCs. It's a shame that even with this great business and his role as prez that Matter had to let his criminal side ruin everything; not only did he lose his business, but now he's got a scarlet "R" for rat hanging from his neck. To some people, Matter turned his life around. To me, he castrated himself. Omodt comes off as a one-man crime fighting machine which gets sort of annoying. He does give shout outs to some of his colleagues, but there is an unrealistic amount of self-congratulating going on with him. See the review of the book that one of his co-workers wrote about him. It should be added as a post-script in the book! So it's worth a read, if only to get a glimpse into the 81 Minneapolis.

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