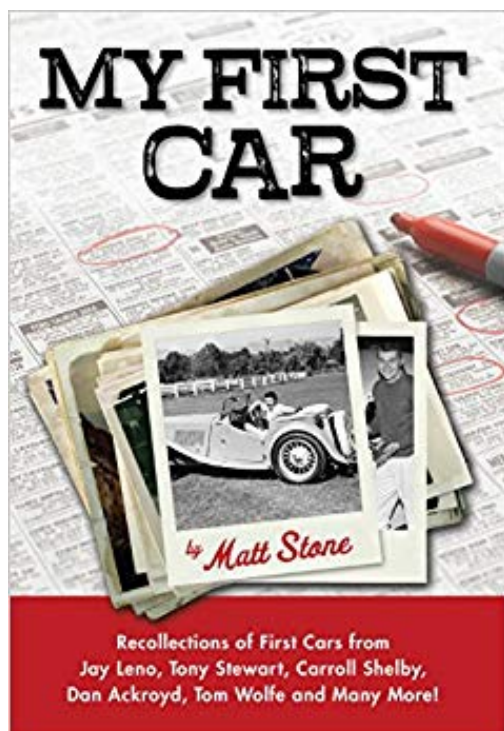


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Everyone has a story about that first car. Whether it was new, a hand-me-down, or a junker, it was freedom on four wheels, independence, responsibility, and something that would always hold a special place in your heart. Well, you're not alone. My First Car captures those wonderful moments of automotive initiation as they were lived by such luminaries as Jay Leno, Mario Andretti, Patrick Dempsey, Danica Patrick, Sir Stirling Moss, Gregg Allman, and more. Accompanying many of these stories are photographs of the neophyte drivers with their first cars. For anyone who ever slid behind the wheel and toiled down the road for the first time, this wonderful book awakens memories of what it was like.



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## **Levion**

I liked the book; the idea is different and original, and a guy who doesn't remember their 'first' car with at least a little story about it (good or bad) is probably someone I would not be interested in getting to know any better. But the people picked to be interviewed for this book is kind of uneven mix; more than a few I never even heard so I have no interest in what their 1st car was. Others had such a uninteresting story or the telling of it was so 'disjointed' and rambling I wonder why it was not edited out of the final copy? I know all the stories can't be "homeruns" by fascinating people whom I would like to hear about, but I found myself skipping over quite a few stories that I knew I would care nothing about! I would like to know who was approached to be in this book and then turned down the offer to tell a story about their first car? Would have made an fun final chapter. All in all a OK book I will probably pass on to someone else, fun to read and a good vacation book, hope my dad likes it.

## **Nilarius**

This book is filled with great stories about great old cars, and I could relate to many of them. It too me back to the streets of Toledo, Ohio and my own first car, a worn out old 1961 Chevy that I paid \$75 for and loved for the freedom it gave a teenage boy. I could relate to the stories of rusted out floorboards, of washing its long-faded paint after every ride, and 25 cent a gallon gasoline. Oh, how I wish I could go back and relive those days! And how I wish I had some of those old cars back again, and what they'd be worth in today's market!

My only problem with My First Car are the number of typos throughout the book. In story after story, the wrong word is used, or a word is missing. An example is Peter Brock's bio on page 78, where it says "he remains involved in many author motorsport and automotive design enterprises." Obviously the word should be other, not author. How did a proofreader or editor not pick up on this and the many other errors like it? It made for a distracting read for me, but others might never notice.

Otherwise, a very good book with lots of neat old photos of vintage cars.

## **Mr.Bean**

I had high hopes for this book. Maybe I expected too much from a book of car stories written by a professional automotive journalist; like interesting, well written stories filled with properly spelled words. Instead most of these first car reflections are boring, the writing is flat and colorless, and there are so many typos I would be embarrassed to be listed as the author or editor. It is a great concept that could have been so much better executed. I am asking my family and friends about their first cars and getting some great stories.

## **Umsida**

Amazing!

## **Goodman**

IT BECOMES A BIT TEDIOUS AFTER ABOUT THE TENTH CAR AND POOR LITTLE DANICA HAD TO DRIVE A MUSTANG COBRA AS HER FIRST CAR (WIE SHADA). BUT FORTUNATELY SHE NOW DRIVES A LAMBO.

## **Cozius**

This book is separated into chapters about each celebrate. Their stories are fun and interesting!!!

Makes you wish you could have classic cars like they did

**Iaiastta**

this was just a fun book. We all have a soft spot for our first car with so many memories.

My husband is not typically one who loves reading books- but he does love cars- Well he couldn't put this book down!!!!!!!

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