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Written by award-winning journalist and television presenter Alistair Weaver, and illustrated by some of the world's leading automotive photographers, *A Drive on the Wild Side*, takes you on a fascinating journey across some of the world's most challenging roads. This book tells the fascinating, hair raising and moving stories experienced during a career-spanning automotive adventure in style, with 400 stunning photos.

The history of Dinky Toys, Corgi Toys and other makers of diecast metal cars has been covered in great detail in many books and magazine articles; by contrast, information on plastic toy cars is much harder to come by. Yet collectors are taking an increasing interest in plastic cars, particularly as the rise in the value of early diecast and tinsplate models has put many of these out of reach of the average enthusiast. For the first time, this book aims to provide a systematic introduction to the vast number of plastic cars made during the 1950s and 1960s. Years of research have enabled the author to uncover many fascinating facts about the companies who made these toys. Some were major players in the toy industry, like Tri-ang and Brimtoy in the UK, Norev and Minialuxe in France, Gama and Siku in Germany and Ingap in Italy. Many others, though, were more obscure, and some only modeled one car before disappearing without trace. More than 250 photographs of these toys are included, with the emphasis being on the most colorful and realistic examples, all of them based on real vehicles of the period. In many cases, the toy is pictured alongside its original box, the presence of which can often double the value of the item to a collector. Readers will also find a handy glossary listing the names of many of the companies who were active in this field in the 1950s and 1960s, together with some evocative period advertisements and catalogue illustrations. If you thought that a model car had to be made of diecast metal to be worth collecting, this book might change your mind . . . With 250 color photos, extensive appendices and identification aids this is a must have for any collector or dealer.

Dune Buggies have been around for over four decades. In this stunningly comprehensive volume you can relive their colorful history from crude off roaders developed in the 1960s, to the superb show vehicles of the 1980s and 1990s, and take a glimpse into the future of these unique, fun vehicles.

Using his own wealth of hands-on experience combined with input from many amateur restorers, and aided by the top TR specialists, Roger Williams explains in great detail how to increase the performance and improve the handling and braking of the six-cylinder TR sports cars for fast road use, track days or more serious motorsport.

BSA Bantam is the most numerous and popular small classic British bike on the market. 100 photos illustrate this practical, straightforward guide to buying a secondhand BSA Bantam. Describes the basics of automotive engineering to help master the techniques of drawing and painting a variety of automobiles.

Here is a fact and picture-packed book dedicated solely to the Giulia GT in all its forms including the fabulous lightweight GTA racer. Now an updated, large format third edition which includes over 100 new images and which is limited to 1500 copies.

After 20 years of glorious 'failure', the best-loved team in Formula One is consigned to the history books, and it deserves one of its own. Minardi had a successful time in Formula Two until the tiny Italian outfit was ready to hit the big time in 1985. It somehow survived in F1's shark-infested waters as bigger teams (Lotus, Arrows, Tyrrell) were dragged under. They have a truly international fan-base and are the 'second team' of most F1 devotees. Minardi is held in such affection as everyone loves the plucky underdog – Minardi's annual budget would have lasted one month at the other Italian team up the road. Yet, from its plant in Faenza near Bologna, Minardi has produced cars that qualify, sometimes score points and often lead the way in their technology. Gian Carlo Minardi also developed a reputation as a fabulous talent-

spotter – Fisichella, Trulli, Webber and the youngest ever World Champion Alonso all started their F1 careers with Minardi. For the last five years, Minardi was owned by controversial Australian tycoon Paul Stoddart. Cast as David against the Goliath of F1's governing body, Stoddart constantly hit the headlines as he tried to get a more equal share of the sport's billions. Ultimately, he failed and Red Bull has now bought the team. Despite a petition of 15,000 names, the Minardi name has vanished from the F1 grid and true motorheads miss it. This is the one and only inside account, with exclusive, comprehensive interviews with bosses, drivers and engineers. 140 unique photos complete this revalationary tale.

Beginning with a look at the SL model's heritage, this book describes the full development and production history of a modern classic. Covering available models in all the major markets, year-by-year, and including limited editions, the data is supported by contemporary illustrations, sourced from the factory, plus in-depth appendices.

A practical and highly-illustrated hands-on guide, taking you step-by-step through examination and purchase of Jaguar's highly-developed flagship saloon, which took the company from the Leyland years into private ownership once more. Covering all engine and trim versions, here's what to look for, what to avoid, and whether the car is likely to suit your needs, plus relative values and the best places to buy. Also includes full details on back-up organisations and literature.

A practical, straightforward guide to buying a secondhand Triumph Bonneville, from the very first 1959 T120 pre-unit 650, to the very last T140 unit 750 machines built by L F Harris. What they're like to live with, spares availability and prices, plus point-by-point guide to buying a Bonnie. One hundred colour photos, useful appendices and expert advice mean this book could save you thousands. It took a great deal of determination on the part of women to sweep aside male resistance from the inner circles of the motoring world. A veritable saga with a wealth of illustrations spanning almost a century of motor racing. Over forty unique portraits of daring, brave women who took part in speed records events, rallies and Grand Prix races.

The authors spent seventeen days at the Morgan factory in Pickersleigh Road, Malvern Link recording step-by-step – from customer's specification sheet to finished car – how individual craftsmen handbuild a Morgan. Follow this amazing journey through the factory, from craftsman to craftsman, by word and picture. Buying a Range Rover, Land Rover Discovery or Defender can be just the start of a wonderful adventure. This book describes the options available to the owner, from big wheels and suspension lifts, under-body protection and tuning ideas, right up to how to convert the car into a high speed racer or an international expedition vehicle. with clear, jargon-free instructions, advice on events like family weekend green-laning, international expeditions and full-on competition, accompanied by colour photographs throughout, this is the definitive guide to getting the most from these exciting vehicles.

Having worked at Triumph from 1954 until its closure in 1974, Hughie tells the story of his life in the famous Meriden factory and of his many adventures with Triumph motorcycles and people.

Consumer guides & advice.

This new book examines how Austin bounced back after WWII, and how, despite the severe materials shortage, it managed to develop the largest range of vehicles produced by any automaker in postwar Britain. It examines how these vehicles were received and used in these markets, and is illustrated with rare archive photography depicting the weird, wonderful and the downright imaginative.

Jaguar/Daimler XJ40The Essential Buyer's GuideVeloce Publishing Ltd

Now in its second edition, the little book of smart is newly updated, with extra pages and more illustrations to expand the story of the world's most innovative car brand. It's a fascinating tale, told succinctly and in an entertaining style, complemented by full-color photography throughout. And as the most up-to-date smart book on today's scene.

Nigel Bennett's unique autobiography describes his life and career, from growing-up influenced by car design, to his education and the building of his 750 specials. He describes his work as Firestone Development Manager, recounting many tales of the outstanding designers and drivers of the period. Detailing his work in Formula 1, as a Team Lotus engineer, and then as Team Ensign designer, he also covers his Indycar designs at Theodore, Lola Cars and Penske Cars. Life after his retirement, his involvement in boat design and with modern F1 teams, are also recounted.

Covers the continued development of short oval motor racing in the UK. At the top level of the sport, cars became more sophisticated and expensive, which led to the introduction of new classes to cater to drivers who no longer had the budget to compete at this level. Promoters continued to work with each other and there was a regular interchange of drivers across the country – not only at major championship events but also in one-off team meetings. Over ninety never-before-published photos and championship listings complement the evocative text. Complete with 100 nostalgic pictures from racing throughout the decade, and a comprehensive listing of major championship dates, venues and winners. This book is the biography of Cliff Allison who started motor racing over fifty years ago with a little Cooper 500. Very much a countryman at heart Allison was not one of the party-going racing drivers but a driver with a huge ambition to race in Formula 1. With 100 photos, full history and complete race results this is a fascinating piece of motor sport history.

How to get the best from sportscars/kit cars with wishbone front suspension, coil springs and telescopic shocks. Includes 'chassis' integrity, geometry, ride height, camber, castor, kpi, springs, shockers, testing & adjustment.

The air-cooled boxer BMW twins were among the most significant motorcycles of the late 1970s and 1980s, providing an unparalleled combination of comfort, reliability, and performance. Written by a world-renowned motorcycle journalist and featuring 190 colour photographs, here is the authoritative work on these machines.

The step-by-step guide to planning and restoring your car in the most cost-effective way. Includes body, trim and mechanical restoration, left- to right-hand drive conversion, clubs, specialists and suppliers, welding and restoration techniques, and advice on what work to sub-contract.

How to blueprint any 4-cylinder, 4-stroke engine's short block for maximum performance and reliability. Covers choosing components, crank and rod bearings, pistons, camshafts and much more.

A guide for collectors discusses the history of die-cast toy cars of the 1950s and 1960s and surveys the companies that manufactured the toys around the world, including such major names as Dinky Toys, Corgi Toys, Solido, Tekno, and Tootsietoy.

Researched in incredible detail, this book explores the story of the timeless VW bus, from early origins through to the present day. This entirely new edition includes details of many of the different camper conversions, and examines the social history and the T2's evolution. Including full specifications, production figures and buying advice, this is a must for any VW enthusiast.

This totally revised, updated and enlarged book is THE complete guide to building a fast MG Midget or Austin-Healey Sprite for road or track. Daniel has been continuously developing his own 'Spridget' for years, and really does know what works and what doesn't when it comes to building a fast Midget or Sprite. Best of all, this book covers every aspect of the car, from the tyre contact patch to the rollover bar, and from radiator back to exhaust tailpipe. This new edition contains updated information for parts and suppliers, many new photos, and features new material covering aerodynamics, including results from testing the effect of modifications at the MIRA wind tunnel. With over 400 mainly colour photos and exclusive tuning advice, this is a MUST for any Sprite or Midget owner.

Year-by-year evolution of the BSA Bantam, a simple commuter bike that thousands learnt to ride on. It became the standard GPO 'telegram bike' in the 1950s and was a huge success, with 100,000 built in the first four years of production. It's a story with interesting asides, like the Hummer, Harley-Davidson's version of the DKW that inspired the Bantam, and survived into the 1960s. But it's a sad story too – BSA failed to follow up the Bantam's early success by developing it, and by the mid-1960s it was looking outdated, especially next to the new breed of four-stroke Hondas. That the Bantam was allowed to fizzle out in 1971 symbolised the state of the industry that produced it, but today there's a thriving community of Bantam owner/riders. The book ends with a guide to buying a secondhand Bantam, along with useful appendices on specifications, engine/frame numbers, and contacts among the clubs and Bantam specialists. Every Bantam owner, or would be owner, needs this book - the Bantam Bible!

Hillclimbing & Sprinting is one of the most popular ways of getting into UK motorsport. Over 400 such events take place each year. This book shows

competitors how to get started, how to improve and how to drive the top courses, with extensive information on this sport.

Buying a classic car is an expensive business and mistakes can prove costly financially and in time, effort and stress. Wouldn't it be great if you could take an expert with you? With the aid of this book's step-by-step guidance from a marque specialist, you can! You'll discover all you need to know about the car you want to buy. The unique points system will help you to place the car's value in relation to condition, while extensive photographs illustrate the problems to look out for. This is an important investment - don't buy a Mini without this book's help.

The first definitive book covering the 911 3.2 Carrera. Written and compiled by Tony Corlett, this book covers one of the greatest Porsches ever made. From 1984 to 1989, this 911 represented the peak of 911 evolution and stands today as a great blend between the classic and modern 911.

Presents sixty four pictures from the popular Up N Smoke Engine Project. Also tells the story of the project and the years it took to bring it from an inspired idea to a tangible reality.

BMW's GS series is one of the world's milestone motorcycles and has been in production for over 25 years. It pioneered the 'adventure sport' category and in many ways, it's the Range Rover of motorcycling.

The interest and fascination these novel vehicles generate have made tiny cars and trucks significant collectibles over the past decade, and yet information on micro trucks has been almost non-existent. Old brochures printed by numerous micro car builders depict various truck versions: in the case of Iso, everything from hook (crane) and ladder to vans to pickups were featured, but few, if any, examples were thought to have been built beyond the prototype stage. Full colour photography, text and specs describe virtually unknown production micro trucks. Featured are rare Iso utility vehicles and Topolino Fiat vans, as well as more common production micro trucks from Autobianchi, Moto Guzzi, Vespa Ape, New Map Solyto and Diahatsu. 98 colour photos show many rare and extraordinary micro trucks.

Farm model collecting has become increasingly popular with people of all ages. Britains, a leading manufacturer, have a long and distinctive history of producing these models. This book is the first comprehensive fully illustrated guide for those interested in collecting them. The book describes all the baler and combine models produced by Britains since they were first added to its farm model range 40 years ago, and also provides details of their development. As well as standard models, this includes details and photographs of prototype and rare models. The history is complemented by a catalog describing the main features, differences, issue dates and codes of each model produced. Each is illustrated with six color photographs showing the model from different angles and the issue packaging. While many will be familiar with 1960 Ford racing programmes using the very compact pushrod Small Block V8, few know the facts behind the technology employed at Ford during this time. This book gives insight to the confident, logical

approach of engineers working at Ford's Engine & Foundry Division. Engineers who made outstanding technical decisions, leading to many major motorsport events being won using larger capacity derivatives of the 1961 221ci Small Block V8 production engine, a power unit introduced by Ford mid-1961 for use in 1962 model year intermediate Fairlanes and Mercurys.

The 924 Carrera was a homologation model built to qualify the 924 model to race in Group 4. One of the great supercars of the 1980s, the 924 Carrera was considered by many to have better handling characteristics than Porsche's flagship 911. The book features interviews with many of those involved with the car at the time together with race stories, statistics, and a unique exposé of component failures during racing.

The book focuses on how and why Woodies were first used in the UK and then takes an in-depth look at the how the concept evolved from being a sporting vehicle into a utility vehicle – in essence the original SUV. The book also looks at why some vehicles were built as Woodies from new, while others were re-bodied as Woodies in later life. It also looks at the companies, both large and small, which built Woodies and the reasons why demand peaked in the immediate post-war years and then faded away.

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