

Red Combines 1915-2015

The Authoritative Guide to International Harvester and Case IH Combines and Harvesting Equipment

From the creators of the award-winning book *Red Tractors 1958-2013* comes a beautiful in-depth look at one of the most significant piece of farm equipment built in the 20th century. *Red Combines 1915-2015* (Octane Press, September 1, 2015) chronicles the complete story of the machine's impact on agriculture and society.

The 384-page coffee table book is also a tribute of the people who invented the machine that helped shaped the farm as we know it today. Recounting the combine's remarkable evolution, the book captures behind-the-scenes drama and clandestine encounters with rival companies, personnel and machines. Starting with research conducted by a rogue Swedish engineer in the 1950s and continued by a group of dedicated engineers who did their work in a top-secret garage, the book details how extensive research and development allowed International Harvester (IH) to build a new machine that took the market by storm.

Red Combines 1915-2015 includes detailed accounts by a host of authors and researchers, alongside more than 300 archival images, concept drawings, sketches, and new photography depicting the machines and men at work today. The six-pound volume is the result of dozens of interviews with engineers, salespeople, and customers — all under the direction of Lee Klancher, who serves as the project's lead author and photo editor.

A 20-year publishing veteran, Klancher has overseen the development of some of the most-respected and best-selling books in the transportation niche, including *Red Tractors 1958-2013*, which has sold 16,000 copies and was the recipient of a "Gold" Benjamin Franklin Award and "Bronze" Independent Book Publisher Award.

About Lead Author Lee Klancher

Red Combines 1915-2015 was created by a team of dedicated writers, editors, photographers, and researchers. This team was led by longtime writer, photographer and publisher Lee Klancher. His first book, *Farmall Tractors*, was published in 1994. Since then, he has authored more than 20 books and hundreds of magazine articles covering powersports business, garages, motorcycles, and adventure travel. He has visited five continents to gather stories and images, which have appeared in *Men's Journal*, *Motorcyclist*, *Draft*, *Successful Farming* and many more. Klancher is the publisher at Octane Press, and he lives in Austin, Texas with his wife, Joan, two dogs, and a garage full of new bicycles and old vehicles.



BOOK DETAILS

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Previous Books by Lee Klancher

The Adventurous Motorcyclists' Guide to Alaska – Octane Press, 2012

Art of the John Deere Tractor – Voyageur Press, 2011

Dream Garages International – Motorbooks, 2011

Legendary Farmall Tractors – Voyageur Press, 2009

Motorcycle Dream Garages – Motorbooks, 2009

The Farmall Dynasty – Octane Press, 2008

How to Build Your Dream Garage – Motorbooks, 2008

Tractor in the Pasture – Motorbooks, 2003

About Co-Author Gerry Salzman

Gerry Salzman spent 42 years working for International Harvester and Case IH. He retired in 2014 as Senior Director, Global Marketing, after playing key roles in product development and marketing , primarily with combines and harvesting equipment lines. He was a long-time board member with the U.S. Grains Council (USGC). In 2012, Salzman received the Lifetime Achievement award from the USGC and was only the sixth recipient in 50 years. He also has served six years in the U.S. Army Reserves, and is a patent award recipient. Gerry and Judy have two children, Amanda and Adam, and four grandchildren.

About the Contributing Authors:

Mattias Buschmann is a former Case IH executive who has co-authored five books about German IH tractors and operates an authoritative German IH tractor website.

Jean Cointe is a French tractor dealership owner who has become one of the foremost experts about red machinery built in France.

Gregg Montgomery is an industrial designer who has drawn dozens of Case IH and IH tractors and combines.

Martin Rickatson is a UK-based freelance journalist specializing in farm machinery and crop production.

Ron R. Schmitt is an aerospace engineer and IH enthusiast who contributes to *Harvester Highlights* magazine.

Sarah Tomac is the author of International *Harvester Australia: Geelong Works*.

Kenneth Updike writes about International Harvester farm tractors for *Red Power* and *Heritage Iron*.



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Praise for *Red Tractors 1958-2013*

"It's the story that needs to be told and you guys did an amazing job putting it together."

– **Dr. Glenn W. Kahle, engineer known as the "father of the Magnum"**

"*Red Tractors 1958-2013* is without question the most comprehensive and lavish book ever produced on post-1958 IH tractors and the Case IH models that followed in 1985."

– **Rory Day, *Classic Tractor Magazine***

"This book is absolutely awesome! I am not sure my words can do it justice, to be honest. The detail in the text and the beauty in the photography are exquisite."

– **Max Armstrong, *WGN Radio***

"Whether you've always 'bled red' or if you're just tickled by tractors in general, this book is a fascinating read-and a gorgeous ride."

– **Michael Perry, author of *Truck: A Love Story***

"This 384-page book with over 700 images is a Tour de Force of all that is and was International Harvester and Case-IH over the last 55 years. "

– **Donald Bowler, *Vaporising Magazine***

"A comprehensive and beautifully produced history of modern-era International Harvester and Case IH tractors...*Red Tractors 1958-2013* bears the unmistakable stamp of quality"

– **Dean Vinson, Vinsonfarm.net**

"The 384-page, six-plus-pound book is an imposing work, almost requiring a tractor to lift it."

– **Ben Marks, *Collectors Weekly***

"While most books from the USA on IH don't mention anything but those (tractors) made in North America, this time products of Doncaster, England and from Nuess, Germany feature highly. The products of the French and Australian factories are also covered."

– **Donald Bowler, *Old Tractor***

"This book was a massive project by all involved and it really shows. Even in physical size the book is huge...This isn't your average tractor collector book. It is of very high quality and it really shows as you read it."

– **Todd Markle, *Red Power magazine***

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