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Auto Tradition Book Review 2025 - 2026

Another 12 months have gone by, so it's time to bring you all up to date with some of the publications during 2025. It's also an opportunity to look forward to new titles planned for 2026. Not that there's too much spare cash about these days, but when others wish to treat you, or you want to indulge yourself and buy a new book, it's good to know what's on offer.

We hope our reviews are an indication of what to expect, a sort of 'try before you buy', of course it's only our opinion, the true acid test comes when you read it yourself. Nevertheless, I trust you find the following pages useful.

It's a very opportune moment to thank all those publishers who regularly send us review copies of their latest titles, and of course, thanking our supporters and readers.

We've all endured some tough times recently, and it seems we have some difficult times ahead, so it's good to have a distraction from reality, by immersing into a good book.

On behalf of the AT team, thanks for your continued support, it's very much appreciated. In return we trust you have a great Christmas and a happy, and especially, a healthy 2026.

All very best,



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Our Book Awards

Throughout the year many publishers send us review copies of their new titles for our team to comment upon. Each title is objectively reviewed and given an award of either Platinum, Gold, Silver, or Bronze, dependant upon the reviewer's opinion. Obviously, the top award is Platinum, and is only bestowed on the very best titles, whereas the other awards are granted in a sliding scale down to a bronze award being the lowest. It must be stressed that the awards are solely a personal view and should be read in conjunction with similar reviews aired in other publications and on-line.



All reviews by Mike Jiggle unless stated otherwise

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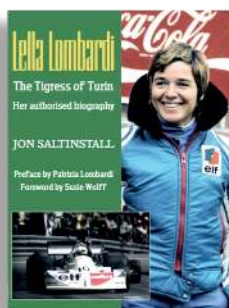


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Auto Tradition Book of the Year 2025



Lella Lombardi - Tigress of Turin

By Jon Saltinstall

Douglas Loveridge Publications

ISBN:9781900113243

Hardback

£40.00

I have always been a supporter of women in motorsport, not them having their own championship, which segregates them from mainstream motor racing, but fully integrated into the various championships, like the Iron Dames in the ELMS races, pitting their driving expertise against in the 'real world' of motorsport. Looking back there have always been women involved, but not in such an apartheid manner as today. One of those being Lella Lombardi, who, according to a quote attributed to her, agrees with my view wholeheartedly, "I have always raced against men, and I have never considered the male-female issue, only the competitiveness that exists between different drivers. Under the helmet, women and men are completely equal." Indeed, unlike others today, she didn't not ever use her femininity as a USP, but as journalist Franco Lini wrote in her obituary, she wanted, "to compete not as a woman against men, but as driver against driver." Unfortunately, many have and continue, especially in this day and age, to define her career by her sexuality, but she didn't, check out her full racing career at the end of this book, which the author has meticulously researched. Lella simply wanted to be defined as a racing driver, as you journey through this book you'll appreciate understand that.

They say there's a book in all of us, but I've known author Jon Saltinstall for a good number of years, and this book has been on his mind to publish throughout those years. So, well done to him for sticking to his endeavour and seeing the job through. If you've read any of Jon's other titles, especially his Jacky Ickx book, you'll appreciate the level of detailed research that has gone into the preparation. I remember Jacky Ickx, saying Jon had included races and memories he'd forgotten about, readers also remarked on Jon unearthing Ickx' motor cycle history too, many enthusiasts were surprised.

This book shows how Lella Lombardi became a competent driver by the age of 13, driving her father's butcher van. An innocuous accident with her suffering a broken nose in a handball match, which led to her taking a ten minute car ride to the local hospital for treatment, ignited her passion for speed and desire to become a racing driver.

So, when reading this book, you can be assured it's not simply an obsessive expose, but a comprehensive factual account of the life of one of those lady drivers, who successfully took on the male dominated world of motorsport on her own terms. Sadly, over thirty years ago, Lella was taken from us when she succumbed to breast cancer, but in her 50 years on this planet she lived life to the full. With complete cooperation from the Lombardi family, and with over 200 interviews with those that knew her, for the first time we can all now appreciate an authentic record of her motor racing journey. Jon's words are superbly illustrated with the many photographs, a good number not published before. It's not just a great read, but a rewarding one too, whether you're male or female.



Credit must be given too to publisher Douglas Loveridge for taking on this project, as there are many that would simply shy away from what they would consider a niche readership. Indeed, I feel that contradicts the essence of this book, as it's a life lesson for any young girl who wants to embark on a motor racing career, whether as a driver or playing a supporting role. Yes, it's a tough world they will be trying to forge a path through, but no more than the world that a young Lella took on, fully embraced and became successful.

I can wholeheartedly recommend purchasing this excellent book, honestly written bursting many modern myths about Lella and very well presented too. I'm therefore extremely pleased to award this our book of 2025.

Auto Tradition's Books of the Month

January



Alfa Romeo
Cars in Motorsport since 1945:
Celebrating Alfa Romeo's
extraordinary sporting legacy

Peter Collins

Veloce

ISBN: 9781845849160

Hardcover

£80.00

It's always difficult to review a colleagues' book, especially when he's a great friend too, but I'll give it my best shot. I've known Peter for over 25 years now and he is very passionate about Italian cars, indeed he's a world authority, not that he'd tell you that. This latest title from his pen and lens has been very much a labour of love for the past seven years - yes, SEVEN!

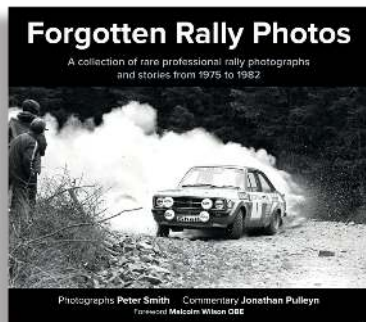
This book is not only a pictorial review of the Alfa Romeo marque in motorsport, but a great amount of research involved to bring the reader as many 'not seen before' photos as possible, from home and abroad.

I recall Steve Soper saying, after looking through a copy of Auto Tradition's Yearbook, "I like this book, it's got a lot of photos and informative captions", well if that style of book 'floats your boat', you're in for a treat. There have been a number of 'picture book' type titles published recently. Looking through them you can see a photo many times over, but most times you'll notice something new, time and again. It's very much like visiting an art gallery and looking at various works of art - there's always something new to see, enjoy and add to previous narratives and appreciation of the piece.

Post World War Two hostilities, individual countries were trying to get back to some sort of normality. Motorsport was big in Europe pre-war and there was an appetite for it to continue as soon as possible for many nations, Italy being no exception. Whilst Britain looked to build the ultimate racing car with BRM, Alfa Romeo rose phoenix like from the ashes of destruction. Peter takes us on a long pictorial journey of how Alfa Romeo became world champions just five years later winning the new Formula One World Championship in 1950 and continue through the various championships and strands of our sport at the highest level until today. It matters not if you're an Alfa fan, this is a great journey, sit down with this book, a glass of Chianti and enjoy the ride.

Auto Tradition's Books of the Month

February



Forgotten Rally Photos
A collection of rare professional
Rally photos and stories from 1975 to 1982

Peter Smith and Jonathan Pulleyn

BHP Publishing

ISBN: 9781738508532

Hardcover

£55.00



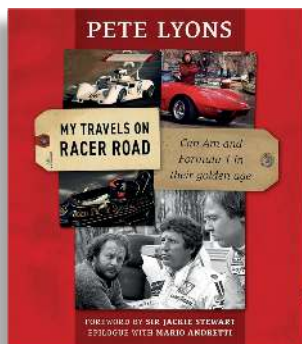
Many have said in the past, “If you make your hobby your job, you’re so very lucky”. Well, Peter Smith, whose photos are illustrated in this new book was obviously one of those lucky people. Beginning by selling the occasional photo to competitors, he progressed to becoming the official photographer for many of the top rally teams. Now in retirement, he’s had the opportunity of searching his archive and with former rally driver, Jonathan Pulleyn, they’ve produced this wonderful step back in time book, reliving the period with quotes and stories from many of the notable and not so participants, with a foreword by Malcolm Wilson.

Whilst this publication is aimed, in the main, at rally enthusiasts it is none the less a super nostalgic book I can imagine being a catalyst for a handful of readers to flick through over a pint to remember these bygone rallies, those involved and their experiences of trudging through the undergrowth and navigating their way to get the ideal spectator vantage at various stages of events - be they national or international.

This book also plots the evolution of the rally car, that went from relatively meagre powered two wheel drive to the four wheel drive monsters of the Group B era, and the sport too with the dawn of greater publicity and notoriety.

In their first year, BHP Publishing have certainly made their mark of producing well researched, exceptionally written and easy on the eye (and wallet) publications choosing to produce works that others may shy away from. However, to enjoy the full spectre of motorsport one has to appreciate the stories from those who didn’t make the front of the grid, the mechanics who supported the ‘names’ of the period, journalists and photographers. This is the strength of BHP and long may it last. Put this title on your ‘wanted’ list.

Auto Tradition's Books of the Month March



**My Travels on Racer Road
Can-Am and Formula 1 in
their golden age**

Pete Lyons

EVRO Publishing

ISBN: 978-1910505878

Hardcover

£70.00

I have known Pete Lyons for a very long time and even remember when he and his father were working as motoring journalists and photographers at the same time in the early 1960s. It was a privilege to be able to work alongside him when I was European Editor of Vintage Racecar Journal.

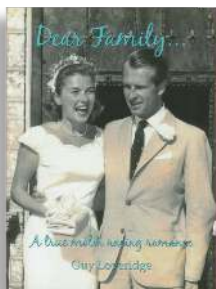
But none of those contacts ever revealed the depth of the Lyons family immersion in motorsport, world travel, classic cars and adventure. Sir Jackie Stewart says that Pete was one of the best journalists in Formula One at the time he was covering it, and that was largely due to Pete's total dedication to what he himself considers his "true road".

'My Travels On Racer Road' is a life story and is a colourful tale of his early years and of growing into motor racing with his renowned father, driving across the USA in the family's pre-war Rolls Royce and then doing the same on a Vincent motorcycle. Pete then did the classic chase of European motor racing with no money in his pockets. But the core of this book is not just motor racing. It's Pete Lyon's openness and honesty about his life and his choices. He became an expert on early 1960s racing, and then the world expert on CanAm racing in the later '60s and early '70s, following and photographing and writing about the races, the drivers, the teams and the far-flung circuits.

He then spent four years becoming one of the foremost figures in Formula One, getting to know almost everybody in the sport. His casual and friendly nature, as well as his seriousness, allowed him to get close to many famous people who were then very open with him. What I liked most about the book was his ability to get the most out of all the situations he was in...the way he values his relationships and the opportunities he has had. There is very little ego in this account...he seems profoundly grateful for all the things life has provided. It's a very honest story. *Review by Ed McDonough*

Auto Tradition's Books of the Month

April



Dear Family ...

A true motor racing romance

Guy Loveridge

Douglas Loveridge Publishing

ISBN: 978-1900113236

Hardcover

£ 40.00

It's difficult to understand how today's world will be remembered in some 60-70-years' time given that not many people write letters to communicate with friends and family. Thankfully, through this book, we are able to enter the very personal and private world of the relationship between British racing driver Peter Collins and his American actress girlfriend, then almost instantly, his wife then widow, Louise King, via the letters Louise wrote to her parents. These letters, written between April 1957 and June 1960 capture the rollercoaster ride Louise experienced, firstly her joy of falling in love with Peter, then marrying him within seven days of them first meeting - a true whirl wind romance.

Then the tragedy of her becoming widowed some 18 months later, when Peter was killed at the wheel of his Ferrari at the 1958 German GP, at the Nürburgring, just days after winning the British GP, at Silverstone.

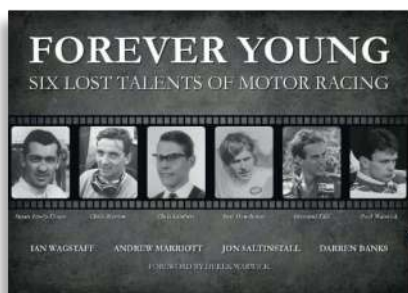
However, this isn't just a catalogue of letters to simply read, but is cleverly augmented by Guy Loveridge's commentary via captions of press cuttings and photographs, which creatively puts things into a perspective and order for the reader to understand. The letters and much of the ancillary photos and press cuttings that give a true meaning to them are provided by Chris Price, who has dedicated most of his time collecting and compiling Peter Collins memorabilia.

This is one of those captivating books that once started immerses the reader into Louise's world, so much so they simply cannot put it down. A superb book that could have easily been a film contrived by some Hollywood scriptwriter, but in this instance, as Lord Byron wrote in his unfinished poem, *'Tis strange - but true; for truth is always strange; Stranger than fiction; if it could be told, how much would novels gain by the exchange!'*

A superb addition to every enthusiast's library.

Auto Tradition's Books of the Month

May



Forever Young
Six Lost Talents of Motor Racing

**Ian Wagstaff, Andrew Marriott,
John Saltinstall, Darren Banks**

BHP Publishing

ISBN: 978-1738508549

Hardcover

£40.00



Just when you think BHP couldn't do better than their previous publications, they come up with another gem, *'Forever Young'*, a book recalling the lives of Stuart Lewis-Evans, Chris Bristow, Chris Lambert, Bert Hawthorne, Bertrand Fabi and Paul Warwick, all of whom were tragically taken as they were reaching the prime in their motor racing careers.

Published in landscape form, which seems to be a USP of BHP, the book has been thoroughly researched and written by some of the best authors and journalists in motor racing, who collectively have a great wealth of knowledge and experience, but each write about their particular subject in their own unique styles.

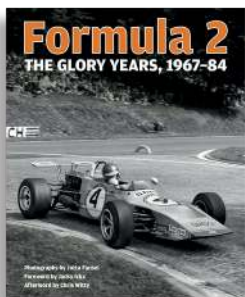
Although the book of this nature may be a sombre and solemn reflection of the lives lost, it's more of a celebration of each of the driver's achievements up to the point of their passing, without dwelling too much on what they may have achieved had they lived. Of course, the six drivers are from differing eras of racing, the first, Stuart Lewis-Evans died in the late 1950s when drivers were more like jockeys, racing in a number of different championships and formulae, whilst our sport had evolved and moved on almost 40 years later when the last driver, Paul Warwick, brother of Derek was taken and drivers dedicated themselves to a single formula.

Unfortunately, the mists of time blur and obscure the past, so many younger enthusiasts will have little or no knowledge of Bertrand Fabi, or Paul Warwick, so the careers of the other four, being more distant, will only be recalled by older racing fans. So, it's great to keep their contribution and legacy to our sport alive, and that is certainly the case with this book.

Many congratulations to BHP, a publishing company still in its infancy, but producing mature bodies of work.

Auto Tradition's Books of the Month

June



Formula 2
The Glory Years, 1967-84

Jutta Fausel

EVRO Publishing

ISBN: 978-1910505199

Hardcover

£70.00

While a few people might say that the earlier F2 period...1964-1966...should have been included in depth, Jutta Fausel's magnificent archive covers the later period in amazing depth and the reader who takes the time to take this volume in slowly and carefully will come away with a real feeling of what the Formula 2 period was like.

There are nearly 900 black and white and colour photos, almost all of which are Jutta's with a few from LAT and a couple of Nick Loudon's great shots. The story of the eighteen-year period is weaved throughout by an able team consisting of the people who were there and recorded the events: Chris Witty, Bob Constanduros, Peter Higham, Mark Hughes and Ian Phillips. Their input brings the period alive, as does the contribution from drivers of the period including Jacky Ickx, Jean-Pierre Beltoise, Jean-Pierre Jarier, Corrado Fabi, Jonathan Palmer, Mike Thackwell and many others. They ensure that the feel of that period is captured in a very real way.

While the visual content is the core of the book, there is plenty of detail with annual race results, championship points and diagrams of all the circuits. I was there for some of those races...not nearly enough of them...and this great book brings it all back. What a good job! *Review by Ed McDonough*

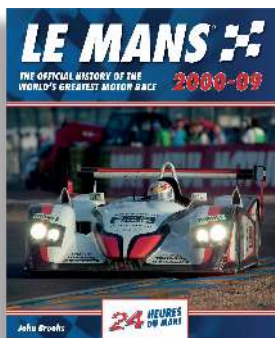


Formula 2 at Brands Hatch

Photo © The Pete Austin Collection of Photography

Auto Tradition's Books of the Month

July



Le Mans 2000-2009

John Brooks

EVRO Publishing

ISBN: 9791910505717

Hardback

£70:00

Officially licensed by the ACO, this book navigates the reader and revisits the first ten years of the new millennium, in terms of the Le Mans 24 Hours. It was period of time when the great race was dominated by one manufacturer - Audi, taking overall victory in eight of the ten races, despite this the race remained a true-blue ribbon event, which fans continued to make their annual sojourn in their thousands. As he's done in the other volumes of this series, chronicling the history of this superb race of endurance, author John Brooks has provided detailed text, superb photos and statistical records of each race, not just a couple of pages, but around 40 per year.

Of course, a driver name emerged during this time, who will be indelibly linked to the race, that was, 'Mr Le Mans' himself, Tom Kristensen, who won seven races during this decade, and using American terminology, became the winningest driver to date.

Whilst the decade, was dominated by the German Audi marque, the British flag flew for three years with the Bentley name being revisited, although under the guise of Audi. I recall those years between 2001-2003 when Audi bought back the Bentley name to the great race after an hiatus of some 73 years. Reading the pages about the Bentley programme, which finished with a 1-2 finish in 2003, it was a true British celebration with union flags waving from every vantage points, shades of the Walkinshaw Jaguar victory era. At the end of the decade the French tricolour waved as the Peugeot lions, David Brabham, Marc Gené, and Alexander Wurz steered the 908 HDi FAP to victory in 2009.

Yes, he's done it again, John Brooks has produced another fine volume to add to the collection. Whilst for me, this is a great reference book, for the true dyed in the wool sportscar fan, this is an absolute must to relive some of the stories from Le Sarthe - a snip at £70 too.

Auto Tradition's Books of the Month

August



CTX 500 Last Train to Cockfosters

David Brodie

Self Published

Available from

**www.modernartistsgallery.com/
david-brodie-runbabyrun**

Five Volumes Hardcover

£250.00

David, Dave Brodie, or simply Brode, was one of THE characters of motor racing, who sadly passed away in December '24. However, prior to his passing, he left us a superb legacy in the five volumes of books under the banner, '*CTX 500 Last Train to Cockfosters*'. Whilst in five volumes, there's no particular order in which the book has to be read, with 1500 pages, well over 100 chapters to choose from, and numerous photos to illustrate the text, many not published before, it's one of those books you can simply take a dive into and read.

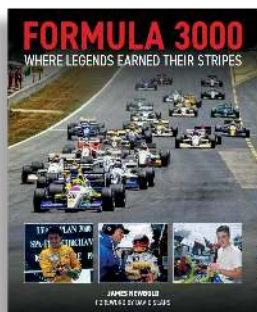
Like Brode's character it'll grab you, hold you in and you'll be engrossed immediately, feeling a warmth as you firstly smile, then laugh, ultimately, don't be surprised if your sides are aching after just a few minutes. Whilst the Brode would have admitted to not being the world's greatest writer, he was a great communicator. Yes, his writing may not be grammatically correct, but again, you somehow feel in his presence as you devour the text, especially if you ever had the privilege of spending time in his company. There is a word of warning, if you're easily disgruntled, by his views, his manner, or language, then this is not for you. Having said that, it's written in the style of those who lived in a period during the 1960s to the 1980s, where honesty wasn't frowned upon and being 'Jo Blunt' was the norm - please or offend.

Indeed, the book comes with this warning from the author on a bookmark, which ends ... "I never set out to hurt or upset anyone either. No, I just wanted to tell it like it was, or is, and remember this... "It's only the truth that upsets people" There are a plethora of stories as you can imagine mostly motor racing based, but they also include other subjects too for your enjoyment. At just £50 per volume, it's good value for money, you'll enjoy every last word!

The five volumes are weighty, but to save expensive postal or delivery costs, can be ordered/collected direct from The Modern Artists Gallery.

Auto Tradition's Books of the Month

September



Formula 3000
Where Legends Earned Their Stripes

James Newbold

EVRO Publishing

ISBN: 9781910505946

Hardcover

£75.00

This book has been one of the most long anticipated titles for a number of years by many enthusiasts. The good news is the wait is over, it's here. And author James Newbold together with EVRO have done a superb job in documenting and presenting the history of a fiercely contented series, but where some of the camaraderie from previous eras of racing still remained.

It's some forty years ago that F3000 series was formed offering young driving talent to the world and ultimately the penultimate step on the ladder to Formula One Grand Prix racing, the pinnacle of our sport. It was introduced to replace Formula Two, but 20 years later in 2005, it was replaced by GP2. In the higher echelons of our sport it's not always the best drivers that are selected, but those with the ability to find the finance will always go further than those who are great drivers, but cannot, for whatever reason, raise the necessary budget. The main series was augmented by similar British and European editions which initially ran both Formula Two cars and the new F3000 machines, these series were a halfway house for those drivers trying to get to the FIA main F3000 series.

Whilst running F3000 had a great following, became the series where some of the elite drivers began their journeys to become almost household names, and for some team owners it's where their history was solidified. As mentioned, author Newbold, has produced a fine body of work looking back and documenting the series history, with many first hand interviews from a number of those involved and is augmented with a plethora of period photos to illustrate the text. The races, personalities, politics, successes, controversies, and its ultimate demise are all chronicled in this excellent book, which I can thoroughly recommend - top of the class to all concerned.

Auto Tradition's Books of the Month

October



**Ferrari 275P: 0816
The Only Ferrari
To Have Won Le Mans Twice**

Keith Bluemel

Porter Press International

ISBN: 9781-913089672

Hardback

£125.00



This enormous tome, weighing in at over 3kg and with dimensions of 40cm x 30cm, concerns the Ferrari 275P chassis 0816, the only Ferrari to have won the Le Mans 24 Hours two consecutive years running.

The author is Keith Bluemel, so the quality and accuracy of the story is a 'sine qua non'. The design and production of the book in such large dimensions has enabled the superb collection of photographs to be shown to their very best advantage. The author tells the life story of 0816 but also those of the other 275Ps as well and includes asides on many of the drivers involved.

In short, this book is unreservedly recommended, but I wonder how many still have the proverbial coffee-table on which to display it?

Review by Peter Collins



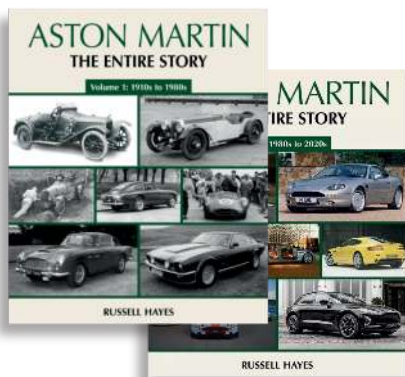
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Auto Tradition's Books of the Month

November



Aston Martin - The Entire Story

Russell Hayes

EVRO Publishing

ISBN: 978-1910505601

**2 Volumes in slipcase
Hardback**

£195.00



Founded in 1913 Aston Martin, although it has endured a rather chequered history, it still remains part of the fabric of the motoring world today, both on road and track. The story of the marque, like other marques founded just before, or at the turn of the last century, in the main, is one of survival. While many have ceased, somehow Aston Martin has continued, and today its future would appear secure, although a deeper dive into trading figures may show it still being vulnerable.

Author, Russell Hayes, who is well versed in his craft, working in the motoring media for a good number of years on television, books and magazines. Many writers have a book that they've always wanted to write, a good number never see the light of day, but in this case, Russell Hayes' potted history of Aston Martin has come to reality.

I say potted history, as there are many twists and turns to navigate, despite being 704 pages long, across two volumes, a concise, but detailed review of the motor company founded by Robert Bamford and Lionel Martin. Having said that, it is the perfect reference for anyone wishing to study the marque.

Russell Hayes takes us on a historical journey meandering through the various twists and turns, peaks and troughs, and warts and all, of Aston Martin's back story, its owner's, drivers, designers, characters and of course, not forgetting the cars. The book is written in an easy to read manner, and is more than adequately illustrated with photographs presented in the usual EVRO way.

To sum up, this is a great potted history of a car company that's cheated death more times than the proverbial cat with nine lives. Well worth the investment.

The BAMFORD FERRARI SPECIALS



JOHN BAKER

£40.00



Review by Peter Collins



The extraordinarily
leading interior, who
could resist sitting in
that carefully shaped
bucket seat and feeling
the wooden rim of the
steering wheel before
selecting a gear is the
best preserved gear?

adjustment, but once settled in place the controls are no problem. Also the pull-down handbrake under the dash can be reached at a stretch.

Take the key and press the ignition lock, and the YU100 goes into a locked state that shifts as much as an inch back to the left. YU100, through the four pull-downs that connect under the rear bumper. The well-defined, obvious, finished-dial gear provides all the guidance the driver needs to find the right gear, and dash and engine cooperate to get the car moving with enthusiastic energy. At highest engine speeds, what dash/engine appears to be that the car's performance engine is very strong; there is a distinct difference between low-speed lagging and the elasticity that enters the proceedings. Higher engine speeds: One of us kept the car on the road by the accompanying others who saw the country lanes where we saw three other places, speed is huge down to legal limits, but there can be no doubting the feeling that this, modified in the spirit of the Appleby car built at the end of





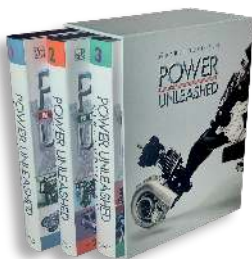
Auto Tradition presents The RAC book Awards 2025



**For over a decade, the Royal Automobile Club
has made annual book awards.**

**Entries for these awards are mulled over in late summer.
Here are the 2025 winners, together with the category listed below.**

The Motoring Book of the Year



Power Unleashed:

**Trailblazers who Energised Engines
with Supercharging and Turbocharging**

Karl Ludvigsen

EVRO Publishing

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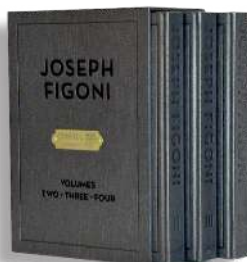
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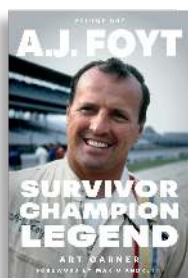
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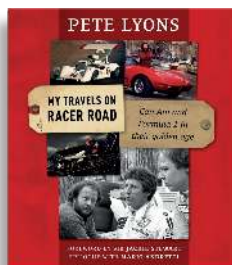
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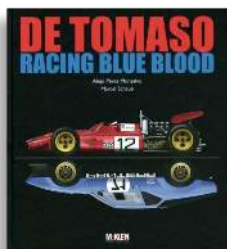
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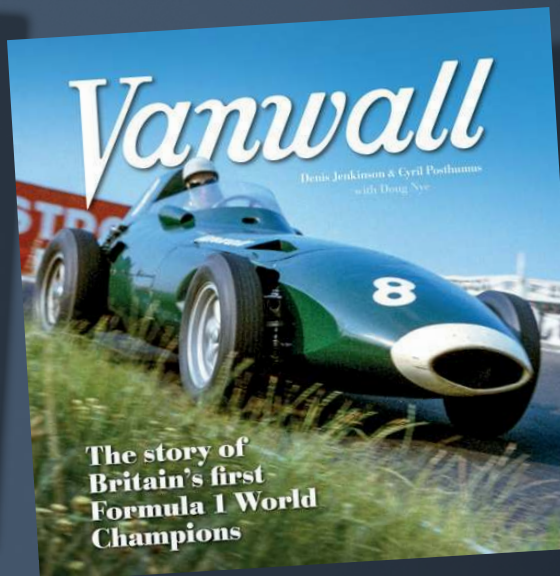
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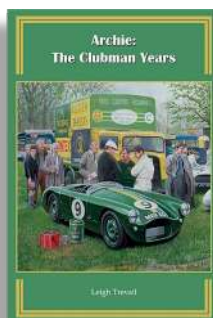


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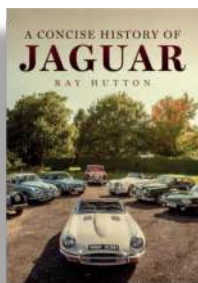
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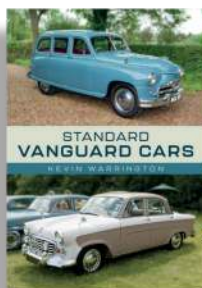
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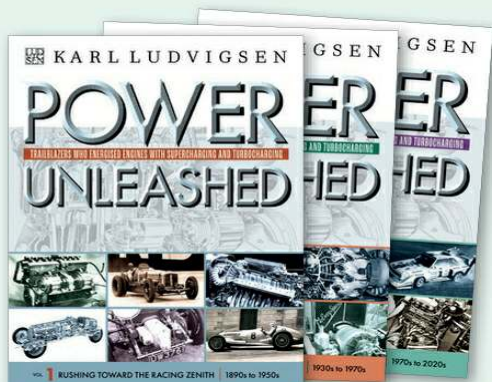
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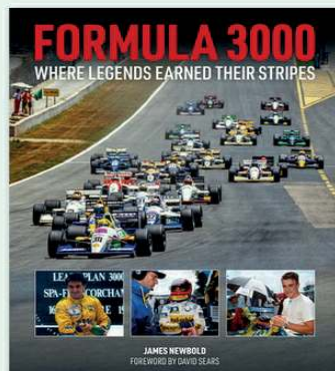
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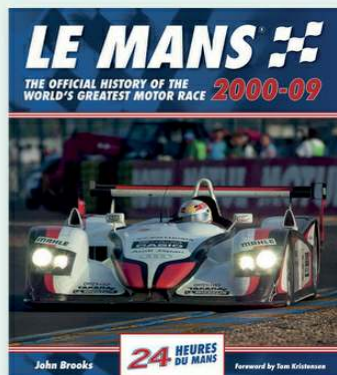
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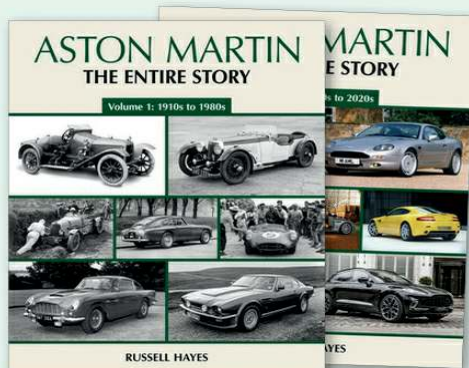
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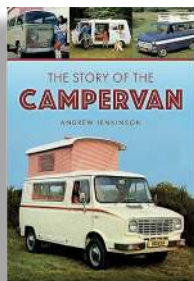
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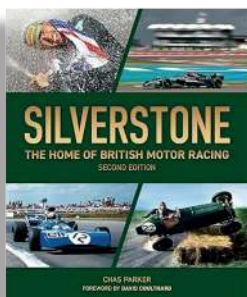
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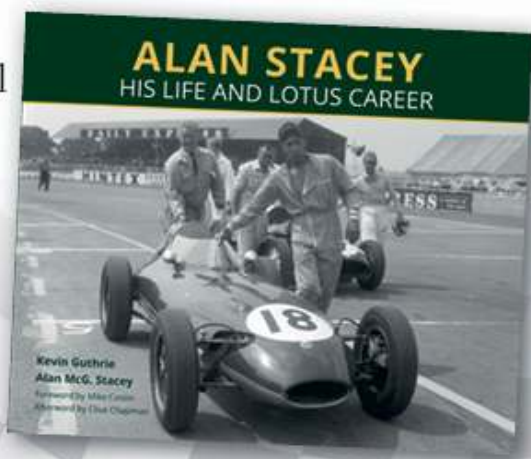
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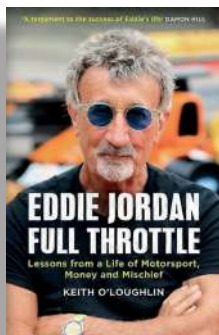


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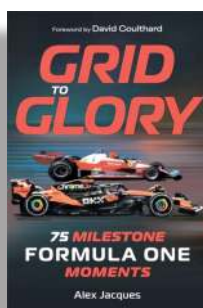
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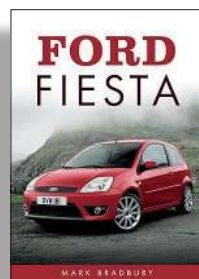
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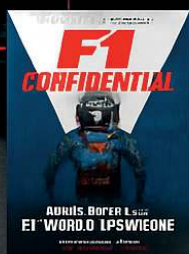
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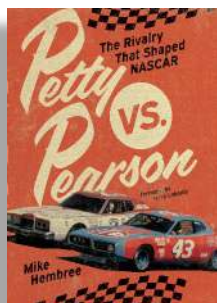
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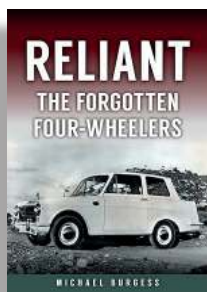
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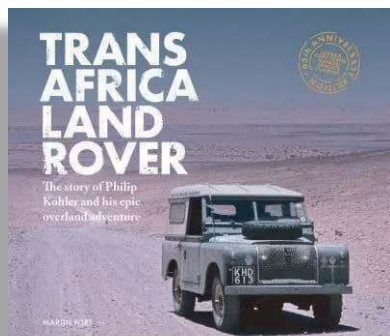
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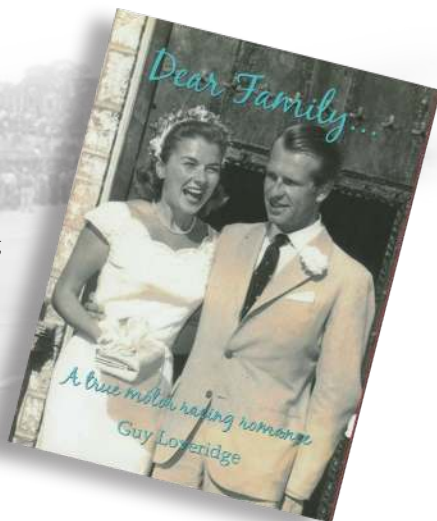
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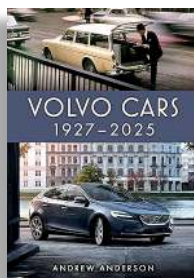
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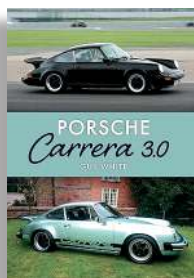
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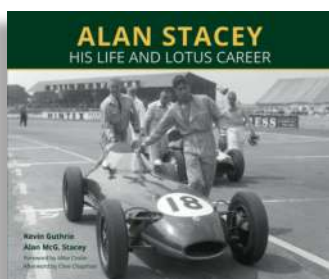
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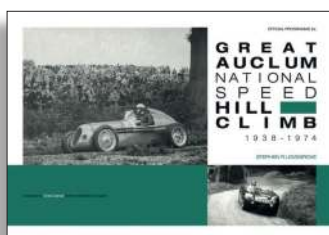
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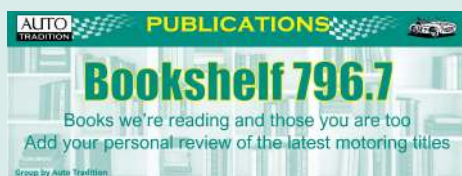


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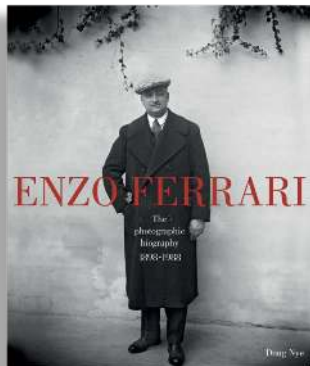
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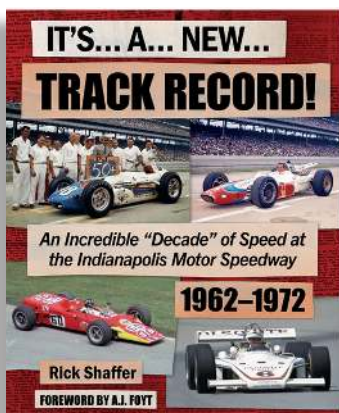


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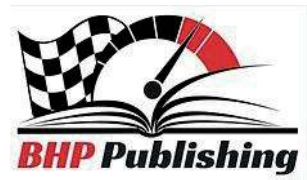
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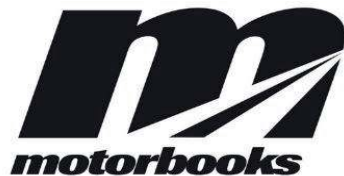
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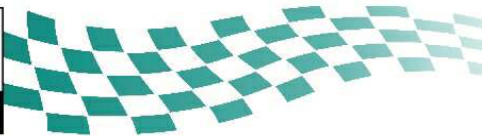
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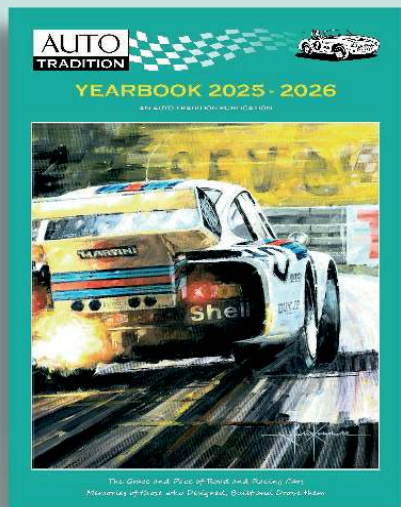
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