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This one-of-a-kind, massive illustrated history of more than 10,000 American automobiles is perfect for the millions of classic car enthusiasts. With more than 1,300 pages and 12,500 illustrations covering 70 years, this may be the most complete visual history of the American automobile ever published. Nowhere else are there so many collector, luxury, sporting and every day cars assembled with fascinating information about original prices, engine sizes, horsepower, and other specifications. The pages are packed with genuine, factory-fresh photographs and drawings taken from contemporary advertisements, catalogs, and brochures. More than 250 manufacturers and hundreds of individual models trace the evolution of the American automobile, from the millions of Model Ts that rolled off Ford's assembly line through the art deco streamliners of the '30s, to the tail-finned land yachts of the '50s and muscle cars of the '60s and '70s up to the early SUVs of the '90s. Throughout author Tad Burness adds handwritten details not found anywhere else, including pointing out unusual options and differences found within a model. Automotive journalist Matt Stone provides a new general introduction and one to each era within the book.

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Robert says

Got this last week and very, very disappointed. It is a compilation of two previous books by Tad Burness who passed on a few years ago. I have one, American Car Spotter's Bible, 1940-1980, and it is all very well done color illustrations.

The previous illustrations were just copied in black and white for this book and very poorly done at that. Much of the detail gets blurred out or is so dark it cannot be seen. No color at all except for the cover. I cannot recommend this book due to the poor quality of print.

Javier Carrasco says

This is a really very interesting book. This edition is four of the "Spotters Guide" books in one durable, hardcover volume. It will get a lot of use from me, every time I need information, or to identify, a car I have just spotted. The most comprehensive guide to American cars. It will be treasured for a lifetime.

Natosha says

I am so excited about this book! I honestly got this because well I love the old designs of cars and if you ever see those models on the road, it's just one wonderful site! They are so different and shaped to actually catch one's eye, not made to be similar to everyone. Plus, my mom she is a huge fan of those muscle cars and just all the classic cars, as she uses to be able to fix any vehicle before they changed.

The purpose of the book, My Dad Had That Car by Tad Burness and Matt Stone is to help guide one with information on classic cars from 1920 to 1990. Think of it as a reference guide and collectors book, well that is what it is for me! I know many could see using this as a great way to collect the classic cars or read more about the designs and many different types. It really is something for everyone, not just dads but really something that will be a good way conversation starter for those who admire and love to talk cars!

Gwen says

Comprehensive book dealing with prized vintage cars. Shared this book with my sister and brother-in-law and they loved it.

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