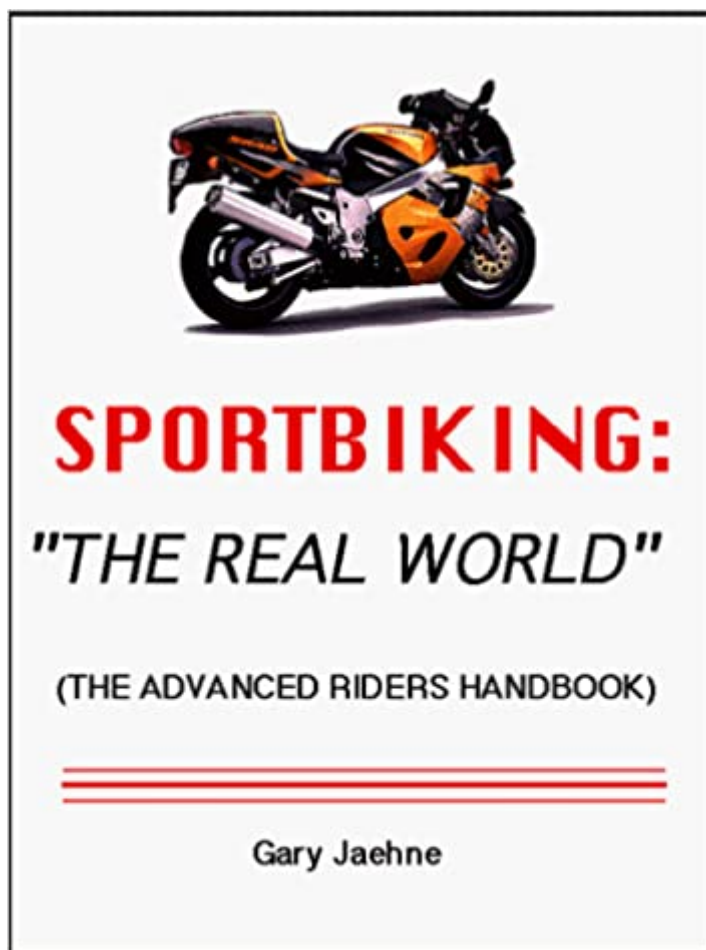


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Sportbiking: The Real World (The Advanced Riders Handbook)



Synopsis

This instructional, yet entertaining, handbook guides the reader in the advanced techniques required to improve the riding skills of the modern day "Sportbiker", with it's direct focus on the "Real World" environment of the backroad canyons not just the racetrack!

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Customer Reviews

Gary Jaehne has been a long standing California roadracer, competing with various local and national organizations (AFM, WSMC, WERA, AMA, CCS) for the last 12 years. During that time he has achieved numerous race wins and class championships, as well as proven himself to be competitive in the world of endurance racing. In addition to his racing activities, Gary continues to be active in the local motorcycling community. He can regularly be seen leading informal groups of riders through the twisty mountain roads of Northern California. Gary's instructional skills have been developed through his work as a Riding Instructor on the staff of the "dp Safty School", as well as having served as a "New Rider School Instructor" for his local roadracing club (AFM) for the past 7 years. This wide array of motorcycling experiences have combined to provide the basic foundation for the information that Gary has provided in this book.

Exactly as the title says: real world tips for higher performance sportbike riding on twisty roads. Worth rereading several times to catch all the details and methods.

This is quite a good book. I purchased it so I would have something to read on a long flight. It made me think about a lot of techniques and my personal habits while riding. This book does not teach

you how to ride a motorcycle, so don't expect it to. It's also not for incredibly advanced riders as well, because they may be far beyond this advice. If you're looking for an interesting enjoyable book to burn some time with, this is a good one to do it with.

The book *IS* small, but it is simple and to the point. The concepts are not so advanced as to require a massive encyclopedic volume anyway! Real world tips and techniques for improving your high performance Real World riding. The author adds in a lot of very interesting examples from his own experiences to help support the theory with reality. You won't get a big thick book. But rest assured, you won't get the pathetic and patronizing confusion of a Keith Code writing calamity either.

Mr. Jaehne would appear to be some kind of local semi-celebrity among San Francisco-area weekend canyon carvers. This book is his self-published manifesto. Depending on how starved you are for books on motorcycling, this could be of passing interest or just a waste of time. The "real world" here consists of zipping through mountain twisties at 80 or 120 MPH. Among his tips are what kind of clothing to wear to avoid excessive injury from the inevitable crashes you will experience, and also how to avoid the police who will not appreciate your activities. His rain riding section describes how to continue your high speed canyon trips even in wet weather. For the more sane among us who mostly use our bikes for commuting, I would recommend Hough's "Proficient Motorcycling" for overall technique and rain riding, and the MSF book for explanations of traction, braking effects, and the like. Unlike others, I didn't find Jaehne's writing style all that incomprehensible. It is obviously not professionally edited, and he uses his share of all caps and underscores, but it is reasonably clear. The problem is the slim and questionable content of what he has to say. You may notice that the publisher is "Brentwood Christian Press." A quick net search revealed that this is a vanity press specializing in self-published inspirational books, but if you pay them, they will publish anything.

First, at 15 bucks for 100 pages of a book that looks like it was printed in your neighbor's garage, this book is overpriced. There are no photographs and only a few crude line drawings. The actual riding advice here is really not advanced at all, and concentrates mostly on weight distribution and line selection--important stuff, but hardly for the advanced rider. A good section on wet weather riding. Here's the real two-star kicker, though: this book is written with the most bizarre language possible. We need a Jaehne-to-English translation. Hardly a single sentence is written without using either BOLD FACED words, underlined, parenthesis, italics, or words in quotes. It appears more like

an outline than it does a finished product. Very, very bizarre style and not at all appropriate for an instructional book. He throws in a bit of philosophy on how to get around the highway patrol, which is amusing enough. This should be a free pamphlet they give you with a motorcycle safety class, rather than a \$15 book. Buy a subscription to Cycle World instead.

This handbook (a mere 60 pages on dry weather riding, 30 pages on wet weather riding) really only offers a two pieces of advice: keep the bike at an optimum weight balance and take late apexes. The rest pretty much boils down to a combination of MSF course work, common sense, unentertaining stories, and mainstream motorcycling magazine backbiting. Overall, an underwhelming read and not very useful to an 'advanced rider'. - George

If you have read a lot of books on riding, taken several riding courses, or gotten advice from your track day friends, this book will not provide a great deal of new material to your knowledge base. However, you should still read it. Why? It presents all that information in one place and delivers it in a format practical for actual canyon rides. This is kind of a driving manual you should read about once a month until it becomes second nature. If you pass the test at the beginning you like to ride fast and this book will help you do it safer, helping a little to spare your fellow riders and the public of any more carnage and increasing the fun factor.

The number of books on the market that address the riding skills needed for riding high performance bikes is fairly limited. When I got my first sportbike, I'd borrowed a copy of the second TWIST book from a friend but found it lacking for me in that I wanted something more related to the street riding skills that I'm trying to conquer. I found that this SPORTBIKING book supplied many of the answers that I was looking for and hadn't been able to get from the racetrack stuff in Code's book. It makes sense that to learn to ride better on the street reading a book that directly talks in those terms is a good resource. The book is written in an entertaining way that makes the reading fun while being educational. The actual personal riding experiences that the author combines with each individual riding technique in the book, helped me a lot in being able to see the way that each form of bike handling technique could help me in my own riding. I also enjoyed the refreshing viewpoints that the author presents inside. I've already started applying some of the methods I've read in the book to my riding and been amazed at the instant improvements that I've seen. I highly recommend this book to anyone looking for some fun reading and to step up their own riding skills. A definite five star effort!

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