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Vespa and Lambretta remain the two most iconic motor scooter brands, even four decades after the latter's demise. But what made them such a European sensation in the postwar era? And why were they particularly popular in Britain in the 1950s and '60s? Motor scooter expert Stuart Owen explains the rise of Innocenti's Lambretta and Piaggio's Vespa, from the wartime ruins of Italy, through years of plenty as the two manufacturers exploited a ready market for affordable, economic transport, and then their decline into more uncertain times as motor cars trespassed on their success. He also explores the rich history of accessorising and customising the scooters, their essential role in the mod movement, and the revival in Vespa's fortunes following the release of the cult film *Quadrophenia*. The Vespa is an Italian icon--and here is the official story of the brand since its legendary creation, more than 70 years ago. The Vespa is not just any scooter, it is THE scooter, known and loved all over the world. Follow its more-than-70-year history, from its debut in 1946 to signature, custom-made artistic vehicles. This lavishly illustrated volume retraces the Vespa's origins, exploring its most important and influential models (including the 125 Elastico, which met clients' demands for higher performance, and the Elettrica and Elettrica X, both with hybrid motors); the brand's advertising and communications, complete with vintage calendars; and its place in sports, films like *Roman Holiday*, fashion, and beyond. Engaging anecdotes and images--some never-before published--illustrate the never-ending evolution of a piece of Italy that has conquered all five

continents and sold over 18 million vehicles. This Haynes Manual features complete maintenance and repair information for the Vespa P/PX125, 150 and 200 Scooters built from 1978 to 2017. Discusses the development of the motor scooter, its popularity during the Depression and its uses in wartime, as well as its disadvantages in a world much concerned with pollution. Hop on and take a wild ride into a growing American cultural phenomenon The motor scooter, so familiar a sight on the streets of cities throughout the world, can trace its ancestry back to the early years of the Twentieth century, but it really came into its own after the Second World War. In Italy the Piaggio company launched the Vespa that quickly became a byword for quick, cheap and chic urban personal transport. The Lambretta soon followed, along with dozens of rival scooters from manufacturers all over Europe, North America and Japan, including some famous names as Ducati, Heinkel, Triumph, Puch, Honda and Harley-Davidson. In over sixty years since the first scooters rolled off the production line, never has there been a more comprehensive book about the modern scooter scene and all its diversities. The 2-stroke Vespa is a style icon - an undoubted classic, and an immediately recognized symbol of its native Italy. Demand for these stylish scooters is booming, and interest in restoring and renovating them is at an all-time high. With its clear and concise text aided by extensively captioned full color photographs, this practical book guides the DIY enthusiast through all the stages of restoring a classic 2-stroke Vespa, taking it from a rusty unroadworthy wreck back to its factory fresh, former glory. It shows how to assess wear in all mechanical components, then assists in deciding the best and most cost effective method to renovate or repair. Both large and small frame power units are covered in detail, giving the reader confidence to carry out their own repairs to a high standard, which is both satisfying and cost effective. Brakes, suspension, electrical systems and brightwork are all addressed, from changing a bulb to welding in a new floor pan. An

essential reference for all Vespa enthusiasts. The scooter can trace its origins right back to the late 19th-Century, when vehicle invention and experimentation was still in its infancy. Early step-through motorized two-wheelers were already finding favour with buyers over the relatively heavier and more cumbersome motorcycle. Throughout the 1920s, many firms were founded to build these lightweight machines but it was not until the 1950s that the scooter, as we know it today, had become an established cheap-to-buy, cheap-to-run mode of transport. In the following decade, the scooter was an intrinsic part of a youth movement that encompassed a quite separate genre of music, unique fashion, and a social lifestyle adopted by a large sector of Britain's young adults. With its clean lines and ease of maintenance, the scooter grew in popularity among the style-conscious "modern community" or "Mods" of 1960s Britain. Whilst Lambretta and Vespa are now household names, long-forgotten makes such as Alwin, James, Kenilworth and Salsbury have all helped to chart the development of this often disparaged slice of motoring history and an iconic era in British popular culture. Your number one Vespa restoration resource! With plants in 15 different countries and sales numbering well into the millions worldwide, Vespa is the make among scooter marques. Return your Vespa to its original glory with this complete guide to restoring your prized scooter to 100% original. This information-packed, authentic restoration guide covers both the mechanical and cosmetic restoration of all Vespa motorscooters from 1946-1996. Scooter sales had already peaked in Britain by the mid-1960s - led by the likes of the Lambretta and Vespa. Originally designed as transportation for commuters, the scooter came to be seen more as a vehicle for leisure. Ownership shifted to the younger generation and their appetite for speed and power was insatiable. Shops appeared offering performance tuning services for the first time and a new era of scootering dawned. Production of the Lambretta ceased in 1971 and although Vespa survived, the scooter

scene went underground during the 1970s. The passion for tuning continued to flourish however and the release of Quadrophenia inspired a new wave of devotees going into the 1980s. Companies began investing heavily and the introduction of the TS1 cylinder kit for the Lambretta and the T5 Vespa by Piaggio took the tuning scene in a new direction. Now the pure Lambretta and Vespa street racer came to the forefront. Owners were prepared to blow huge budgets and their stunning creations took these machines to a new level. Today there is continued investment from manufacturers and competition is still strong as the Lambretta and Vespa Street racer scene continues to thrive. In *Lambretta & Vespa Street Racers*, author Stuart Owen traces the development of scooter tuning down the decades using dozens of rare period images and highlighting every significant technological milestone along the way. The different but inseparable stories of both Lambretta and Vespa tuning are told in full with compelling insight and expert knowledge. Motor scooters are commonly associated with two manufacturers Innocenti who made the Lambretta and Piaggio who produced the Vespa. This book traces the ancestry of the modern scooter. The Vespa's history is a fascinating and varied one. The scooter has stamped its mark on an entire epoch. For almost 60 years, the Vespa has fascinated millions, giving the world a unique image of Italian design and remaining the means of transport most synonymous with freedom. Produced in 1946, the first Vespa offered mobility to everyone. Italy was getting over its war wounds and getting about on a scooter. During the "Dolce Vita" years, "Vespa" meant "scooter"; foreign newspaper correspondents described Italy as "Vespa country", and the role Vespa played in Italian society is shown by its appearance in dozens of films. Then, it became the two-wheeler for the time of the economic boom. And during the 1960s and 1970s, it was the vehicle for the propagation of the revolution of ideas that the kids of those years were establishing. Now the Vespa provides the

perfect solution to today's congested cities. Spanning 336 pages and featuring over 300 original photographs, many rare and unseen, Vespa, delves into the facets of the famous brand from its innovative technical and stylistic design to its freedom-inspired customers. Divided into 6 chapters, each chapter details not only the evolution of the company and the development of the models but also the impact Vespa has had on the worldwide culture. The book is packed with unusual photographs from the Vespa archives, featuring all the models, famous faces, races and much more. Despite the symbolic capital and the global commercial success of the Vespa scooter, there is no academic book dealing with its history, only literature produced by the company itself or by scooter enthusiasts. The origins of the Vespa are shrouded in mist, entrusted more to myth than to historical truth. Based on lengthy research carried out in Piaggio's historical archives and on an interdisciplinary approach, this volume aims to fill this gap. It shows how the Vespa took techniques from the most advanced aeronautical industries in the world, adapting and hybridizing them in an original way, and how the company disseminated its models in the transnational social space. Eighteen million Vespas have buzzed their way into the world since 1946. Stood end to end, they would form a line measuring 32,000 kilometres - 20,000 miles - in length. This is an almost inconceivable statistic, as with many things that transcend conventional measures and at some point achieve cult status. How did the little machine come so far? The answer is simple. The Vespa has always remained the Vespa, true to itself, and has what others lack: real character! This book tells the Vespa's story via over 470 photos, corrects many misconceptions and lets the reader become immersed in the culture of Vespa and *la bella vita*. Vespa and Lambretta remain the two most iconic motor scooter brands, even four decades after the latter's demise. But what made them such a European sensation in the postwar era? And why were they particularly popular in Britain in the

1950s and '60s? Motor scooter expert Stuart Owen explains the rise of Innocenti's Lambretta and Piaggio's Vespa, from the wartime ruins of Italy, through years of plenty as the two manufacturers exploited a ready market for affordable, economic transport, and then their decline into more uncertain times as motor cars trespassed on their success. He also explores the rich history of accessorising and customising the scooters, their essential role in the mod movement, and the revival in Vespa's fortunes following the release of the cult film Quadrophenia. This charming book, packed with unique artwork and engaging photographs, celebrates scooter mania. In a feast of nostalgia, it takes us through the evolution of the scooter, focusing naturally on all things Lambretta and Vespa, but also covering plenty of obscure and eccentric machinery along the way. Scooter enthusiasm in all its forms receives generous attention, whether as fashion accessory for fifties movie stars, style-conscious transport choice for the Mod generation, or object of worship for today's retro-loving adherents. Scooters take off: rising from the rubble of post-war Italy, Piaggio emerged first with its Vespa (meaning 'wasp'), soon followed by Innocenti and its Lambretta (named after a Milan suburb). Evolution: numerous Lambretta and Vespa models over the years are illustrated and explained, accompanied by a look at the myriad accessories available for them. Not just in Italy: a survey of classic-era scooters from Britain (such as Brockhouse Corgi, Sun Wasp and Triumph Tigress), Germany (such as Glas Goggo, Zündapp Bella and Heinkel Tourist), Japan (such as Fuji Rabbit, Mitsubishi Silver Pigeon and Honda Juno) and elsewhere. Mod culture: emerging in the sixties and entwined with music and fashion, it made a unique contribution to scooter fandom that has since embraced the globe. Scooters as classics: the resurgence of interest since the late seventies and all that has come with it, from restoration and racing to customising and clubs. Scooter tales worldwide: Cesare Bataglini's round-the-world Lambretta odyssey; Mod revivalists in

Tokyo; elderly scooters soldiering on in Africa; Indonesia's Rebel Riders and their crazy Vespa-derived creations; scaling Ben Nevis on a Lambretta; and much more. Quotes in the book such as "The scooters, clothes and music -- an unforgettable time of my life" and "Exciting, fun and carefree days when anything seemed possible" sum up the enduring appeal of classic scooters. Anyone afflicted with the obsession will adore this book. Since hitting the road in 1946, eighteen million Vespa motor scooters have buzzed the Earth. Vespa's success lies in the uniqueness of its design -- in the unmistakable sheet metal skin that, over the span of decades, has defined the concept of "motor scooter." The Life Vespa celebrates all aspects of the scooters and the thriving culture that surrounds them. Since Vespa is affordable and in high-style, the life Vespa encompasses all walks of life, from street urchins to celebrities like Audrey Hepburn, John Wayne, and Brad Pitt. Part of Motorbooks' "Life" series, The Life Vespa melds machine and culture to immerse you in la bella vita. A history of the little motorbikes - scooters. Starting from the first scooter craze, the authors chronicle the American scooter boom, the golden age of scooters, and the rise of the Mods in England. This compendium of things scooterific includes a comprehensive marque-by-marque encyclopaedia of scooters. Many post-war inventions were forgotten as incomes rose and the standard of living increased. The Vespa, however, developed from a utility vehicle into international success - a cult object that has spawned societies and fans worldwide. This title tells its story. April 1946 was the debut date of the revolutionary little two-wheel vehicle, which, as well as leaving an indelible mark on the history of transport, became a real cultural phenomenon to successive generations. Simple and elegant, practical and comfortable, these are some of the characteristics that have ensured the popular scooter an unrepeatable success, with 35,000 of them built in 1949 alone. Sixty-five years after its birth, the Vespa, of which over 17 million have been produced, has

affirmed itself throughout the world. This book covers the fascinating epic of the Vespa, from its debut to the present day, through hundreds of pictures and invaluable documents of its various epochs. The Haynes Service and Repair manual for the Piaggio Vespa Scooter. Stop! Don't buy a classic Vespa without buying this book first! Having this book in your pocket is just like having a real marque expert by your side. Learn how to spot a bad scooter quickly and how to assess a promising one like a professional. Get the right classic Vespa at the right price! In time for Vespa's 75th anniversary, Vespa: Style and Passion is the official history of the iconic Vespa scooter, with rich visuals that include studio images, period advertisements, and rare archival photographs. How to Restore Classic Smallframe Vespa Scooters investigates the reality of renovating a Smallframe Vespa in detail, outlining the techniques to fully restore a complete wreck to factory fresh. The restoration is carried out by the author in his own workshop, and all stages of the process are covered. From frame welding and panel repair, to paint and trim, every process is clearly described and backed up by over 600 full-colour photographs. Special tools, advice on their use, and even possible home-made substitutes are covered, along with advice on spare parts - no Smallframe Vespa owner should be without a copy. This book investigates the reality of renovating a small frame Vespa in detail, outlining the techniques to fully restore a complete wreck to factory fresh. The restoration is carried out by the author in his own workshop, and all stages of the process are covered. From frame welding and panel repair, to paint and trim, every process is clearly described and backed up by over 600 full color photographs. Special tools, advice on their use, and even possible home-made substitutes are covered, along with advice on spare parts - no small frame Vespa owner should be without a copy. Scooterboys are the lost tribe of British youth culture. Unrecognised, uncelebrated and unwanted; misunderstood by a general public who mistook us for

Mods. We weren't Mods though. By the 1980s myself and tens of thousands of scooter riders collectively rejected that label. Instead, we took the roadmap of British youth disaffection and carved a new bypass. This route took us beyond the UK's faded seaside resorts, allowing us to spread our creed across the continents. Tuned and customised Vespa and Lambretta scooters gave us freedom to roam; transport to live for the weekend. Shared experiences of riots, local hostility and police harassment built strong fraternal bonds that endure to this day. Despite decades of two-wheeled rebellion our threat level was never high enough to put us on the national security radar. This low profile has its benefits. We aren't doomed to follow the same cycle as Mods. First feared, then pilloried, accepted and finally adopted as part of UK's rich culture. As British as a vindaloo. The cult of Scooterboy has escaped death-by-public-acceptance, simply by remaining too underground. Too difficult to distinguish from what came before. And that's just perfect. You'll never see Scooterboys parodied in TV insurance adverts or low budget fly-on-the-walls. The poorly-rendered caricature is always some cliché Mod on a 'Christmas Tree' scooter. If you rode to rallies in the 80s and 90s then this book will mirror your experiences. If you've never had a scooter then it offers a rare glimpse of life inside the lost tribe of two-stroke terrorists. The standard mode of transportation for decades in Europe, motor scooter was a cult "fun" vehicle in the USA until the past two years. With oil prices soaring and the 20-to-40 set looking for alternative means of commuter (and weekend cruising) travel, motor scooter have exploded across the United States. In 2001, less than 30,000 scooters cruised U.S. roadways. In 2005, over 100,000 are road-bound, and the number is growing by double digits each year. Beginning at \$1,000 and ranging up over \$5,000, dozens of models of scooters are available, as are thousands of accessories. And scooter clubs meet from San Diego to Bangor, Maine. Every year, the largest gathering of motor scooters takes place in Indianapolis, speed capital of the

world. The Complete Idiot's Guide to Motor Scooters is the perfect introduction to the wonderful world of motor scooting. From its origins the Italian battlefields of the Second World War, to movie roles as Audrey Hepburn's transport in Roman Holiday and Sting's stylish companion in Quadrophenia and on through the current vintage revival, the classic Italian motor scooter is an enduring design classic from the 20th century. Scootermania celebrates the superbly simple vehicles that are so symbolic of freedom, style and the modern world. Originating in the 1940s in Milan and Pontedera, Tuscany, the scooter became an enduring transport choice for young people and urban environments. Early chapters look at scooter racing and long-distance attempts, and their role as an anti-tank weapon in the French army. There is engaging coverage of place of scooters in popular culture from films, music and fashion including the way that a host of disparate groups has made the bikes their own - from the British Mods of the 1960s and 1980s to their role in American and Japanese fashion and in their Italian homeland. The evolution and design of classic models as the Vespa 150 GS and the Lambretta Li 150 Series 3 are covered while scooter stars such as Enrico Piaggio and Georges Monneret are celebrated in their own words. The book also includes a number of specially photographed features on modern scooter designers, collectors and artists. This large-format color book is the first English-language volume to celebrate the entire spectrum of scooters, from the Abbotsford to the Zweirad Union. Iconic scooters from Lambretta and Vespa naturally feature, but the book's scope is a much broader alphabetical journey via makes such as the Csepel, Febo, Cianca, Husqvarna, Kaptein, Rumi, and a host of other famous and not so well-known names. Beautifully presented and packed with information, this authoritative study covers more than 300 makes, with plenty of engaging oddballs along the way. In terms of public image, the scooter has long played second fiddle to the motorcycle. Of course, there is a large dose of stereotype in the

readings of both kinds of machines and at heart both have provided the same thing: escape, independence, mobility and a certain kind of cool. Following on from Chris Haddon's highly successful *My Cool Motorcycle*, *My Cool Scooter* showcases beautiful scooters from all corners of the world and celebrates the scooter's history thus far. The humble scooter is much more than a mode of transport - it is fashionable, stylish and trendy. As many of the stories featured in this book demonstrate, owners take their scooters on miraculous adventures from city streets to glorious country escapes. The book explores the most iconic brands of scooter from the well-known Vespa to the classic Goggo. Each section covers a selection of historical information, owners' stories and vehicle notes. For scooter owners or those interested in scooter history this book will inspire and intrigue readers. Despite the symbolic capital and the global commercial success of the Vespa scooter, there is no academic book dealing with its history, only literature produced by the company itself or by scooter enthusiasts. The origins of the Vespa are shrouded in mist, entrusted more to myth than to historical truth. Based on lengthy research carried out in Piaggio's historical archives and on an interdisciplinary approach, this volume aims to fill this gap. It shows how the Vespa took techniques from the most advanced aeronautical industries in the world, adapting and hybridizing them in an original way, and how the company disseminated its models in the transnational social space. Lambretta and Vespa scooters dominated the British two-wheeled market back in the 1950s. Originally seen as a vehicle primarily for transport, the scooter quickly grew into something very different. Perceptions underwent a radical shift and machines once disregarded as a functional and mundane became a way of life for their owners. Subcultures such as the Mods and scooter boys grew up around the scooter, a focal point for fashions that have continued to develop. Soon each owner was customizing their scooter according to their own tastes and desires as far as their budget

would allow. The age of the scooter as a status symbol had arrived. From the early days with chrome mirrors and lights in the 1960s to the extravagantly painted murals of the 1980s, owners were using their scooters as canvases upon which to express themselves. Rivalries sprang up and as competition between owners grew, so too did the outrageousness of their creations. Today the custom scooter scene thrives and is as strong as it ever has been - with fresh creations showcasing the talents and imaginations of their owners like never before. More and more people are reminiscing about the iconic scooters of yesteryear and the movement shows no signs of waning. This book goes right back to the beginning to look at how it all started, the different styles each decade produced and the most famous machines ever built. Thirty years have passed since Gareth Brown's homage to a two-wheeled, two-stroke way of life was published. The first edition of his acclaimed book *Scooter Boys*, highlighting youth culture spanning half a century, was first published when Margaret Thatcher's reign as the Eighties Iron Lady was drawing to a close. Now, three decades on, Brown's book is back to enlighten and entertain a new generation - and rekindle memories for those who were scooter boys and girls back in the day. His informed knowledge of the initial Scooter Boy era has resulted in the 30th Anniversary Edition of *Scooter Boys* being refreshingly updated and published by Mortons, the home of *Scootering* and *Classic Scooterist* magazines. Brown has been a 'face' on the scooter scene since the 1970s, when he was legally able to ride a motor scooter on the road, and scooter ownership and riding scooters has been a passion ever since. He rose to prominence in the 1980s as the scooter rally correspondent and later editor of *Scootering* magazine, which led to his book - a unique take on the Scooter Boy movement, history, traditions and culture. *Scooter Boys* charts the development of the early scooters and the post-Second World War arrival of the Italian scooters from Vespa and Lambretta, followed by the chronicling of the rise of 1950s teenage consumerism which

led to the Mod versus Rocker riots of the 1960s. It outlines the intervening years before the massed Mod revival of 1979 onwards, when the Northern Soul scene kept the scooter movement alive, and traces the emergence of the unsung street heroes of the late 20th century and beyond. Auto a due ruote del primo dopoguerra, bandiera della rivoluzione giovanile, acclamato simbolo di stile in equilibrio sulla tradizione. La Vespa è qualcosa di più che lo scooter più venduto nel mondo, o un significativo simbolo del design italiano: è un irripetibile fenomeno di costume che accompagna la nascita del Paese dal 1946 ad oggi. La storia di questo magico "tappeto volante" in Italia e nel mondo e l'esame dettagliato di numerosi modelli sono accompagnati da splendide fotografie originali. Edizione in lingua inglese. 82 pages, 30 illustrations, size 5.5 x 8.5 inches. Originally published in 1962 by Floyd Clymer, this manual includes complete technical data, service and maintenance information and detailed instructions for the repair and overhaul of the major mechanical and electrical components for all 125cc and 150cc widemount engined Vespa Scooters from 1951 through 1961, beginning with the Vespa 125 (VM1T) through the GS150 (VS51T) it also covers the Douglas 42L2 and Clubman. There is adequate detailed text and diagrams to assist in major refurbishing such as an engine rebuild or even a complete mechanical renovation, making it an invaluable resource for collectors and restorers of these classic Vespa scooters.

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