

BMW R100 RS

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by Bill Stermer

When first released in 1977, BMW's new R100 RS caused a sensation. This elegant motorcycle sported a revolutionary wedge-shaped fairing that offered the rider near total enclosure for unparalleled comfort and protection. When fitted with optional saddlebags it sang the song of the open road that BMW riders cherished: long distances at high speeds with comfort and convenience.

The first modern motorcycle with a frame-mounted fairing, it was not only the most stunning BMW model, but with its new 980cc flat-twin motor, also the most powerful. Soon, a vast aftermarket sprang up around it with all sorts of updates for its suspension, handling, and power.

The R100 RS had a charmed life of sorts. Once the K-series four-cylinder line was released in Europe in 1984, BMW discontinued the R100 series twins. Enthusiasts protested, pleaded, demanded, and BMW responded by re-releasing an updated R100 series, including the RS, in 1988.

Though the R100 RS was last manufactured in 1993, it continues to live on as one of the most recognizable and ground-breaking motorcycles of our time. Long-time motorcycle journalist Bill Stermer, who has owned both versions of the R100 RS, writes an insightful insider's view of this storied machine.

The Whitehorse Press Motorcycle Collector Series covers landmark motorcycles—machines that have altered the direction of motorcycling and inspired loyalty among their owners. This is the second book in the series.

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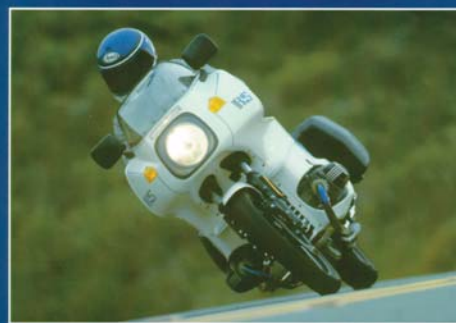
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The first edition of Bill Stermer's second book, *Motorcycle Touring and Travel* was completed in 1991, and it has come to be known as *the* handbook for planning and preparing for two-wheeled trips.

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- The BMW R100 RS has some of the most loyal fans of any bike ever made. This bike built a community of faithful devotees
- The Whitehorse Press Collectors Series is a popular series with old and new motorcyclists alike

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