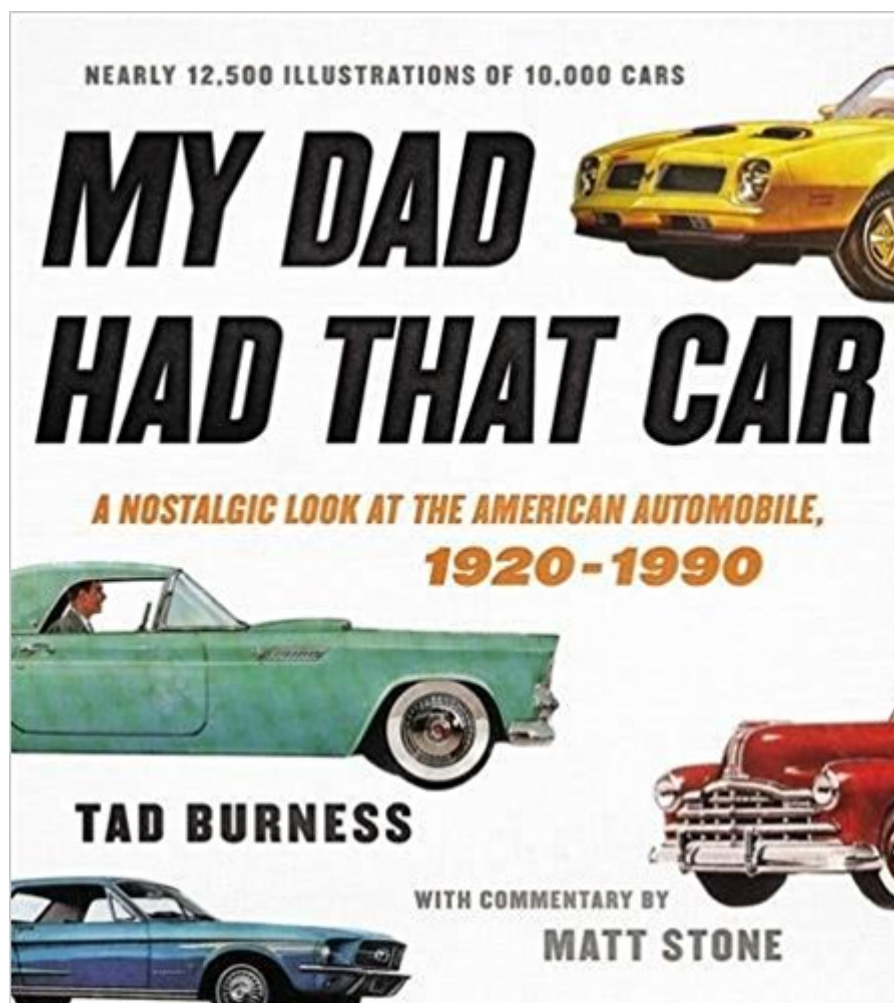




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My Dad Had That Car: A Nostalgic Look At The American Automobile, 1920-1990



Synopsis

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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"This is the sort of book you want to sit down with and just pore over the pages and let the facts flow in."
—Mark C. Bach, Route 66

Tad Burness, an auto historian, wrote more than 22 books about automobiles, including his beloved American Car Spotter guides. He also wrote syndicated "Auto Album" column, which ran from 1966

until his death in 2012. Matt Stone is a freelance journalist, author, broadcaster, and former Editor of Motor Trend Classic magazine. He has been a professional automotive journalist/photographer since 1990. He has authored and photographed ten automotive books and is a former member of SPEED/FOX SPORTS television network's Barrett-Jackson auction broadcast team. Matt is also a judge at various Concours d'Elegance, and a member of the LeMay-America's Car Museum Steering Committee. He serves his profession as a past officer and board of directors member, Keynote Address Committee chairman, and past-president of the Motor Press Guild (MPG) trade association.

Everything I know about old cars, I learned from Tad Burness. I fondly remember his weekly newspaper drawing called "Auto Album". I clipped each week's picture and story, and taped them in a notebook. I still have them. Then came Tad's "Spotter's Guide" books. He must have had thousands of old magazine ads, and for those cars he didn't, he drew them. This book isn't just about a car my Dad had. I have had several of them, too. 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. And what a great price for this huge volume.

Bought for my husband, but it was fun to look at all the old cars and find the ones that both our parents owned.

Really very interesting book

For those of us who are old enough to remember Tad Burness' contributions to our small, American newspapers. Our paper would feature one of Tad's columns featuring a certain car weekly. I loved them. They were, admittedly, pretty low tech by 21st century standards, but were quite interesting and fun for car guys/girls 50 years ago. He did two or three drawings of the featured car & gave some pertinent info on said car. Today's sophisticated reader might not appreciate this book. Those of us who remember these columns are sure to love the book. Very large book. I did learn about a few car brands I hadn't otherwise heard of. Drawings might be seen as rudimentary, but the book for the right audience is a good dose of American nostalgia.

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