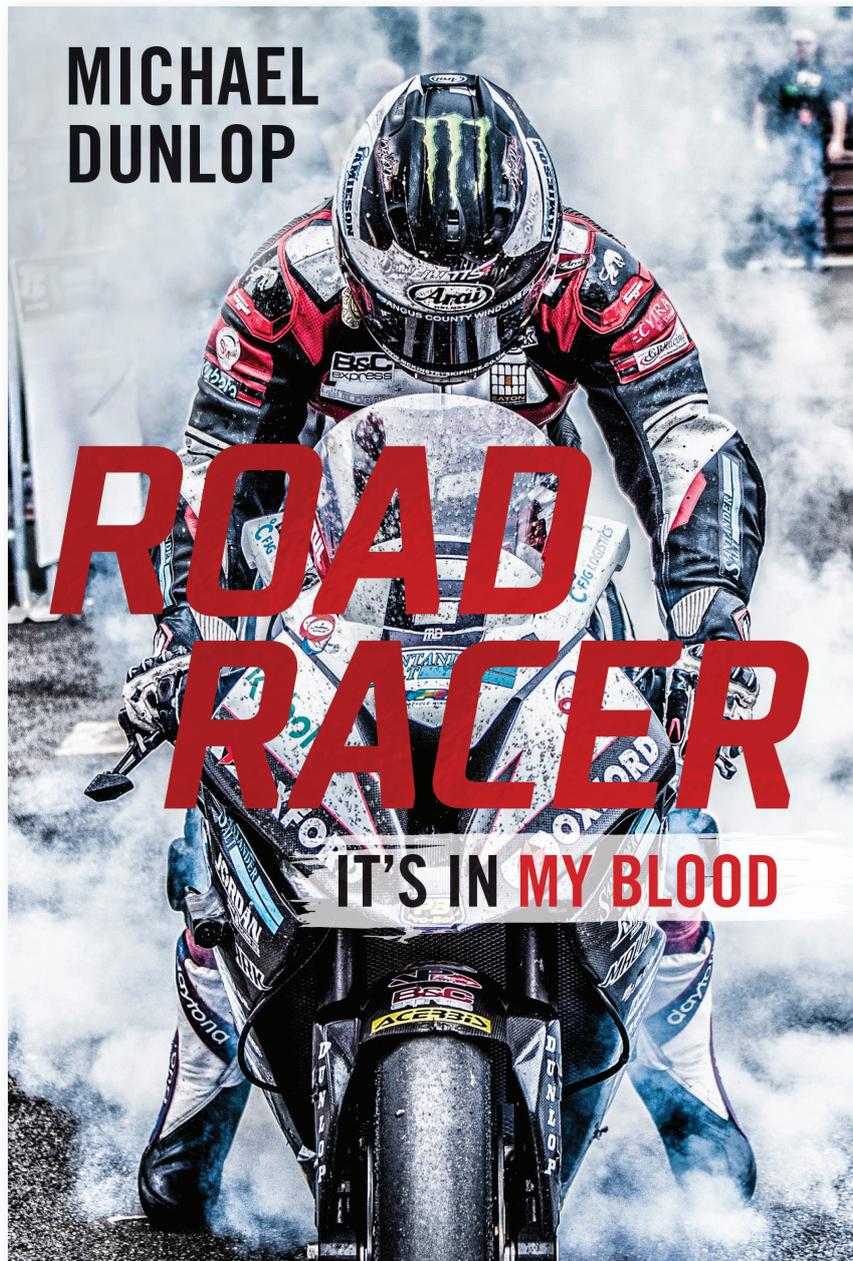


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# ROAD RACER

Michael Dunlop has a reputation for being 'the wild man' of TT – often mercurial and outright dangerous. An aggressive and tenacious competitor, Michael's sporting career to date is incredible, but *Road Racer* goes beyond racing, taking the reader on an even more emotional human journey.

Michael Dunlop is quite simply the greatest road racer on the planet. Brother of the terrific rider William, son of the late Robert and nephew of the late great Joey Dunlop; racing is in his blood. Now for the first time he has agreed to talk in depth about his family story, how he got involved in 'the family business' and how he manages to keep getting back on his bike despite all he knows of the deadly risks he encounters every time he crosses the start line.

The death of his uncle during a competition in Estonia in 2000 was followed just eight years later by the death of his father at the North West 200. But despite these tragic losses Michael was undeterred and in 2008, months after his father's death, he went on to compete in the Senior TT, where he recorded the fastest lap and finished 10th overall. The next year Michael returned and won the event, joining both his father and uncle in the record books.

With thirteen TT wins to his name Michael is a phenomenal competitor, and in this sensational autobiography he reveals the highs and lows of racing, what it was like growing up part of a motorcycle dynasty and how that made him the incredible racing driver he is today.

Michael tells us how he became involved in the family business and for the first time relates the full tale of the Dunlops, the bikes and the dramas.

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Relive how in 2016 Michael broke the all-time lap and race records on his way to claiming a thirteenth TT trophy.

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With a reputation as the most tenacious and – perhaps – dangerous competitor around, Michael is the biggest name on the circuit.

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Through Joey's passing in 2000, his early difficulties on the bikes, his father's shocking death in 2008, family feuds, depression and financial insecurity, Michael shows us how his ferocious desire to ride never faltered.

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**MICHAEL DUNLOP** is a Northern Irish professional motorcycle racer, specializing in road racing. Aged only twenty-seven, he has a total of thirteen Isle of Man TT wins to his name, putting him fifth on the overall race winners leader board, which is topped by his uncle, Joey Dunlop.

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