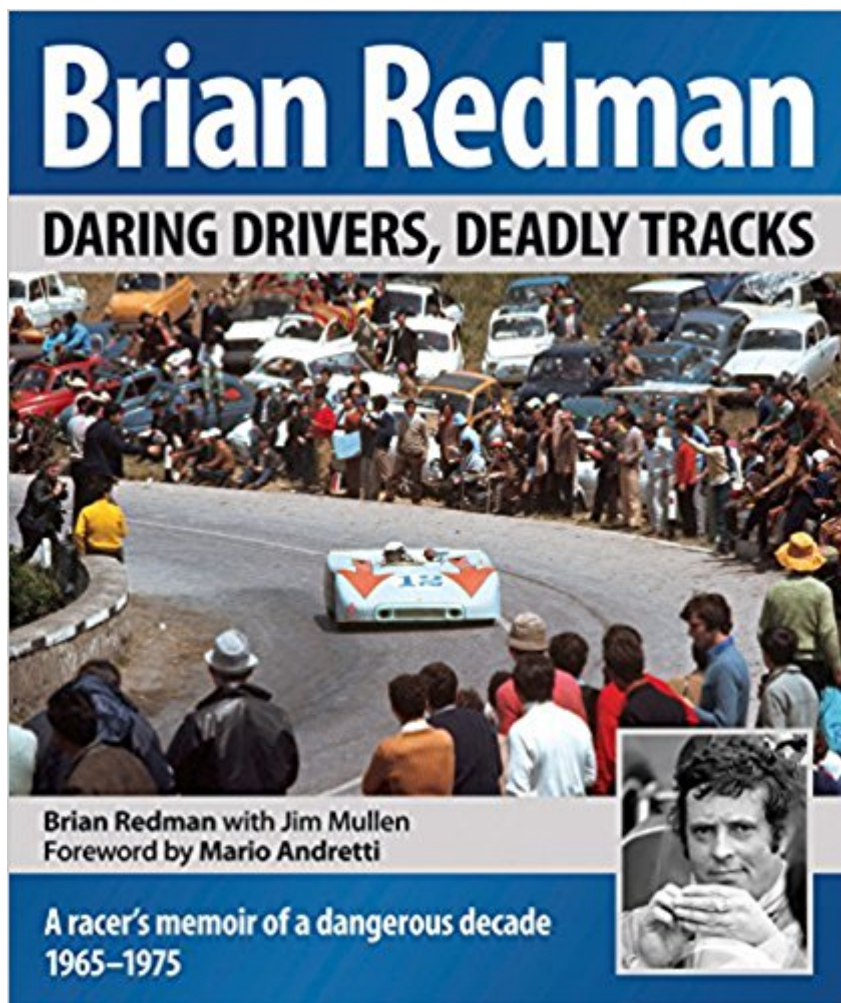


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Brian Redman: Daring Drivers, Deadly Tracks



Synopsis

2016 ROYAL AUTOMOBILE CLUB MOTORING BOOK OF THE YEAR Brian Redman is one of very few notable British racing drivers whose racing life has yet to be put on record in book form. Now that is about to be rectified. Packed with photographs, Redman's memoir is a vivid account of his varied racing exploits, with special focus on the period when he won major sports car races in Ford GT40s, Porsche 908s and 917s, and Ferrari 312PBs, and also became North American Formula 5000 champion three years running. Highly readable, and at times both humorous and poignant, this is a very personal book that will be welcomed by this popular and highly respected driver's legions of fans.

- Five themed chapters about Redman's experiences at the greatest circuits and races of his era: Spa-Francorchamps, the Nurburgring, the Targa Florio, Le Mans and Daytona.
- Diving deep into Redman's fears, friendships and mindset during his time at the top.
- Spa-Francorchamps: Redman won at this daunting track in four consecutive appearances in 1,000Kms races for sports cars, but was also injured in the first of his three big crashes, in the 1968 Belgian Grand Prix.
- The Nurburgring: two big sports car wins with his greatest driving partners, Jo Siffert and Jacky Ickx.
- The Targa Florio: in 1970 Redman won this heroic race over the uniquely punishing 45-mile circuit in Sicily - and suffered severe burns in another big crash the following year.
- Le Mans: he led France's 24-hour classic five times but never won it.
- Daytona: the world's other great 24-hour race, in Florida, brought three wins - in 1970, 1976 and 1981.
- Stories about driving for Porsche, Ferrari and colourful privateers, plus anecdotes about the era's most famous drivers, managers, heroes and rascals.
- Successes in Formula 5000 (three-times champion in the USA) and 2-litre sports cars (South African champion) complete Redman's credentials as one of the finest all-rounders in motor racing.
- Mario Andretti provides an insightful foreword: Redman and he were team-mates in Ferrari's sports car team (1972-73) and the top drivers in North American Formula 5000 (1974-75).

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Customer Reviews

Jim Mullen was a Mazda factory driver in IMSA GTU from 1980 to 1982, co-drove the GTO championship Porsche 934 in 1983 (winning Sebring overall), ran a Group C Rondeau at Le Mans in 1984, joined Bob Akin and Hans Stuck in a Porsche 962 in 1985, and continued with independent GTP teams through 1986. He was the founder and original CEO of what is now Mullen/Lowe, an international communications company. Mario Andretti is auto racing's definition of "Been There, Won That." His professional driving career spanned more than four decades and includes pit-stops as a Formula One driver (1978), an Indy 500 winner (1969), the Daytona 500 (1967), and four CART/USAC open-wheel racing national championships. Andretti has been called Mr. Versatile, known for driving everything from USAC sprint cars on the dirt to IndyCars, sports racing prototypes, and of course F1. He was Newman Haas Racing's first driver when the team was formed in 1982, raced there for 12 seasons, and is considered one of Paul Newman's closest friends.

Great photos, however the writing could be better, I understand Mr. Redman is not a professional author and in fact is a wonderful speaker and has a wealth of first hand motorsports knowledge. Did enjoy the book but wished for more insight into personalities and moments when not in the spotlight.

Terrific insight. Having been close to CanAm, I have read and re-read that section and will continue to find it interesting. And everything about the long distance Porsche 917's will be interesting again and again. This book fills in a lot of holes since he was in the cars and on the track with the greats of the time. A true must in the vein of Eoin Young's McLaren books.

I just now returned home from seeing Brian and having him sign my (his) book. This is a book for race car fans and it is really good. Brian is very much the English gentleman and truly has racing in his blood. He is very competitive and always was out to be first as he often was. This is a big book with lots of great pictures and any race fan will love it.

Only 4 stars because I have not finished reading this excellent volume - Le Mans, Spa, Targa Florio, Nurburgring etc - all excellent topics and descriptions of races either extinct or no longer run in the original form. A frightening period when drivers regularly perished, so I am thankful Mr Redman survived to be able to provide these recollections. It is interesting to compare the in-person experiences of a competitor with literary giants who compile histories based on eye-witness interviews. That is not to say one style is better than the other. I would put this book in the same basket as the very interesting Tony Brooks autobiography "Poetry I'm Motion".

great book on one of the best all around drivers in the world. Too bad his F1 career did not take off like his other endeavors. Well written, great pictures and a nice personal view of his family life and his few but devastating accidents. Great book for any racing enthusiast to have on their library shelves!

I simply could not put this book down. It was an amazing read from start to finish. Having had the honor of meeting Mr. Redman, and listen to him speak once, I was anxious to read this book. It read in such a way as you were sitting there telling you these stories in person. The story telling is vivid and detailed. You can easily picture the events in you mind as you read the printed words. The in-sites to the tracks, drivers, and dangers of the day are compelling. So much so, that I hope to get to see Mr. Redman in person again so I can tell him in person. If you are a race fan of any era, then this book is a MUST READ!.

One look at Brian Redman's palmares' tells you all you need to know as to his skill as a racing driver. There's not an ounce of gloat in this, the most outstanding autobiography of any racing driver past or present. A must for the collection of any racing aficionado.

Wow - what I missed in that era of behind the scenes risks - and loss of life! I've heard Brian Redman several times as a speaker, and his stories are SO worth hearing! This book gives historic context that frankly I had not known. Mr Redman is a great guy - and grand historian!

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