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Top Gear: The Cool 500: The Coolest Cars Ever Made



Synopsis

The undisputed coolest rides on the planet, from the car fanatics at Top Gear Ever since Karl Benz first powered up his Patent-Motorwagen in 1885, man has salivated and swooned over automobiles; and none more so than the motoring fanatics at Top Gear Magazine, who have test-driven, critiqued, and worshipped some of the finest cars in motoring history. While many have fallen short of Top Gear's exacting standards, others have triumphed, proving so damn cool they're termed "SubZero." This unique bible of motoring coolness recounts the stories behind history's greatest cars, from prewar vintage motors to the supercars of the future, pairing stunning Top Gear photography and rarely seen archive photographs with expert commentary. It breaks down the technology behind these incredible machines and places each car in the context of its time, with anecdotes and analysis that explain just what's so cool about each one. From the quintessential British luxury of the Bentley Brooklands to the Italian sex appeal of the Bizzarini Strada, the old Hollywood glamour of the Chrysler Airflow to the futuristic lines of the Aston Martin Bulldog via Steve McQueen's Ford Mustang and James Dean's doomed Porsche Spyder, this is social history as much as car worship. This is the evolution of cool, Top Gear-style; the definitive guide to the undisputed coolest cars on the planet.

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Customer Reviews

Matt Master started as a features writer and road tester at Top Gear Magazine. He is the author of Daft Cars, Top Gear's Midlife Crisis Cars, Where's Stig?, and Where's Stig?: A World Tour.

This book is better than expected and very thorough. I bought it for my 11 year old son and he enjoys it a lot. It is however, written for an adult. The commentary about each car is done in British fashion with words spelled differently than American's would. My son questioned why 'color' was spelled 'colour'. Their written humor is over the top of most kids as well, but very entertaining for car enthusiast adults. I'd definitely recommend for anyone of any age.

I ordered this book expecting it to just be a normal medium sized picture book filled with someone's favorite cars. However, when I received it, I was pleasantly surprised to see its size! It's a large book and is perfect for display and fits on the average bookshelf. The content was informative, but in a way that doesn't bore you to tears. My ONLY complaint, was that it was a bit dirty on the front and back covers when I bought it. It had some sort of small crusty things stuck to it, which was unsettling, but I simply cleaned it off and it was perfect. The dirty covers could have simply been a one time mistake. I recommend this for any Top Gear fan or car fanatic!!!!

Husband loves it

I love this book, very few of rare book that showed clear purpose, the picture and description is fun, and some old british humor sense is worthy reading. PS>Also there is something that funny about horse power LOL FOUND IT SO FUNNY....

I bought this as a gift and my fianc  spent hours reading it and telling me about why this car or that one was impressive. Lord knows some of the cars in those pages don't look like much but they represent a turning point in this or that feature. He loves it and it was well worth the price. Its a large book.

This is a beautiful book. I bought it for my grandson (5) who is already a car nut. I'm sure he will keep it for a long time as it is of high quality.

My husbands reaction to this gift was awesome! He likes Top Gear but loves cars. This book shows the top 500 cars of all time and a little history with each! It has great pictures and it's Hardcover. How can you go wrong! Great Valentines gift this year!

Son loves this book.

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