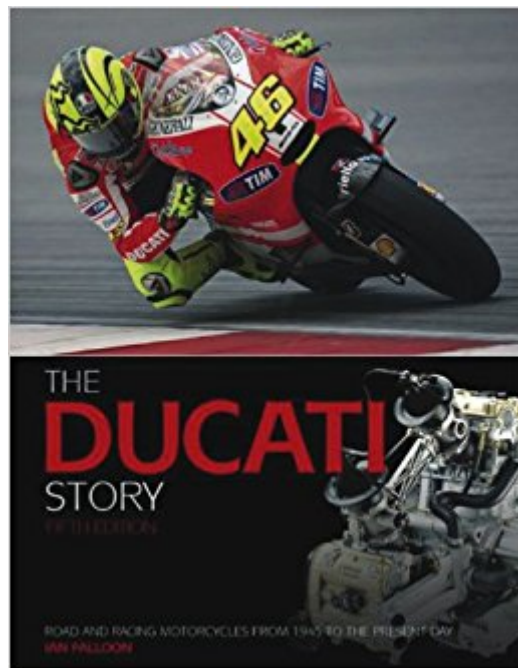




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The original and the best - this is the fifth edition of the first Ducati book ever published. It was originally published in 1996 and has been in print ever since. It has comprehensive coverage with nearly 250 color photographs and fact-packed text. A peerless and competitively priced guide to the world's most charismatic motorcycle make.

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Customer Reviews

Author of a number of successful Haynes titles including Ducat Super Sport, Ducat 916 and Ducat Racers, Ian Falloon is a freelance motorcycle journalist and photographer. He has a long association with Ducat motorcycles and owns several models.

I enjoyed the beautiful photos of Ducati motorcycles through the years, and tracing the history of the successful and exotic Italian marque. The real hero of the Ducati story emerges early on. Fabio Taglioni is the brilliant engineer credited for keeping the brand alive with innovative designs, nurtured in racing and realized in fabulous street bikes like the Ducati 916. Taglioni brought desmodromic technology to Ducati, giving the company an important technical edge with higher performance and reliability. I found my eyes glossing over with myriad technical details, like the valve timing figures reported for each Ducati model. I would have much rather enjoyed more "seat of the pants" stories. What are these fabulous bikes like to ride? How do they handle on the track and on the street? What is the personality of each bike? Overall, a good book, but not the definitive Ducati

story I'm looking for.

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The Ducati Story - Fifth Edition (2011) The picture of Valentino Rossi on the Ducati Desmosedici GP11 is very alluring for Ducati fans. For those with previous editions, you might find the earlier sections to be repetitive. I purchased the Fifth Edition mainly because I am interested in the newer Ducati motorcycles, probably right after they entered MotoGP in 2003. The older models and designs weren't as appealing to me, and I know many diehard Ducati enthusiasts will probably berate this review for that comment. However, it took me well over 10 years to really get into motorcycles because I felt all of the designs, styling, and technology was either boring, unappealing, or antiquated (carburetors in the late 1990s while every car was MPFI) or a combination of each. As a result, I skimmed the earlier history of Ducati but took note of the early design cues and elements, especially when the Desmodromic valve system was deployed. I had already learned a great deal about the Desmosedici GP3-GP10 by reading the MotoGP Technology book, but I was curious about some of the production models. The Ducati Story does go into great detail about production models, and the various changes from year to year, but this could also be found on the Internet at various websites or forums. The photographs add depth to the story because the evolution of the Monster (as an example) is evident from the first model to the latest 1100 EVO. To objectively summarize this book, it would make a great addition to your coffee table but it is far from being a truly comprehensive reference for Ducati. I don't believe the author's intent was to make it comprehensive, and as is, I'd highly recommend the book for anyone that is interested in Ducati. Overall: 4/5 stars, highly recommended if you want to see some of the history behind the newer production Ducati motorcycles. For Desmosedici GP9-11 or GP11.1/GP12 info, I'd recommend waiting for an update to the MotoGP Technology book.

Beautiful big and heavy coffee-table edition with some gorgeous pictures and great information on Ducati motorcycles. This was a Christmas gift for my nephew who was enthralled and engrossed in this book for the rest of the weekend. This book is a must for any Ducati enthusiast or any bike fan in general.

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Awesome book. But again, I sit here with 4 Ducati's in the garage.

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