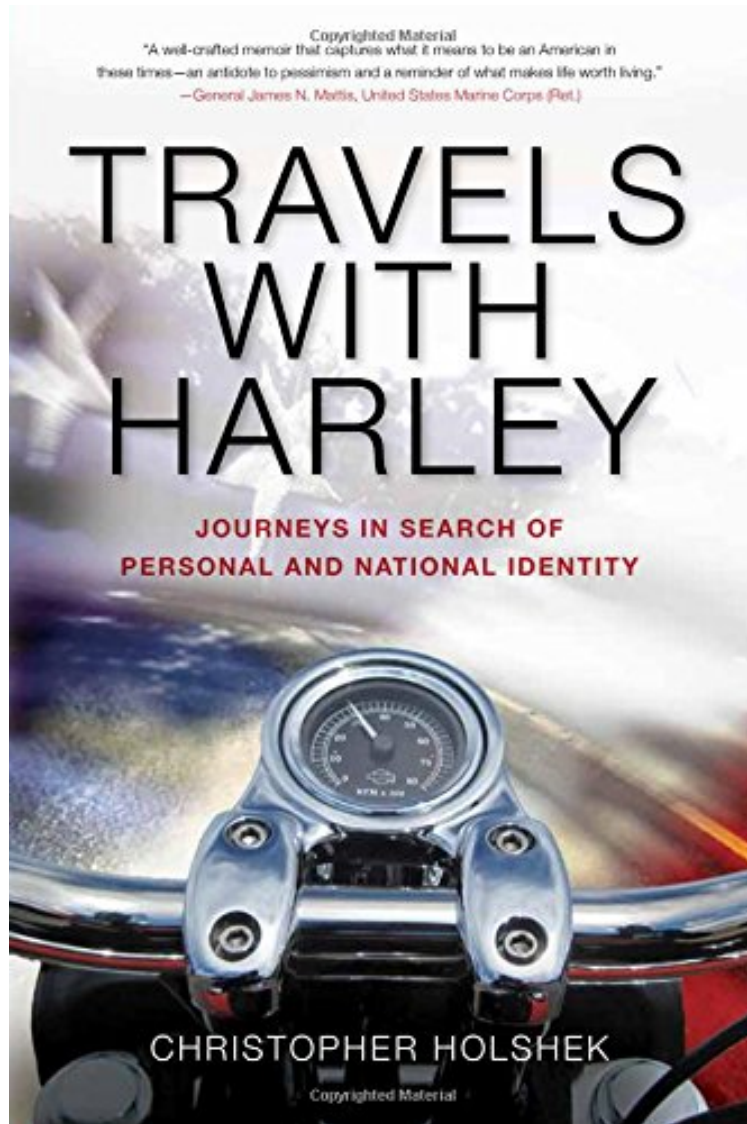


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Far more than an account of an 8,000 mile motorcycle adventure across the United States, Travels with Harley is a stirring memoir of an Army veteran's 30-year quest for peace, personal and national identity. Only through service to others, he learns, can Americans of all ages find their identity and step up to national and global citizenship, starting in their own communities, and move the country forward. As the nation struggles to find a pathway to its future, Colonel Holshek's positive and empowering message on citizenship, service, and social responsibility in and beyond America couldn't be more timely or needed. To promote national unity and help pass the baton of generational leadership, he has created the National Service Ride, a unique platform to connect youth to service learning, funded entirely through book sales. For more information, please visit www.nationalserviceride.net.

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