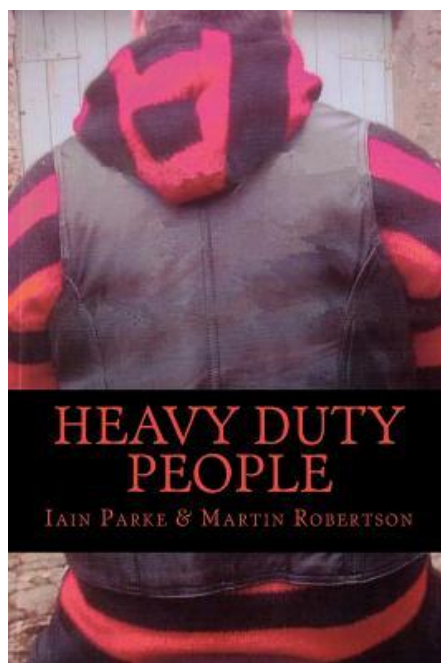




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Damage's club has had an offer it can't refuse, to patch over to join The Brethren.

But what does this mean for Damage and his brothers?

What choices will they have to make?

What history might it reawaken?

And why is The Brethren making this offer?

Loyalty to his club and his brothers has been Damage's life and route to wealth, but what happens when business becomes serious and brother starts killing brother?

Told from a club member's viewpoint it looks at what happens when 'business' runs up against friendship. When your club and your 'brothers' are your life, how far will you go for your brothers? And when does loyalty and freedom become exploitation?

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Donna says

Wow, um ok so at the beginning of this book I was a bit overwhelmed. There is a lot of Motorcycle clubs mentioned, merging and joining, plus their territories and the boundaries for each that are located in a part of the world I know nothing about, so needless to say it was confusing. But I did my best and pushed through because hey I'm a sucker for an MC story. This was unlike any MC story I have read. It is not sexy or romantic, its raw and gritty. This story reads like a diary. In the back of the book, the author says it is the story of the man as told to the author, but then the last paragraph states that it is a work of fiction, so that leaves me, again, confused. Regardless if it is work of fiction or based on a true story, it is a very intriguing story. I enjoyed it immensely and look forward to reading more work by this author. I give this book 4 stars.

Julie Gustafson-Monk says

Reviewed on behalf of 2 Girls Who Love Books Blog.

Heavy Duty People was totally different than I expected. This book is read as a biography type setting. We follow Damage and his life in the MC Club. This story is very unique and it shows the true life as an MC member. We experience his life as a prospect and as a member of the club.

The storyline takes a twist as two clubs join together. Three of Damages closest brothers get killed. He wants nothing more than to seek revenge. And take over the club that was responsible for the death of his friends and brothers.

This book was terrific. I couldn't put it down. What a gripping story of Damage's life growing up and entering one of the biggest MC Clubs in the UK.

Kathleen Rowland says

Superb writing from Iain Parke, and I knew it would be after reading THE LIQUIDATOR. The author knows his history and can predict what might fall along the trail of The Bretheren. Damage owes them for the wealth he gained, but what will he do when they turn on each other? When friendship collides with business, Martin "Damage" makes hard choices. I recommend HEAVY DUTY PEOPLE to all who love adventure.

Nathalie Brault says

I've just finished reading a totally different type of book that I'm used to reading.
And I must say that I enjoyed it.

This is a fiction-mystery genre book.

When loyalty to his bike club and his brothers has been Damage's life and route to wealth, what happens when business becomes serious and brother starts killing brother?

Heavy Duty People is the story of a biker which is quite well written by author/journalist Iain Park and Martin Robertson who's nickname in the book is Damage.

The story takes place in the UK. It's the story of Damage's journey, from when he was a teenager, joining a charter, known to us here as a chapter and growing with them as a biker. This club is an independent one known as The Legion. This club is all about brothers being loyal to one another. Across the rest of the world, the biker's gang wars are raging and it starts to echo into the UK. And so one day the president of the The Brethren called Dazza, the top charter of the UK, makes an offer to The Legion to join them. Because smaller charters across the UK are joining bigger ones if not there are wars. And so The Legion guys are fused into The Brethren except for those who don't want to, those have their patches removed. But Dazza is driven by power and money more than loyalty. Nothing will stand in his way to get it, not even murder. So when he gets Damage's 3 best buddies killed, Damage swears he will get revenge. He then plans his revenge with some of his brothers that had their patches removed. SO when the time comes, Damage and his brothers take over Dazza and his goons and he becomes the new President of The Brethren.

From what I understand and what I read, the writer must ride a bike also. Because, the way he describes the bikes and the way they ride in the book gave me the impression of actually being on a bike. It was awesome. I could almost sense the wind in my hair. Riding must be a passion for him.

I give this book 4 stars.

Jola says

Review also on: <http://jolasbookshelf.wordpress.com/2...>

I don't usually read this kind of stories. It's fiction but feels like some biography. It was interesting to read about motorcycle gang and learning about their right of passage and hierarchy, structure. It was kind like a Sons of Anarchy novel ;). The ending was gripping enough to make me want to continue with the story in book 2.

*I was given this book free through Story Cartel in exchange for a review.

Yelle Hughes says

Heavy Duty Indeed

You can tell from reading the first couple of pages this is a biker who knows his way around motorcycles and the clubs of the UK. He brings you into a world where loyalty is number one, give you a crash course on what you have to do to be accepted as a full-fledged member of The Legions. Damage the main character of the story gives you detail descriptions of what a Striker had to go through to become a full Patch.

It's an entirely different world that I had never seen. Riding your wheels with the wind blowing in your face, the smell of the engine as it heats under you. Damage tells you his experience as a loyal Road Captain to being betrayed by the ones he counted on the most. Chaos starting because his group was given a choice they couldn't refuse and the politics of their world.

BeckieG says

I read this book as an ARC for 2 girls who love books blog. This book is fictional but goes into descriptive details about the life and trials of an English biker gang and the hierarchy of it all.

I am not a biker or of great interest but enjoyed it all the same. The details are so plausible and seemed almost factual.

The book focuses on Damage and his rise through the club, gaining in wealth and position, loyalty and biker codes.

Not my normal read but I enjoyed it all the same. I'd recommend it. The information given shows the author has had personal dealings with biker gangs and that makes the book more enjoyable.

Cassie May says

Reviewed on behalf of 2 Girls Who Love Books Blog

I am not a quitter. I just want to state that in the beginning, because this book made me be one. It was so boring and exhausting to read that I couldn't get over about 25 %. I gave up. There is so much telling telling and nothing happens. It is more like the main character was writing his biography and even for that it was boring. I have read a few biographies from people who were in MCs. Dangerous, real MCs where the handling was better than this book.

I just couldn't get into it, since not even the writing style was worth to push myself through pages over pages of boring telling what is happening. Like I said I was about 25 % into the book and still I had no idea what would happen after the meeting that took place in the beginning.

There are few authors that I tolerate for being more telling than showing (on some parts in the book) that is because these authors invented a whole new world they had to explain, but this author put his story in the real world and just couldn't come to a point.

I'm sorry, but I can only give one star for this book since I expected something more exciting from the blurb. Sorry.

Joy says

This is a novel that reads like a biography--the story of a British biker and the inside world of outlaw Motorcycle Clubs--think UK Sons of Anarchy--without any romance

Andy Hornsby says

Taking as its backdrop the life of a normal bloke in a fictitious back patch club based in the North East of England, Heavy Duty People is a natural successor to those New English Library books that provided the inspiration to many a British biker and possibly the perfect book for those who – like myself – can only

speculate as to what goes on behind closed doors at clubhouses across the country. I considered passing it to one who'd know but Amanda has started reading it now, so it won't be going anywhere for a while.

Nicely written, I desperately tried to pick holes in the research, which is so often the downfall of books written outside an author's personal experience, but Parke describes himself as a biker and that comes across in the way he deals with the riding elements.

I took it as read that the shared writing credit given to Martin Robertson reflected the assistance of an insider to keep the club business real, which proved to be the case after a fashion, and the blurring of the lines between fact and fiction works very well, but there's a part of you that wonders how the first person perspective works out ... but all becomes clear in the end.

I couldn't help but wonder how a member of a real patch club would see it, but then I thought back to the episodes of 'The Sons of Anarchy' that I forced myself to sit through, just so's I'd know why I didn't want to sit through it again, and the responses of club members – varying from enthusiasm to apathy, but no outright hostility – and that reduced this tale to a good story, well told, bringing out a real empathy for the central character, the oft-quoted Damage, and the dilemmas he faces.

A real page turner as it reaches its climax, with an unexpected twist that's worth the wait.

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Steve Downes says

This is a great read. I found I couldn't put it down and finished it under 24 hours. It gripped me.

Written in the first person, outlaw biker gang member Martin "Damage" Robertson takes us into the fascinating and secretive world of the biker gangs. His story takes us from his early beginnings as a young biker taken under the wing of the local bike gang, The Reivers, through The Legion and onto one of the big 6 world renowned outlaw biker gangs, The Brethren.

We learn of the rights of passage, gang member structure and brotherhood. How loyalty and honour are the tools of survival. And how by managing your reputation, your reputation will manage your business for you.

Iain Parkes is a great story teller, and through Damage, he takes us on a journey of twists and turns, excitement and fear. Just like riding pillion on the back Damage's bike.

Iain Parke says

“This coke and shit doesn't smuggle itself in y'know? It takes a bit of good old entrepreneurial risk-taking and effort on somebody's part so's you can get off your face. There's demand, we take the risk and supply, and we get the rewards. Ain't that how it's supposed to work? Anyway, big tobacco sells stuff that kills you and if you've got a pension I bet you own some of it.”

Heavy Duty People is a hard-nosed crime thriller set in the world of outlaw bikers. His club and his brothers

have been Damage's life, but when the gang starts to become gangsters and brother starts killing brother, Damage has to choose which side he's on and what he's prepared to do.

A hit with both bikers and non bikers alike with one reviewer describing Damage as "a fantastic anti-hero...positively Shakespearian in his moral complexity."

<http://bad-press.co.uk/the-brethren-t...>

Nick Sayce says

Just 20% into the book and I was already skimming the pages. The main character is so dull and righteous. All he does is tell us what he is doing, over and over. No action, just his incessant thoughts of how the world effects him. Like a self obsessed teenage girl with a motorbike.

I will admit I read this because I watched and loved Sons of Anarchy and was hoping this was something similar, but the depths of the characters were non existent and the reason for their actions sometimes laughable.

I just kept thinking their mum should come in, clip them around the ear and tell them to grow up and stop playing Hell's Angels dress up.

Jodell says

If your going to read this book, "Pack a teddy. A fucking big one. you know. like the ones they have at the fair. Hold on fucking tight.....It gonna be a ride alright.

This book was the real deal and I liked it. No it was not filled with love and sex and all the girlish fantasy's that most MC books have come down to recently. This book was more true to the real life MC. A scary world filled with violence, drugs, betrayal, power, respect and choices.

At first I was not getting into this book it until, I started getting into Damage the main character's head. He was kind of a poet a philosopher a thinker,

"with pride in the colors came an addiction to respect. It was all about belonging". All these MC's wanted respect and to belong to something bigger than themselves.

Don't we all want to belong to something bigger than ourselves? That is what Damage wanted.

You know people like to think they're so clean. But really they're all dirty in some way or other. I suppose part of the difference is just that the MC's don't try and pretend otherwise.

So, Im sure to most people this is more like a man's book. But I ended up really liking it a lot. Not to say that a little more about the wife and the things a girl wants to read about may have gave it a larger audience with the girls. I ended up really enjoying Damage and his thoughts and quotes....

Kristi Cramer says

3.5 stars

I was given this book free through Story Cartel in exchange for a review. I eventually liked this story, but it took until almost the end before I decided that. It was rather flat, and there wasn't much action until about half, maybe 2/3 of the way through. I never really considered abandoning it, but I kept waiting for all the excitement. When it finally arrived, it was abrupt and surprising. I think the surprise was what redeemed the story. Maybe. I mean, I'm on the fence about it, because all through the story I didn't get the sense that things were going to play out the way they eventually did. I bought it, but only just. (Can't go into detail without offering spoilers.)

I didn't feel much connection with Damage, other than really kind of liking his morals. Of course that went straight to hell by the end of the book....

Another factor that may have really affected my enjoyment of the story is that the formatting was crap. I don't know if it was my download, or if they are all that way, but it looked like poetry instead of a novel. The text would go for a line and a half, then skip a line and go for another line and a half, regardless of punctuation or paragraph endings. It may be that my need to increase the font size had a distorting effect, but an eBook should be able to flow to whatever size the reader needs. There were also plenty of spelling errors, and not just the difference between the Queen's English and American English. Heavy Duty People could use a heavy duty proofreading. If I hadn't been so distracted by the formatting, I may have been able to squeeze another half star out of this.
