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Review

***Friction Zone*, July 2007**

“Scotto is a natural born story-teller who is able to effectively relate much of the excitement of his trip into the *Longest Ride*.”

***Sun Media's Newspapers*, Dec. 9, 2007**

“The following list is in no special order of preference, except for one book in particular that topped the list hands down: *The Longest Ride*.”

***Cycle World*, May 2007**

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“If you are only going to read one book this year, it should be this one ... I have just read the first few chapters, but I'm totally hooked. Scotto is a great story-teller ... I definitely recommend it.”

“Motorcycle travel writer Emilio Scotto's book *The Longest Ride* chronicles his amazing 10-year, 500,000-mile journey around the world on the 1980 Honda Gold Wing he dubbed 'The Black Princess.' In his native South America and almost everywhere else, Scotto took lots of compelling photos and tells even more compelling stories about the 279 countries and territories he visited.”

Emilio, today I will say a prayer for you and your Black Princess. You both have my blessing.

Pope John Paul II, Vatican City, 1987

From the Inside Flap

Hopping aboard the Black Princess, his 1980 Honda Gold Wing, Emilio Scotto set out on a record-breaking world tour that lasted more than a decade. He began by exploring his native South America, followed by Central America, Mexico, and the United States. From there he went to Europe, from there the Soviet Union, and from there on to Africa.

The list of countries Emilio toured in the following years--Tunisia, Libya, Guinea Bissau, Sierra Leone (where he was set upon by cannibals), Liberia, Congo, Zaire, Mozambique, Tanzania, Somalia (which he escaped from on an old freighter), Petra, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Ethiopia, Sudan, Egypt, Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, Nepal, China, Tibet, Singapore-- is practically endless, matched only by the list of adventures he had during his journey.

With over 300 photos, *The Longest Ride* takes the reader along on Emilio's ride as he relives this amazing, record-breaking adventure of a lifetime.

From the Back Cover

For his eighth birthday, Emilio Scotto's mother bought him a world atlas. He told his mother that he would

someday make a route that would pass through all the countries of the world. As an adult, through a melding of fate, karma, and luck, he got his hands on the most amazing machine: a black 1100 Honda Gold Wing motorcycle. "This will be my ticket to see the world," he said to himself. With no money or credit cards, and zero travel experience, Emilio bid farewell to his family, hopped on his motorcycle, and headed into the unknown. Thus began a decade-long journey that landed him in the Guinness Book of World Records. Through words and photos, Emilio takes you on the journey of a lifetime in *The Longest Ride*.

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