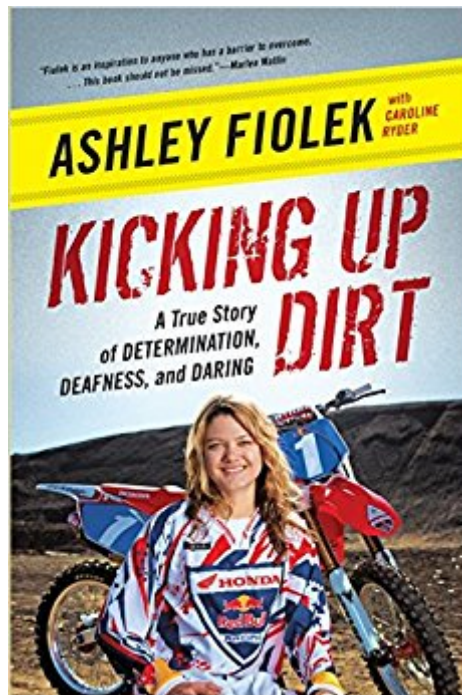




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# Kicking Up Dirt: A True Story Of Determination, Deafness, And Daring



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At nineteen, Ashley Fiolek is already the top female competitor in a tough men's sport: motocross, one of the most dangerous extreme sports in the world. Since going pro in late 2007, Fiolek has taken gold at the X Games, twice won the American Women's Motocross Championship, and become the first woman in American motocross history to be signed to a factory team—the highest echelon of industry backing. These remarkable achievements seem even more extraordinary because Fiolek was born profoundly deaf, a handicap that makes everyday life difficult . . . and competition on the track downright treacherous. But Fiolek has never let her disability stand in the way of her dreams, nor has she allowed her gender to limit her career. One of the sport's most talked-about stars, she's changing the way the industry views women. *Kicking Up Dirt* is the remarkable true story of Ashley Fiolek's ride to greatness—the inspiring tale of a courageous young woman's determination to succeed in the face of truly challenging obstacles.

My 16 year-old daughter is a reluctant reader at best, but a great motocross rider, riding since the age of 4. She has been fascinated by Ashley Fiolek since she was about 12, but never knew of her deafness until a couple of years later watching her on the podium! This is a well written biography that will interest most any child or parent for that matter. It shows the ups and downs of a child's motocross career from the first ride to a Pro career. It isn't a difficult read, but contains plenty of technical terms for readers familiar with motocross, while not confusing non-riders. I really enjoyed reading about Ashley's family's choices that helped her deal with her deafness and encouraging her unique talent. Well worth the read.

I absolutely loved this book! It's a terrific read for fans of motocross, but also tons of fun for those who don't know a lot about the sport - Fiolek does a wonderful job of explaining what certain motocross terms mean to welcome new fans. I've already read it twice. Fiolek's memoir is detailed and fun to read. It was worth every penny.

Bought this as a present for my 15 year old granddaughter- she loves 'dirt kicking'. Perfect gift for a perfect young lady and dirt bike lover.

I was recommended this book by a friend. I knew nothing about motocross before reading it but love biographies about fascinating personalities. Ashley's story is really cool and inspiring and it's a great example of someone who took a disability (her deafness in this case) and was able to turn it into an asset. Great read, I recommend it!

I enjoyed every page of your book; the ups and downs of motocross life, the successes, the setbacks all make it what it is. Your positive attitude and reflective nature make this book beautiful to read. As a woman who came to dirt bikes late in life, I crave female role models in this sport. Thank you for sharing your story, and I look forward to your next book! :-)

Good book

Way to go Ashley.. Your book is awesome, and yay you for being a strong girl. You should be very proud of yourself. I really enjoyed your story. Thank you

I thought this book would be geared more towards a younger audience. She wasn't very old when she wrote it and I think you are able to tell in the way it is written. I think it's an amazing story though, and I love watching Ashley race. She is amazing.

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