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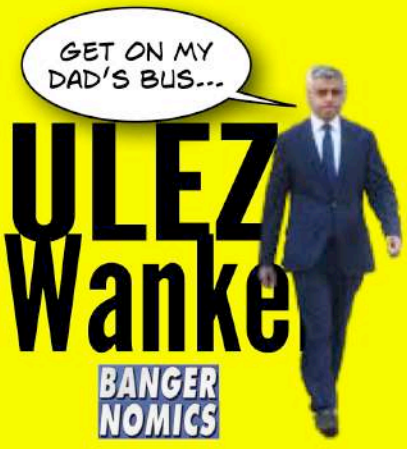
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So is a brand new BMW 5 better than an original petrol one from 1972? It depends how you live your motoring life and what your expectations are. If you take a long term view, which we do, probably not. Want an electric car? Well, Kiran Parmar's FTX review is all you need. Otherwise as a new F1 season starts, revel in the wonderful coolness of Sweden in 1973 when racing was done right.

See you next time...

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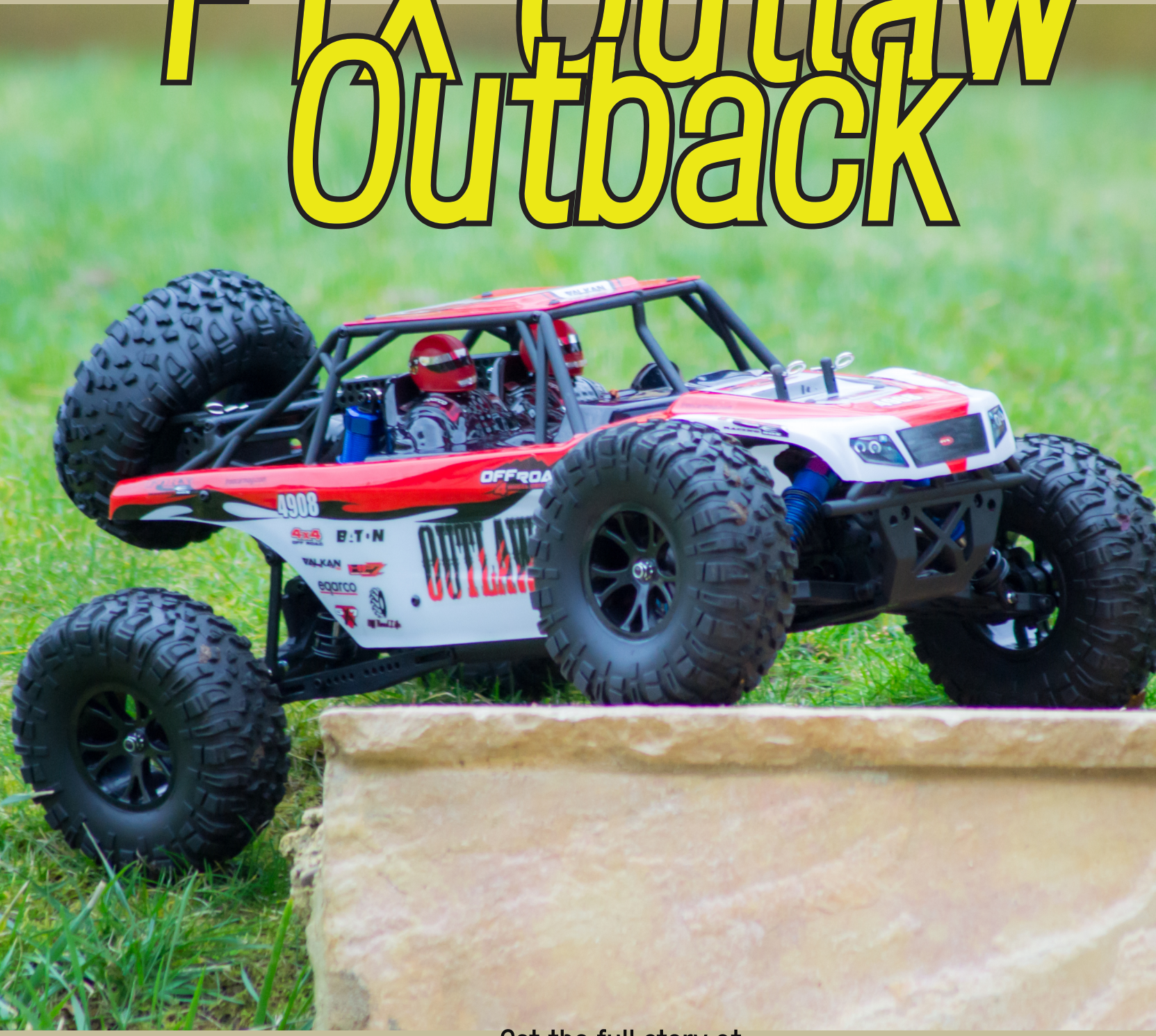

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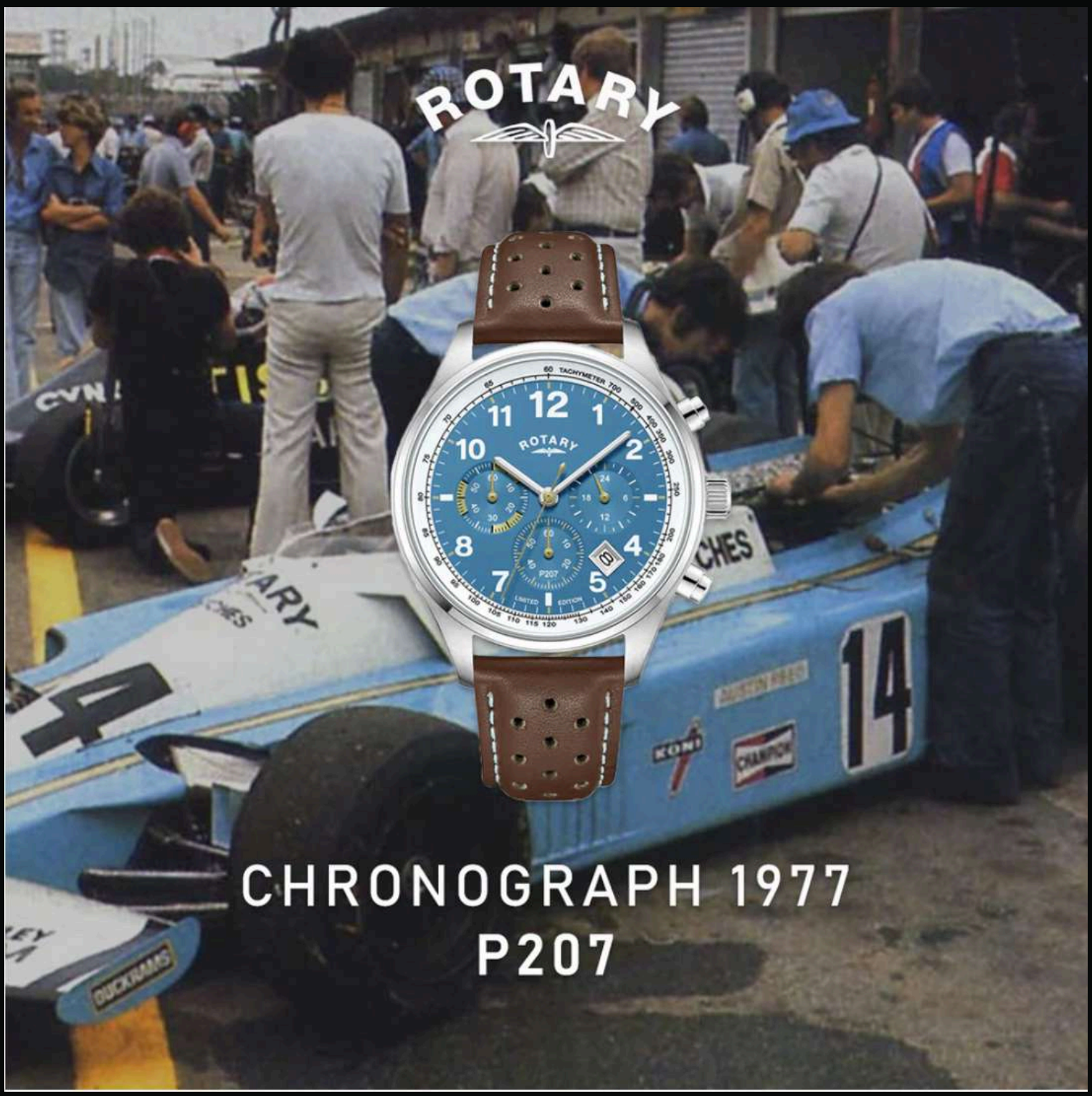

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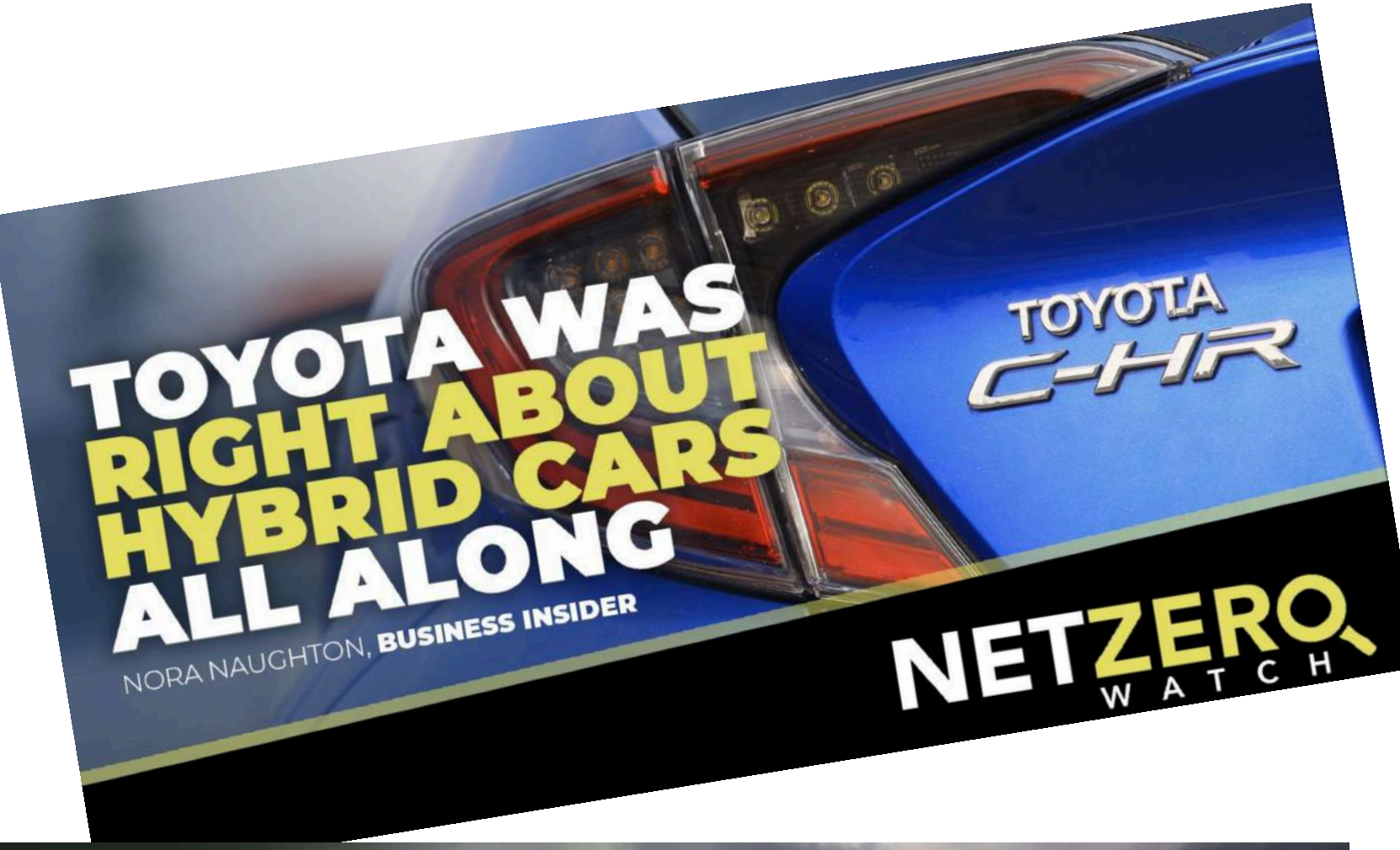

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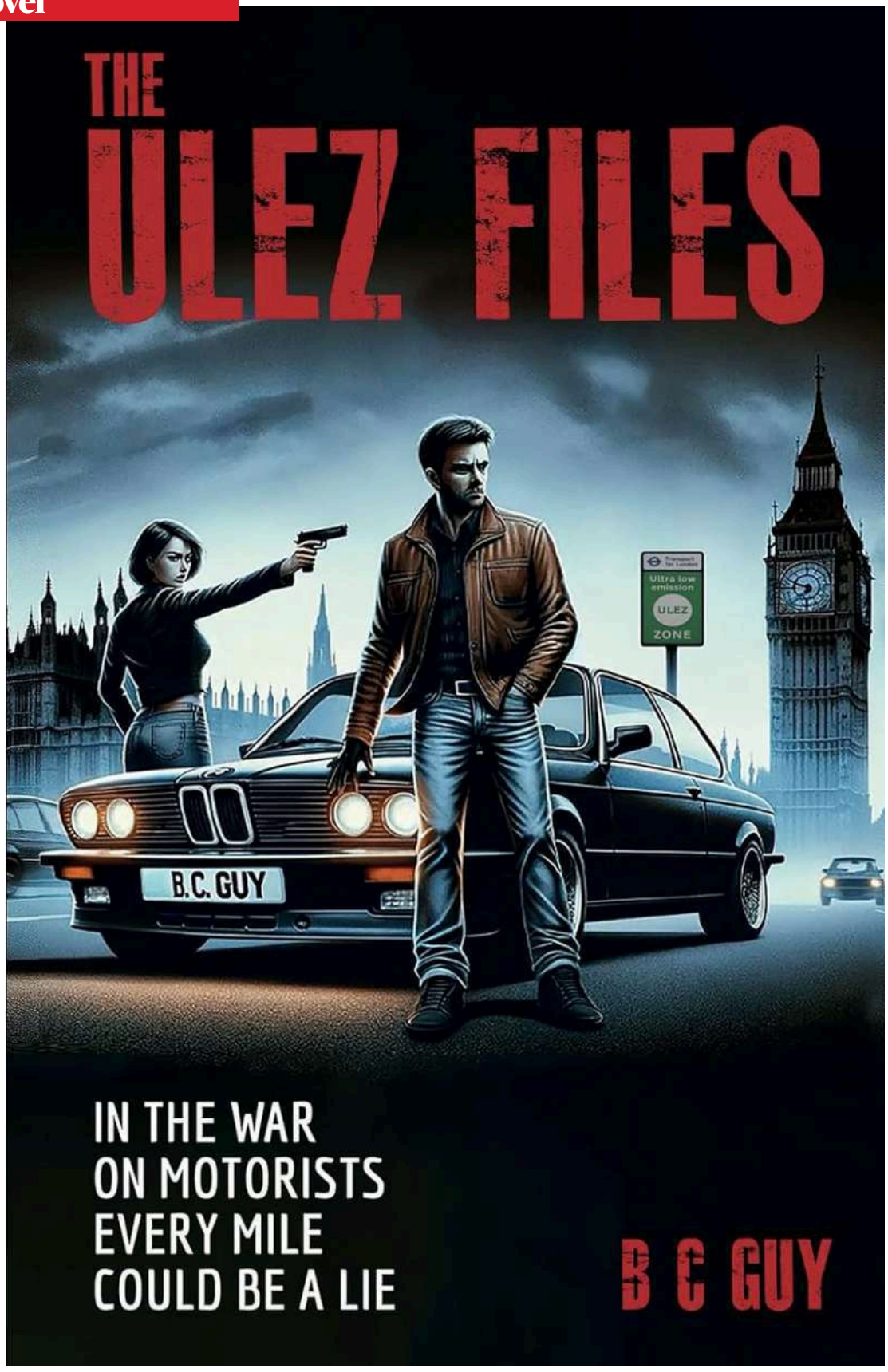

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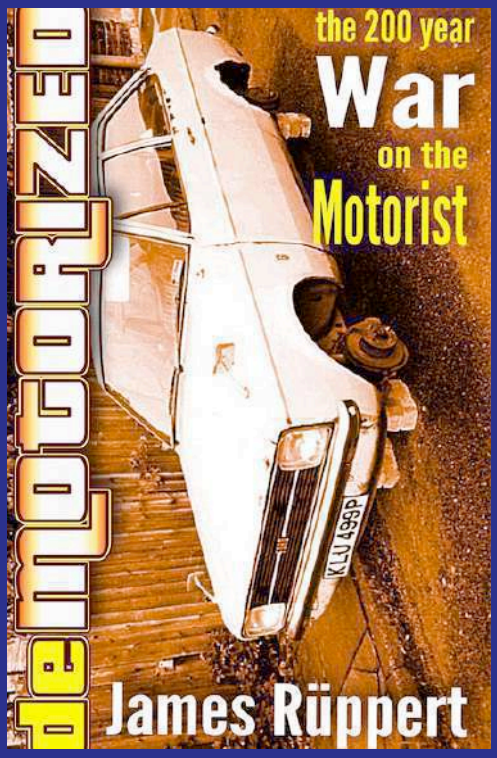
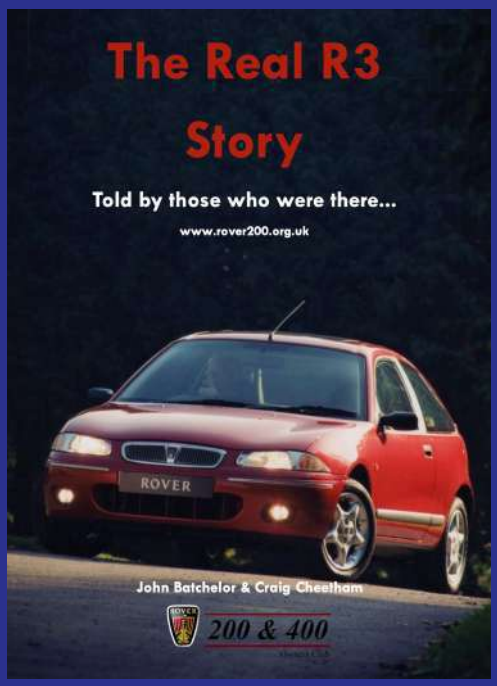
Old cars don't die, they simply become Bangers. Affordable, practical and reliable transportation for the people. They don't need to spend a fortune on a brand new motor, get into debt or trapped into a spiral of despair, better known as an easy payment scheme. Others may specifically want a Banger Van, LuxoBanger or Happy Shopper (see inside for details). This Bangerpedia contains 755 models on offer in the UK car market, with descriptions, basic specifications, brief buying tips and a ridiculous rating system. James Ruppert is best known for writing Bangernomics, Demotorized and telling the fine readers of Autocar which used cars to buy every week.



This is the not quite definitive history of how parking became an industry, governments overtaxed motorists, carmakers lied about how safe and environmentally friendly they were and tested their emissions on monkeys and humans. Also why robot cars are so dangerous and electric cars are not the answer. Also, who is behind the ongoing plan to Demotorize the world. Printed in 2020 it predicted the future with terrifying accuracy.Buy it before it gets banned. Now updated with a Chapter all about what happened recently in 2020 to screw the average motorist. **Bangernomics Books** available also as PDFs to download at **www.bangernomics.com`**



To commemorate the 25th anniversary of the launch of the third generation Rover 200 (R3), the Rover 200 & 400 Owners Club has published an 80 page full colour booklet with contributions from many of the Rover Group team that were involved with the development and launch of the car. This booklet is available to purchase online for £10 from the club. **https://www.rover200.org.uk/shop**

Despite appearances it isn't a fact and stat based history of the boxy Bertone designed version of the British Leyland Mini. The author, Frank Kirtley, does know his cars, but not to the extent that it would bore someone who wasn't into vehicles.The book itself looks great on your bedside table, not least because the cover features a period (1980s) Dutch registered Innocenti 120 with a moon roof and added wing damage, pictured on a dusty European mountain pass. This suggests, as you read a few chapters in, that the story inside may well be 'based on a fairly true story'. Driving around Spain and France in a boxy mini whilst involved in a cold war spy plot is a massive plus point. It is straightforward, there are some twists, but it is delightful to be able to get into the back seat of the Inni and go along for the wild ride.

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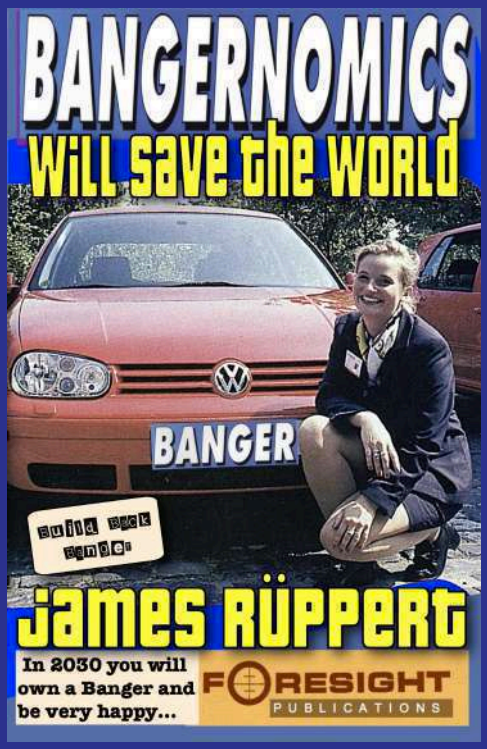

The world of motoring is in a desperate crisis. Demonised, despised and attacked from every wrong thinking government, local authority, pressure group and even car manufacturers themselves. Bangernomics is here to bring motoring back to the masses, saving time, money and automotive headaches. James Ruppert has been banging on about this to anyone who will listen since the 1980s and now squashes together the original Bangernomics, Bangernomics Bible and Bangernomics Diet into one easily digestible guide to buying and running an older cost efficient automobile. As our freedoms are being crushed and especially the right to travel it is more important than ever to have our own means of getting around in an independent, safe and truly affordable manner. As every right thinking intelligent motorist knows only **Bangernomics will save the World**.

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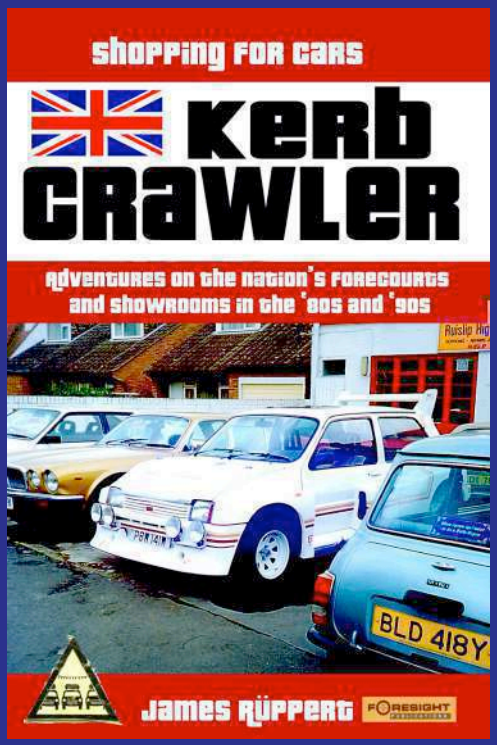

Shopping for cars can be a full time job, well it was for me anyway. In the pre Interweb age it meant actually going to look at cars for sale. It meant talking to the blokes selling the cars face to face. You learned loads lot doing it that way. With the benefit of hindsight and a time machine, some cars look cheap now, but they could well have been pretty expensive then. Find out how I got sued by one of the 'stars' of the Italian Job, was told off by the Deputy Prime Minister, found out what the worst car Sir Ian Botham ever owned was, and that time I lent my car to Bjork. Plus there are excursions around the UK that includes buying a car in Scotland and posting it to to Japan. Also looking for Bangers in Northern Ireland whilst trying to avoid the troubles. Then there is Princess Diana's Escort Ghia and the true origin of the word Bangernomics. There are Cop cars, Army surplus and even the true meaning of motoring life...

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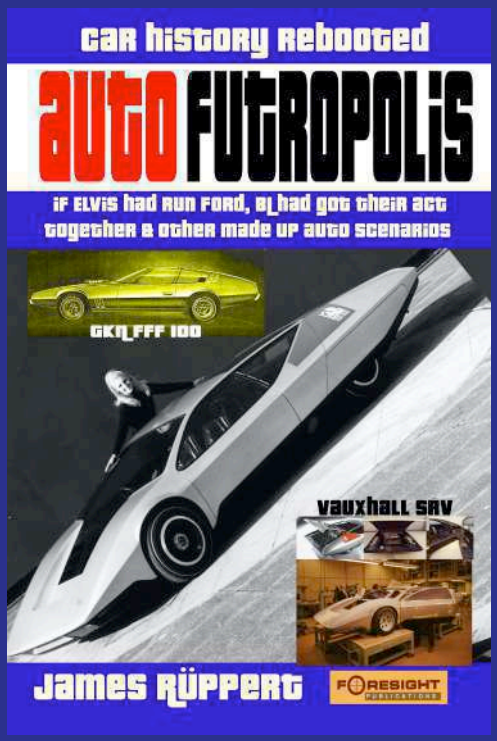

Just imagine if BMC had not been so terrible, that Elvis ran a car company, levitating motors were a reality along with steam powered gentleman's carriages and an electricity car designed by and for gentleladies...well, wonder no more. Here is a fully illustrated book which rewrites and redraws automotive history. As well as old stories revised and refreshed, there are new drawings, stories and much else besides. The alternative histories covers vans, trikes, lorries and pretty much flying cars as well as designers with different careers, the cold war and all sorts of other made up nonsense. There is also some truth. Even the made up tales contain rather a lot of verifiable, fact checkable goodness.Only someone arrogant enough to think they know better would even attempt to rewrite history. James Ruppert is stupid enough to believe that his takes on automotive history would interest anyone else. Except that the column he did for Classic Car Buyer a few years ago certainly triggered readers enough to make him think that they should be revisited in Autofutropolis.
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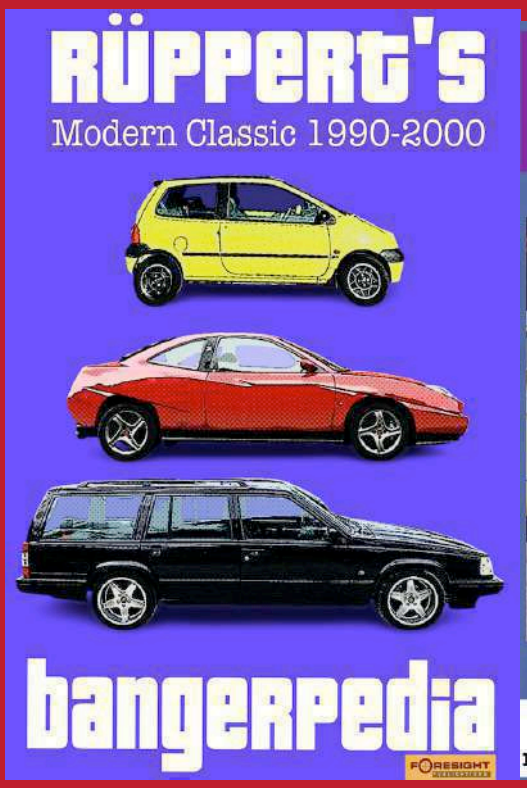

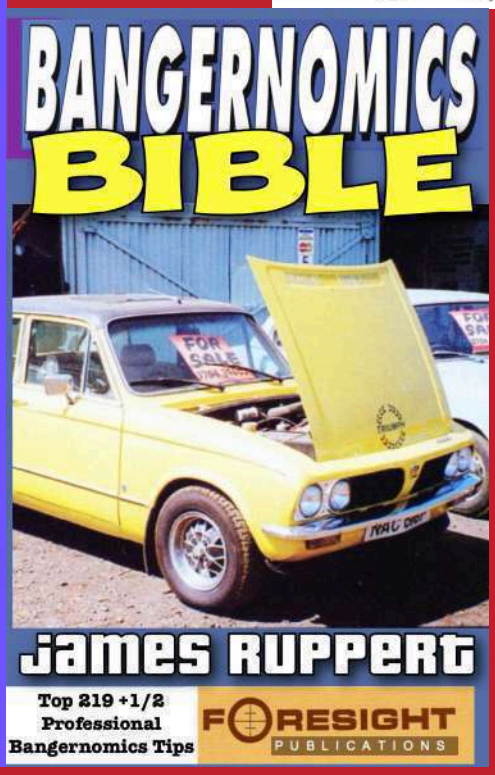

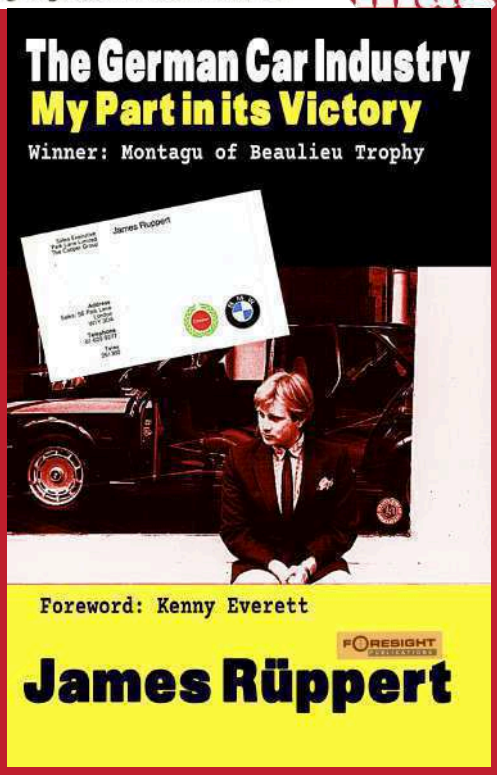

This really was the golden age for Bangers and absolutely remarkable collection of vehicles, not all of which are regarded as collectible, yet. Bangerpedia contains over 528+ models on offer in the UK car market, with descriptions, basic specifications, brief buying tips and a ridiculous rating system. Not every car produced in the 1990 to 2000 period, but the ones I think are Bangers or perhaps that you should steer clear of. I will have limited numbers that you can buy directly from me (email me james@bangernomics.com for availability) and also a digital PDF version that I will send you a download link to once you pay. I may have some paperbacks which I am happy to sign.

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This is a daft book, where the **Bangernomics Bible** has been cut and shut into a collection of almost 220 Top Tips about how to run an older car. Best left in the smallest room in the house for everyone to enjoy. Lots of pictures, not too many words, and possibly the odd thing you didn't already know.

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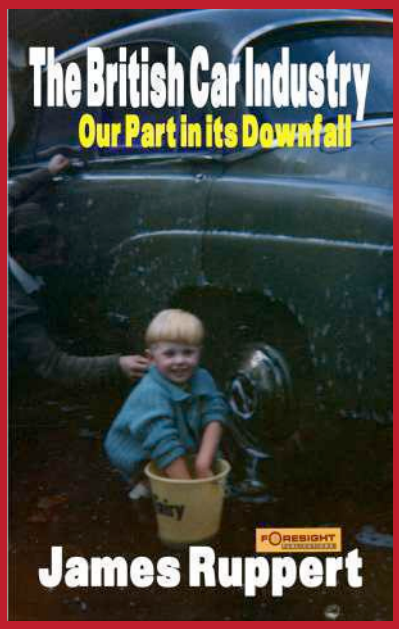
The true story of what happened to the British Car Industry from 1945 until it effectively ended with the implosion of MG Rover in 2005. It occurred to me that my Dads car owning, driving and buying history (from a Triumph Mayflower to a VW Golf) was a great way of injecting some social history into it all. I also wondered whether his decision in the 1970s to buy an Audi triggered the downfall, or was it the inept motor industry management, stupid commie unions or meddling governments. I think we know the answer, but it is fun finding out and there some good stories along the way. There are also tons of small black and white pictures of cars and people from the era, plus all the cars that my Dad bought. Many of the cars featured have become Bangernomics legends.

James Ruppert explains why German cars from the 1980s were quite simply, wunderbar. Because when it came to build quality, reliability and performance every other car made anywhere else in the world was rubbish.Ruppert details how all these companies progressed to the 1980s and just what they did when they got there. Luckily he was there too, flogging BMWs at the prestigious West End Showroom, in Park Lane to yuppies, film stars and anyone else who could affod the non-refundable 10% deposit. www.bangernomics.com



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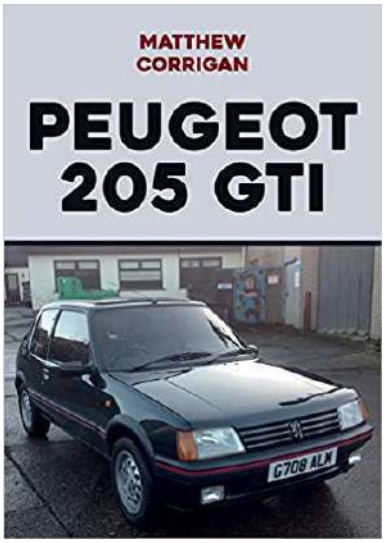

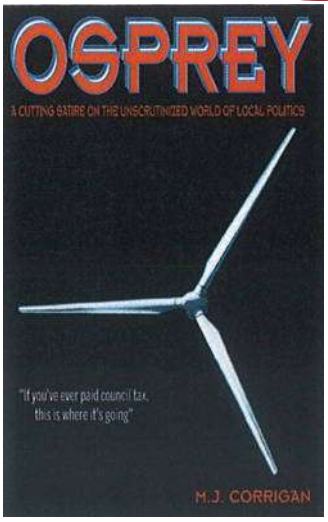

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Covers the engineering and design features that made the 205 so special. Within a stylish design, it offered a variety of lively petrol and diesel engines while the suspension, with MacPherson struts at the front and torsion arms with trailing arms at the back, offered excellent ride and handling. Soon the first GTI version was produced with an eager free-revving 1600 engine. In 1986 a 1900 version was introduced. Drawing on his personal experience of driving a renovated Peugeot 205 GTI, Matthew Corrigan also provides advice on restoration, parts, and other ownership tips.

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Here is the forgotten story of the only plane to be shot down over Greater Manchester in World War Two. The Heinkel He111 was brought down in a dog fight over Stockport in May 1941 and the plane landed near a farm.
Amazingly the four German crew members survived and were One eyewitness, a local solicitor, went over to the site of the crash to help and put the German pilot under citizens arrest. Matthew Corrigan heard the story growing up and was surprised that there was so little records or information about his momentous event, so decided to research and write this book.

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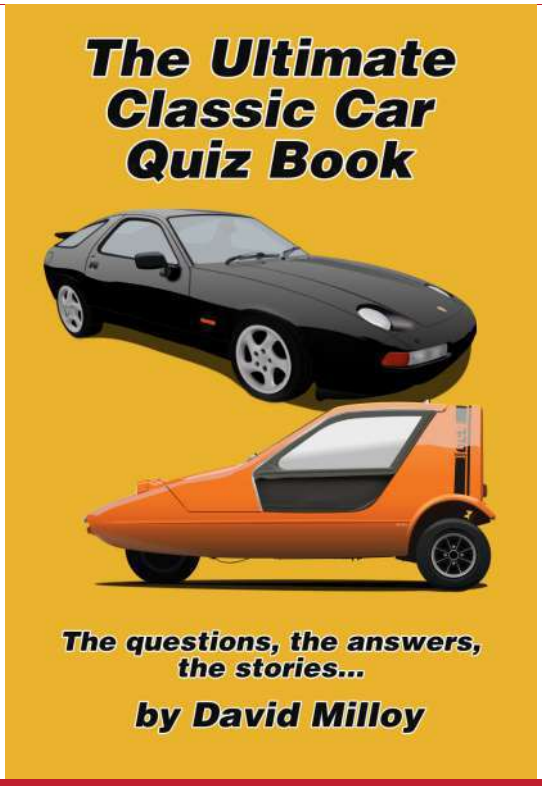

THE ULIMATE 'BOOKS' BY DAVID MILLOY £8.00

Packed with facts, trivia and statistics, The Ultimate Quiz Books are the quiz books that not only gives the answer to each of its multiple-choice questions but also tells the story behind it. So if you've ever wanted to know the story behind a certain car being mentioned in a National Security memo to President Jimmy Carter or about a Hollywood filmstar's appearance in a round of the British Saloon Car Championship then the Classic Car is the book for you. If you are a fan of motorsport then the F1 delivers fascinating facts by the hundreds. Not only that, by buying these book, you'll be helping others – the author will donate at least 25% of his royalties to charity. That's another great reason to buy not just one, but both these books. Free Car Mag 'Books' of the year.

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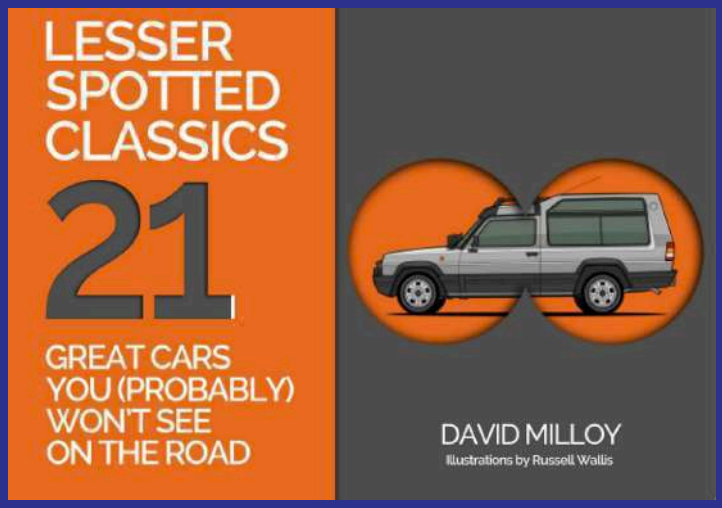
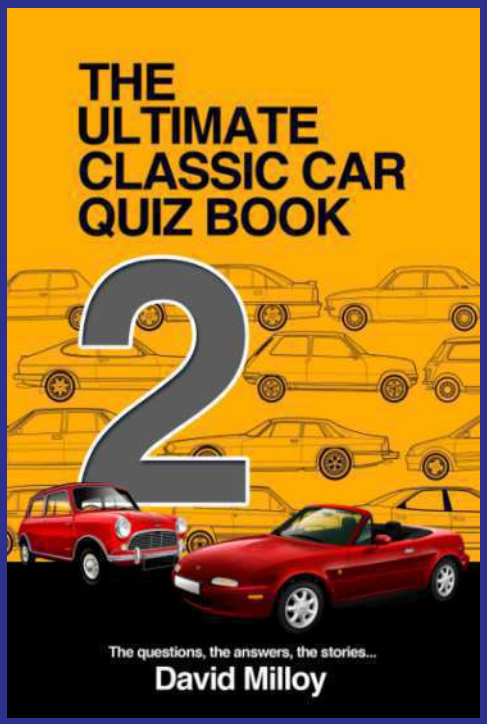
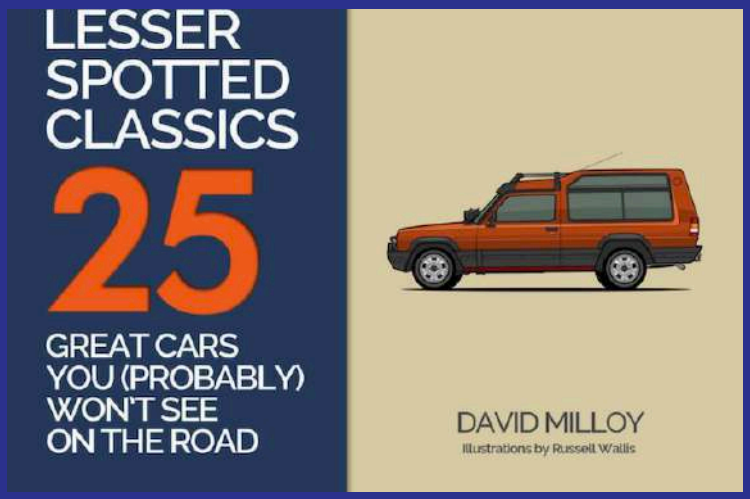


In Lesser Spotted Classics, motoring writer David Milloy briefly tells the story behind each of twenty-one great cars that are a rare sight on UK roads. David's lucid, well researched text is superbly accompanied by bespoke illustrations – one for each car - by Russell Wallis, a professional illustrator who holds a degree in Automotive Design. It's fun, informative and affordable - no classic car enthusiast' should be without it. And by buying it you'll be helping others: 25% of David and Russell's royalties from sales will go to charity. That's the official line, but actually it is all quite true. The illustrations make it, but the choice of classics is inspired. The landscape format is very satisfying to hold and read. Buy it.

If you loved the Ultimate Classic Car Quiz Book then you will adore Number 2 which is more of the same but with different questions and answers. Buy it.





New for 2023, this expanded version of Lesser Spotted Classics not only features an additional four cars but also revises and updates the data (and some of the text) from the original (2021) edition. If you rather enjoyed the original then there is every possible reason to update, because chances are you have worn it out or lent it to a scoundrel friend who has pretended to lose it so he does not have to give it back.

As with the original, it tells the stories of some great cars that you'll struggle to see on UK roads and features bespoke illustrations by Russell J, Wallis, a very talented motoring illustrator with a degree in automotive design. It's fun, original, and crammed with information. Actually the Wallis artwork is probably the best bit.

So if you've ever wanted to know which car featured in a memo to President Jimmy Carter from his National Security Adviser, which manufacturer bought back not one but two models from customers, or which manufacturer of a Mini-based car offered a De Tomaso badged model in its range then this is the book for you.

New cars in this edition are: Avenger, Chevette HS/HSR, Princess, and X1/9. There is data and rewrote segments of the text.

As usual Milloy proves what a good egg he is because, 25% (usually more…) of royalties will go to charity.. Find the Book on Amazon

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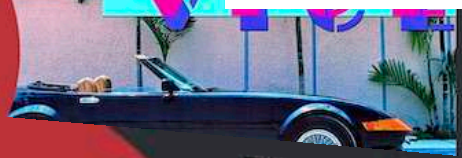

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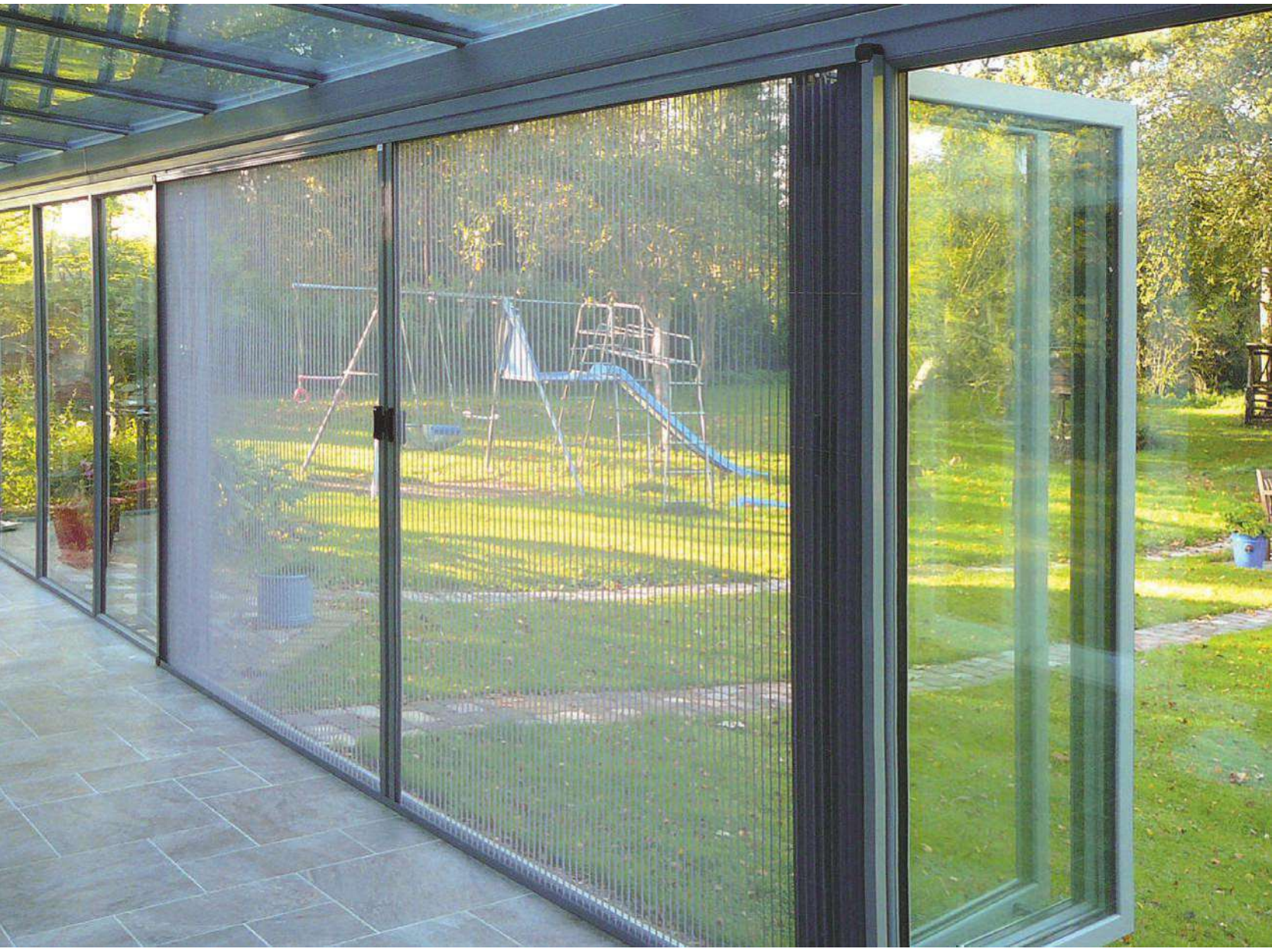

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