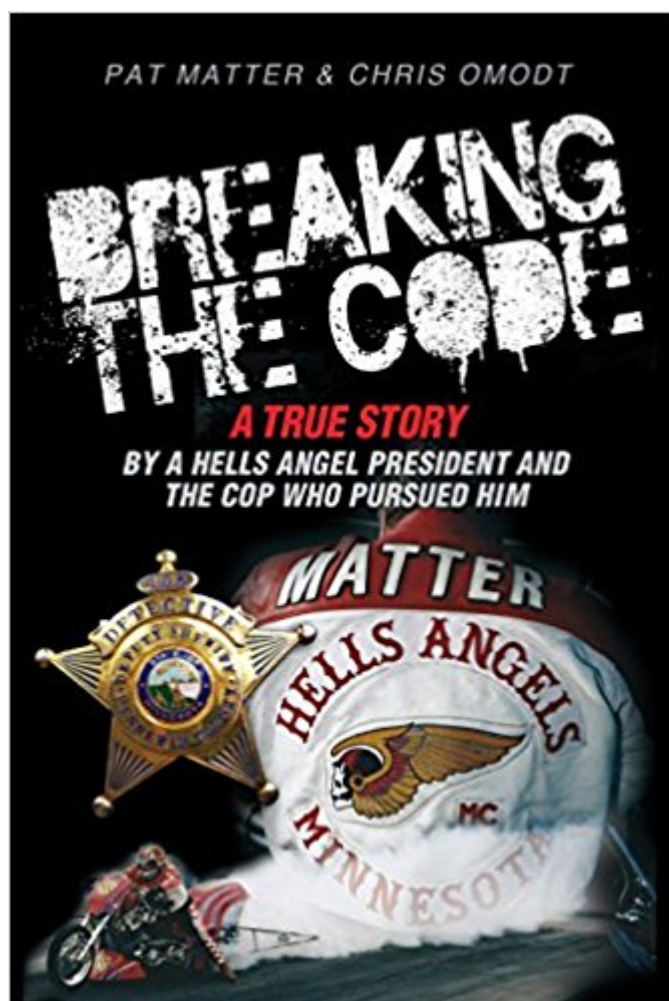


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Breaking The Code: A True Story By A Hells Angel President And The Cop Who Pursued Him



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 ripÃÂ back the curtain of seedy reality and toss you headlongÃÂ intoÃÂ theÃÂ 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 Reps, 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."ÃÂ 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." ÃÂ - 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

Just finished reading the book. Decent enough read, however I can't get past Pat Matter turning on his friends. If you can't do the time don't do the crime. He may have turned his life around but he still informed and has to live with that for the rest of his life. He was a man who instilled fear and was ruthless in his drug dealings but at the end of the day proved himself to be a coward. Detective Omodt comes across as his own best admirer and if we are to believe everything he professes to have accomplished, well he must be supercop.

This book gave insight as to the allure of gang membership and the same time gives insight into 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.

Interesting story of a look inside the club. The story telling was a little disjointed, with chapters alternating between Matter, the Hell's Angel, and Omodt, the cop after Matter. Story skipped around and got a little hard to keep track of when it jumped between authors. Could have been made better if one author took the story from both of them and made one clear story.

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 Lavigne 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.

Scary good

I've read a lot of books from detectives and outlaw bikers but only one sided. I very much enjoyed the two sided approach to this book. Very good read!

Five stars for the many ways in which cops and robbers justify themselves. And five stars for an exposition of the extent to which a criminal can enrich himself at society's expense, rat the rest of the criminals out, and still wind up on top.

I liked the book. The Hells Angels do not want you to read it.

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