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The Top Gear Story



Synopsis

This is the full story of the unstoppable rise of Clarkson, Hammond, May and The Stig - and how they have transformed an ordinary programme about cars into one of the most famous and best-loved TV programmes of the 21st century. Reaching a peak in the 1990s thanks to presenter Jeremy Clarkson, the original series then faced the axe in 2001 - but Clarkson and producer Andy Wilman successfully pitched a new format to BBC bosses and Top Gear returned to become the irreverent, funny and often controversial show we now know and love. The addition of co-presenters Richard Hammond and James May completed the Top Gear dream team and ratings soared as viewers tuned in to see the latest Star in a Reasonably Priced Car, arguments over the Cool Wall and Power Laps by the mysterious Stig. Top Gear has long attracted criticism for its dangerous stunts and the presenters' controversial opinions.

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Customer Reviews

i have to agree with a previous reviewer when they said this book was basically a recap of past top gear episodes and controversies every real top gear fan already knows. i was hoping for more in depth information but really did not get it. and the author really lost credibility when he said james may's pet frusker was a dog...he was a cat. so if you are looking for something new on tg it is not here.

Mediocre at best, this book is nothing more than a fanboy rehash of Top Gear episodes disguised as insightful information. We get the typical chapter or so describing the author's "street cred" as an

expert in liking cars that's then followed with public information garnered from popular UK interviews. Add in entire chapters describing a select few episodes that gives you no new information, no secret back story filled tidbits nor do they contain any quips from the presenters, crew, guests or even the fish and chip sales clerk from the corner shop. In other words, you'd gain more from just watching the show itself. To quote the proclamation often shouted by Mr. Clarkson, "rubbish!"

It's evident that they didn't interview anyone associated with the show, they must have just researched other interviews. I am a recent fan of Top Gear but even I could pick out some incorrect information. All in all it's a good read for Top Gear fans.

Fans will not be disappointed. If anything, my love and admiration for the show only grew by reading The Top Gear Story. If you could relate to the presenters and the show's no-holds-barred style before, you won't be able to go back after reading..

I bought this book for my husband who is a major Top Gear fan. He enjoyed it thoroughly and read it in two days.

Awesome reading if your a Top Gear fan

This is awesome, racing fans and gear heads will enjoy the ride! If you understandThe need for speed, good read .

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