

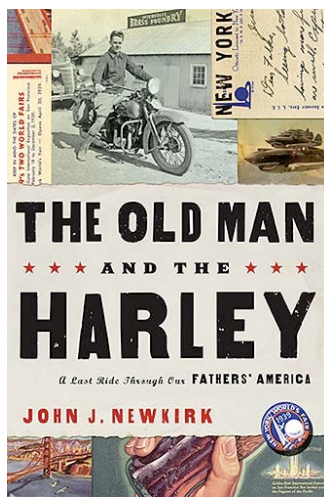
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### About The Author

John J. Newkirk is a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York where he received 1<sup>st</sup> Prize in the McKinney Writing Competition from author Donald Barthelme. His father served in the U.S. Navy’s Lion 4 Advanced Base Unit in the South Pacific during World War II. A native New Yorker, Newkirk now lives on a ranch west of Denver with his wife, daughters, and two Harleys.

**NOTE: In the summer of 2009 – the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1939 New York World’s Fair – the author will be somewhere between New York City and San Francisco on his restored 1932 Harley-Davidson VL Big Twin. To schedule an interview, contact the author at (303) 898-1186 or visit [www.theoldmanandtheharley.com](http://www.theoldmanandtheharley.com)**