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The greatest duel in Formula 1 history: the 1976 season between Austrian Niki Lauda and Britain's James Hunt.

As the '75 season ended, Hunt was out of Formula 1 racing while Lauda was world champion and the odds-on favorite for '76 with a year's contract ahead of him and Enzo Ferrari begging him to sign a multi-year deal. James Hunt, without a drive until Emerson Fittipaldi broke his McLaren contract, grabbed the McLaren drive with both hands and the help of friend John Hogan and Marlboro cigarettes. The result? Two drivers in an epic sixteen-race battle across the globe for the '76 title, ultimately decided by a single point.

Fame, wealth, drugs, sex, and the rest of globetrotting 1970s Formula 1 racing are encompassed in the Lauda vs. Hunt duel. At the '76 German Grand Prix, Lauda nearly died in a fiery crash, only to emerge six weeks later, severe burns on his face and head, to pursue his rivalry with Hunt. It all came down to the last race, a rain-soaked affair in Japan, where Hunt won the championship by the slimmest possible margin.

The book is a study in contrasts during an era of Brut aftershave and disco sex parties. James Hunt, legendary philanderer and Formula 1 rock star, versus supernatural racer Niki Lauda, who in '75 set the first sub-seven minute lap around the Ring.

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Melissa says

Firstly I want to say I know nothing about cars other than they have four wheels and you take one to go shoe shopping. I know even less about racing. I am very glad that I won this book through Goodreads. It was engaging and well written. I got my attention and I learned quite a bit. I very much enjoyed this book and was quite surprised that I did. I have to thank Mr. Rubython for writing such a good book. It opened my literary world up a little more. My brother loves cars and racing so I will definitely have to go get him a copy.

Mari?ina says

A surprisingly good recital of the true story!!

Although very detailed and at some points tedious the book manages to capture the truth behind the 'rivalry'!!

As a huge fan of F1 all my life i always admired the 70's and 80's..

When real drivers were behind the wheels of real cars..

Now everything is computerized and unhuman. All a strategy game and nothing more.. But then..

WOW then!!! The F1 drivers were treated as rock stars and they also had the right attitude for the job!

Pompous, a little crazy, daredevils that were not afraid to get their hands dirty working on their cars and pull some crazy stunts around the circuit..

That's what this book tries to capture.. And in many ways succeeds too..

Very good and i would definitely recommend it to F1 fans..

THOUGHTS ABOUT THE BOOK

- The writing is good..
- Although in many points it feels like only stating facts and describes situations from afar..
- It was very informative..
- I read it after the movie -what a great movie by the way- and it helped me retain the feeling..
- The editing is perfect..

Those two were friends outside F1!! True story!!

Martyn says

This a 2.5 star book - 5 stars for the gripping and intense story, which had its own inherent drama and in reality told itself. But 0 stars for the poor control, both of facts and of writing, and the grammatically dubious style of the author. A cursory glance at the appendices showed up many errors in the text, which did not engender confidence in this reader. Fortunately the story alone is worth the effort.

Nick Coleman says

This book is about the 1976 formula 1 season where two of the best drivers in F1 face of each other. It was the Austrian and defending champ Niki Lauda versus the first British driver with McLaren James Hunt. They were bitter rivals. If you read the book you will see why. The book is very dramatic and if you are not a big F1/racing fan like me you will still love it. Felling the stress, pain, and glory these drivers felt. I'm a big F1 fan and I found out new stuff I never knew about Hunt and Lauda. So you don't have to be a big fan about racing to read. They have already made a movie about it called "Rush" but the book and movie have some disturbing content for future warning. So read the book first so you can see the action unfold on the Big Screen

Nishant Mittal says

Book sounds a little unfair to Lauda but nevertheless, an amazing read. This story needed to be told. The good 70s and 80s era of Formula 1. The sport will never be the same, the rivalries will never be the same, those golden days are never returning for sure. Hunt was a true epitome of a Formula 1 driver of that era. A fearless, rude, indisciplined rockstar kinda figure.

The movie "Rush" does no justice to the story. You need to read the book to go on an actual ride.

Viviane Cordeiro says

Very, very, very interesting book! Even thou I do not know a crap about cars or racing, this book helped me to understand the main idea of the racing and the 70's context. It also gave me an insight in Lauda' and Hunt's lives - which made me more curious to read Niki's autobiography! Such a great reading for those who enjoyed the movie as much as I did and want to know more about that crazy period!

Grant Trevarthen says

The 1970's was a great decade for the sport of Formula 1, with many colorful personalities and great rivalries. In Tom Rubython's book 'In The Name Of Glory', we get to know 2 of the best. Niki Lauda & James Hunt.

There backgrounds couldn't have been more different, Lauda came from a wealthy upbringing, his father a

well known and respected businessman in Austria. James Hunt's background was middle-class .

If you'll excuse the pun, Lauda was the the more driven of the two, and showed the most promise earlier on. On the other hand,Hunt was always working on deals for Sponsorship and drives

Kristina Brown says

This is a clear narrative of the events during 1976 in F1. The author gives a brief background to set the scene, and a postscript to conclude, but otherwise the book remains focused on this one particular year. This means it is a lighter book than some of his other titles.

I felt at times the author was biased in defending James Hunt's world championship but perhaps that was my own bias for Niki Lauda. Either way this book was an invaluable guide to events surrounding the championship that year.

TJ Wisner says

I was too young to remember the Formula 1 season in 1976, I was nine years old and living in America where it was not as accessible as pro baseball, football or basketball. This story of the 1976 goes through so many peaks and valley's for the two rival drivers, James Hunt and Nikki Lauda, that this could all be known as fiction! If you think your favorite sport has way to many politics- you have no idea what sport mixed with politics really is. For example: The owner of an Italian team (Ferrari) bribing Border Customs in Italy to purposely hold up a British team (McLaren), so they would have less time to "sort-out" the race car on the Thursday before the race weekend! Current F1 fans will recognize the names of at least ten individuals who play a part in the 1976 season that are still in F1 today in some capacity!The story of Nikki Lauda's come back after a horrendous accident is one of courage and pure determination. The story of James Hunt is that of a natural racer who puts his sick hedonism above being a committed Formula 1 driver.

Britti says

I was disappointed in how biased the author comes across in his treatment of Lauda compared to Hunt, and I feel like an editor needed to go over the entire book to remove redundancies. Parts of the book I question the accuracy; for example, the rear suspension is often blamed as the cause of Lauda's accident but has never been fully confirmed. I will say that I enjoyed learning more, but I'm taking it all with a grain of salt, between that and Rubython's dislike of Lauda.

Larry says

I wanted to love this book, but... The writing is so stiff, and completely lacking emotion that at times it was annoying to listen to (I listened to the audio book in my car). My daughter listened to a few minutes of it on the way to school one day. Her comment, "fact, fact, fact." And she was right, the story was, essentially, a listing of fact after fact. The story is still compelling, but no one will ever accuse this of being a non-fiction book that reads like a novel.

Gustavo Contró says

"Rush to Glory", by Tom Rubython. He was born in 1955, is a British Journalist that writes about business and formula 1. He is the former editor of the F1 magazine, Business F1, SportsPro, and recently Spectator Business magazine. Throughout a thirty three year career he has been involved in many magazines and books launches. His best known book is the biography of one of the greatest drivers in Formula 1, Ayrton Senna, *The Life of Senna*. I really think that this book has a lot of strengths and it was really difficult for me to find some weaknesses. The strengths I found in this book were that the author really explains in detail all the things that were happening during that season of the formula 1 but he also includes 4 or 5 pages written by another formula 1 racer talking about his experience with James and Niki.

This book talks about one of the biggest rivalries of formula 1 during the 1976 season, between Niki Lauda and James Hunt. It all begins with the stories of the two drivers before this season, Niki Lauda was born in Austria, as he grew up he was interested in racing, but his parents were not willing to spend money in such a dangerous thing, so he asked for money to his grandfather. But when he saw that a formula 1 driver died he stopped giving him money. Niki was alone so he decided to take a loan in the bank and bought himself a spot in a formula 1 team. He was paying to the team to race without receiving anything, but there were a lot of problems with the car and he decided to stop racing with the team. He had no money and didn't have a way to pay to the bank until one day Enzo Ferrari was interested in him, and he joined the team.

James started racing in formula 3 and then he knew an English man named Alexander Hesketh, he had founded a formula 1 team. They both graduated from formula 3 into formula 2, and suddenly Hesketh would have a formula 1 team. They were in formula 1 for 2 years until then team ran out of money, James didn't have a team. As he thought it was his end in formula one two teams offered him to race but he didn't want to be in those teams, but suddenly Emerson Fittipaldi left McLaren. It was the opportunity for James but they didn't like him that much, until he got the spot in the team.

The season started with a win of Lauda in Brazil, the rest of the season would be pure competition and amazing races between James and Niki. There were not only races and cars, they also had their problems with women. Niki didn't have a great love life and James had a great appetite for sex, drugs and alcohol and he got married in 1976. As the season continued McLaren was having problems and Ferrari was winning, until the Spain Grand Prix, where James won. Suddenly he would be disqualified because his car was too wide. Then he would win in France and he would recover his points. The tragedy was in August 1, 1976, when Niki crashed and had severe injuries, but suddenly he would come back and just lose the season by 1 point. James was the champion of that great season.

This was a great book, as a formula 1 fan I really enjoyed reading the history of these two great racers, I liked how the author used quotes from Niki and James when he was telling something about the race or a conflict. I saw the move but the book was way much better because of the background the author gives and all the things he says that happen while they were doing different things. If you like formula 1, this is a great book to read.

Alex Milledge says

The epitome of what it means to be cool.

Formula One is my favorite sport to follow, however, racing today never what it was back during the late 70's - early 80's. These drivers raced the fastest cars with minimal safety precautions around the most dangerous tracks in the world. Racing was just the man and the machine and nothing else. They took these V8 behemoths (ticking time bombs as well) and drove them to their potential, risking life and limb to win.

I saw the movie before reading the book, and I was even more infatuated about the movie after reading the book. Niki Lauda and James Hunt signify what it means to be cool. They drove, they had balls, they took it to the limit and they raced for the glory. They were witty, stylish, debonair, swash-buckling race car drivers who just wanted to race and have pure, high octane fun.

If people think Miley Cyrus and Kanye West are cool, they should get a load of these guys.

Compared to the movie, the movie omitted details but mostly got the story line right, but there were some few details that were omitted that I wish were in the movie, particularly, James Hunt's on-track antics.

As an F1 fan, I genuinely enjoyed this recollection of the Lauda-Hunt rivalry and another tale of F1 History.

Emilio says

História fantástica . Sempre bom relê-la

Tami Nelson says

Thank you good reads first reads for giving me this impressive work of non fiction. I know nothing much of the racing circuit but I have heard of the greatest rivalry in history besides the Hatfields and McCoys. I enjoyed it very much. I liked how it wasn't biased and told the story as it truly was without the gossip. Thanks again this book is definitely a great work of non-fiction.
