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Road Racer It's in My Blood

Michael Dunlop

Keynote

Michael Dunlop has a reputation for being 'the wild man' of TT – often mercurial and outright dangerous. An aggressive and tenacious competitor, Michael's sporting career to date is incredible, but *Road Racer* goes beyond racing, taking the reader on a more emotional human journey.

Description

THE SUNDAY TIMES NUMBER-ONE BESTSELLER.

Michael Dunlop is quite simply the greatest road racer on the planet. Brother of William, also an accomplished rider, son of the late Robert and nephew of the late great Joey Dunlop, Michael can fairly claim that racing is in his blood. Now for the first time he talks in depth about his family story, how he got involved in the family business and how he manages to keep getting back on his bike despite all he knows of the deadly risks he encounters every time he crosses the start line.

The death of his uncle during a competition in Estonia in 2000 was followed just eight years later by the death of his father at the North West 200. But despite these tragic losses Michael was undeterred and, two days after his father's death, he returned to the North West, and won. The next year Michael won his first TT, joining both his father and uncle in the record books.

Now with thirteen TT wins to his name Michael is a phenomenal competitor, and in this sensational autobiography he reveals the highs and lows of racing, what it was like growing up part of a motorcycle dynasty and how that made him the incredible racing driver he is today.

Sales Points

- The *Sunday Times* Number-One Bestseller
- Michael Dunlop is a record-breaking motorcycle rider as demonstrated with the fastest lap EVER at the 2016 Isle of Man TT
- For the first time, Michael speaks about his family and what it was like joining the family business and competing alongside his father and brother
- TT racing enjoys a very high profile, and Michael Dunlop is considered to be one of its top personalities
- Michael and his family were the subject of the 2014 documentary *Road*, narrated by Liam Neeson
- Includes a 16pp colour plate section
- **Comparative titles:**
Guy Martin: My Autobiography (Virgin Books, May 2014) - 419k sold

Reviews

- 'Gripping, undistilled, raw, gritty, uncompromising, pure and most of all honest, reading through *Road Racer: It's In My Blood*, is a thrilling journey' - *Road Racing News*
- 'One of the most moving and powerful things I've ever read about motorsport' - *Autosport Magazine*
- 'A captivating and brutally honest account of his life to date that goes deeper than any interview you've seen of the man on TV or in the press.' - *Motorcycle News*

Author Biography

Michael Dunlop is a Northern Irish professional motorcycle racer and part of a motorcycle racing dynasty. He is the brother of William, son of the late Robert and nephew of former World Champion, the late Joey Dunlop. He made his TT debut in 2007 and is now the current solo-machine lap record holder for the Snaefell Mountain Course. Regarded as one of the most controversial and tenacious competitors in motorcycle racing, Dunlop's aggressive style and pugnacious attitude have led to confrontation with organizers, race teams and his fellow competitors.